The SPORTS Page

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

There will be a mini-spiel at the club on Saturday evening. It is open to all interested curlers. After the spiel, there will be a four-piece band entertaining in the club room.

Men's evening curling league will be holding its annual Calcutta Dec. 18 and 19. It is hoped most curlers will enter this popular event.

Be sure to pick up your tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets are available, on a first-come first-serve basis, at the club office.

Legion playdowns are being held at our club this weekend. Teams are also being organized for the mixed zone playdowns, to be held in Enderby, during the second weekend of December.

POWER TROUBLE

We have had some power problems during recent weeks on Wednesdays. The Wednesday AM ladies have been curling in semi-darkness as a faulty underground cable cutdown our power supply. This problem has been straightened out and hopefully should not reoccur.

About a dozen of our teams are entered in the Kelowna spiel, coming up Dec. 10-12. That is a great showing considering only a few days ago there were only three entered.

The Armstrong ladies spiel is under way and a number of our teams are enjoying the fine Armstrong hospitality.

I hear from Don Kendall that there is a curling association being formed in Hawaii and will be entering the Silver Broom next season.

Men's senior curling has reached the stage where all curlers cannot participate each Tuesday and Thursday. So, each morning up to eight men have to sit out. No one seems to mind, at least not yet.

Vernon girls in final round

Vernon Senior Secondary School has advanced to the championship round of the B.C. High School Girls' Volleyball championships in Nelson.

VSSS won three of five matches during opening day play Thursday, placing them third in their section. Nine teams, from three sections, advance to the championship round.

Vernon Coach Anne Stokes said she is extremely pleased with the way her girls have been playing.

Stokes said, "Our team had a lot of butterflies prior to the tourney, but I think most of them are worked out now.

TEAM EFFORT

"In the games we won, it was a superb team effort. However, in our two losses, we were too inconsistant."

VSSS defeated Carson Graham of North Vancouver, Eric Hamber of Vancouver, and the host team Nelson.

Spectrum, of Victoria, thumped Vernon 15-4. VSSS bounced back to win the second game 15-3, but then the Island school took the match with a 15-10 victory.

Pre-tournament favorite Notre Dame, of Vancouver, defeated Vernon 15-11 and 15-13.

BAD WEATHER

Due to inclimate weather, which prevented several teams from landing in Nelson, the tournament was delayed for four hours and today's draw has been revised.

The new draw has VSSS playing four matching, including one at 11:30 a.m. However, due to the changes, the opposing team was not known until minutes before game time.

BAKER, SCIARRA WIN

Lions two-for-four at Schenley Awards

TORONTO (CP) — Quarterback Ron Lancaster of Saskatchewan Roughriders and tight end Tony Gabriel of Ottawa Rough Riders were awarded the top individual awards in the Canadian Football League on Thursday night but both said Sunday's Grey Cup game is more important.

Lancaster, named outstanding player for the second time, said the individual awards are one highlight of the annual Grey Cup pageant but that they don't touch the big game itself.

Gabriel said he doesn't like to let individual awards get in the way of an event like Sunday— "win or lose, I'll be there."

Lancaster won over Jimmy Edwards, flashy Hamilton Tiger-Cats running back, and Gabriel was selected over defensive end Bill Baker of British Columbia Lions, who won over Granville Liggins of Toronto Argonauts as outstanding defensive lineman.

Dan Yochum, Montreal Alouettes tackle, was named top offensive lineman over centre Al Wilson of British Columbia Lions and John Sciarra, B.C.'s wide receiver and backup quarterback, was named top rookie over Canadian fullback Neil Lumsden of Toronto.

GET CASH AWARDS

Lancaster received a $3,000 Canada Savings Bond and Edwards $1,000. Sciarra received $1,500 and Gabriel, Baker and Yochum $2,000 each. Baker also got one of three $500 runner-up awards.

After the presentations, Gabriel said he felt that, win or lose, Baker was the better man, and that he liked his wife's suggestion Wednesday that the two split their winnings. Gabriel was honored as top Canadian in 1974 and Baker was runner-up behind defensive end Jim Corrigal of Toronto last season.

Baker, 32, who helped spark Saskatchewan to its only national championship in 1966, returned the compliment and said selectors for the awards — donated by Canadian Schenley Distilleries Ltd.— made a wise choice in naming Gabriel top Canadian.

RON LANCASTER
. . . best in CFL

BILL BAKER
. . . top lineman

Lancaster, 38, who was chosen outstanding player in 1970 and led the CFL in passing this season, succeeded Calgary Stampeders' running back Willie Burden, the 1975 winner. Gabriel succeeded teammate Jim Foley as top Canadian and Sciarra followed Ottawa quarterback Tom Clements as leading rookie. Outstanding offensive lineman last season was Charlie Turner of Edmonton.

COMPLETES 297

One of 10 children of a Pennsylvania steelworker, Lancaster this season completed 297 of 497 passes for 25 touchdowns and 3,896 yards. His completion average was .601.

He often calls the 1976 season his most satisfying because he played without injury and had plenty of opportunity to pass. The Roughriders, who finished first with 11 wins and five losses before defeating Edmonton Eskimos in the western final, struggled without a solid running game early in the season.

Edwards, 25, attended Northeast Louisiana University and played two seasons in the World Football League. He joined Hamilton as coach Bob Shaw traded running back Andy Hopkins to Montreal for five players.

Gabriel, all-Canadian three times and an Eastern Conference all-star every season since 1972, played four seasons with Hamilton before joining the Rough Riders last season following a lengthy salary dispute with Hamilton. He was selected the most valuable player in 1970 at Syracuse University, where he graduated in chemical engineering.

Panthers host BB tournament

One of the early season basketball highlights will take place this weekend at VSSS when Panthers host the annual Vernon Invitational High School Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Joining Panthers in the two-day affair will be defending champion Magee of Vancouver, Port Moody, and Kamloops Red Devils.

VSSS Coach Rick Inrig refused today to make a prediction on the team to beat.

Inrig said, "I think all four teams in the tourney are going to be evenly matched. I can't see any of these clubs overpowering one of the others. But, I guess because Magee is the defending champ, they would be the pre-tourney favorite."

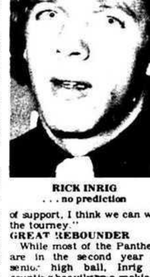
STARTS TONIGHT

Play gets under way Friday at 7 p.m. when Red Devils take on Magee. At 8:30 p.m., Vernon meets Port Moody.

On Saturday, Moody plays Magee at 10 a.m., VSSS tangles with Kamloops at 11:30 a.m., Devils meet Moody at 6:45 p.m., and Panthers battle Magee at 8:30 p.m.

One thing that has Inrig extremely excited is the support the student body has been giving his team.

The Vernon coach said, "In past years we had 25 to 50 fans in the stands during our games. The other night against Revelstoke, there were more than 200 people on hand plus the pep band was out in full force. With that kind of support, I think we can win the tourney."



RICK INRIG
. . . no prediction

GREAT REBOUNDER

While most of the Panthers are in the second year of senior high ball, Inrig is counting heavily on a rookie to dominate the boards for him.

Brent Zimmer, who stands 6'3", was a standout in the win over Revelstoke and gives Vernon a standout rebounder.

Inrig said, "Brent was a star last year at W.L. Seaton and we felt he could help us this year. But, he is better than I ever imagined. He is going to be a good one."

Simpson shatters his own record

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dallas stopped St. Louis on the Cowboys' eight-yard line with eight seconds left to win 19-14 Thursday and take a two-game lead over the Cardinals in the National Football Conference's East Division.

And Detroit Lions beat Buffalo Bills 27-14 to keep their slim hopes alive for a wild-card berth in the NFC.

But the star of Thanksgiving Day in the United States was Buffalo's phenomenal O.J Simpson.

Simpson, rushing for an average of nearly 10 yards a crack, gained a National Football League record 273 yards, but it was in a losing cause as Greg Landry threw two touchdown passes to rookie tight end David Hill in the Lions victory over the Bills.

While rushing 29 times, Simpson broke his own record of 250 yards, piling up the fifth 200-plus game of his nine-year career. Simpson and former Cleveland Browns great Jimmy Brown had shared the NFL record of four 200-yard games.

SETS MARK AGAIN

The elusive speedster raced for touchdowns of 48 and 12 yards and passed the 1,000-yard mark for the fifth consecutive season. Simpson, the NFL's second leading career rusher, now has 1,129 yards this season and 9,252 career yards.

All of Simpson's heroics, however, could not keep the Bills, 2-10, from falling to their eighth defeat in a row. The Lions, meanwhile, kept their slim hopes alive for a NFC wild-card berth, evening their record at 6-6.

Besides the tandem of Landry and Hill, which combined for scoring aerials of 21 and 24 yards, the Lions scored on Dexter Bussey's run and Benny Ricardo's 22 and 35-yard field goals.

A 43-yard pass off a fake punt by Danny White to Benny Barnes set up a vital second-quarter touchdown for the Cowboys, 10-2, who held on dramatically when Jim Hart overshot tight end J.V. Cain on fourth down with eight second left.

IMPROVES CHANCES

The loss improved Washington's chances of becoming the wild-card team in the NFC. If St. Louis, 8-4, and Washington, 7-4, finish the season with the same record—and it is the best among non-division winners in the NFC—the Redskins will make the playoffs because they have beaten the Cardinals twice.

The NFL continues its 12th week Sunday with Denver Broncos at New England Patriots, Seattle Seahawks at New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles at Washington, Miami Dolphins at Cleveland, New York Jets at Baltimore Colts, Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers, Atlanta Falcons at Houston Oilers, Pittsburgh Steelers at Cincinnati Bengals, Kansas City Chiefs at San Diego Charges, New Orleans Saints at Los Angeles Rams and Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Oakland Raiders.

Huth's overtime goal gives Vikings victory

Vernon Vikings edged Merritt Centennials 5-4 in overtime Thursday in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 600 fans in the Nicola Valley city.

Vikings' top scorer Gary Huth broke out of his brief slump to lead the attack. Huth scored two goals, including the winner, at 6:32 of the overtime period.

The crafty centre now has 14 goals and 25 assists for 39 points in 26 games.

TIED GAME

Joe Tennant's Centennials gave Vikings all the trouble they could handle. Vernon led throughout the game, but a goal by veteran Paul Chadwick, his second of the game, at 12:54 of the third period, tied the score 4-4.

Steve Danchin, Derrek Ridout, and Garry Mann scored the other Vikings' goals while Neil Robinson and Wade Jowett replied for Merritt.

Vernon took eight of 13 minor penalties and outshot Centennials 49-45.

Vikings' Coach Gary Swanson was naturally pleased with the win, but felt Merritt should not have been [illegible]

GARY HUTH
. . . leads attack

Seanson said, "We almost tried to give the game away. Keith Ferner didn't have one of his better nights in goal and let in a couple of bad ones. Also, our defence gave away one goal."

Vikings are back in action Saturday at 8 p.m. when they host the red-hot Nanaimo Clippers.

NICE CUSHION

Clippers opened up a seven point cushion atop the Coastal Division Thursday by hammering second-place Bellingham Blazers 9-3.

Clippers, who have won six consecutive games, thumped Vikings 11-3 last weekend in Nanaimo.

In another game, Jim Dobson scored two goals to give Abbotsford Flyers a 4-2 victory over Maple Ridge Bruins.

Tonight, the Clippers visit Kelowna Buckaroos and Langley Lords play host to Penticton Vees.

Snowgolf approved by council

LUMBY — Plans for a January snowgolf tournament here have moved closer to a reality with village council's permission for the Lumby Golf Club to use the community park.

Officials intend to start the course near the curling club and it will make its way through the entire park, including the new part which includes a softball field and campgrounds.

Council has given permission for snowmobiles to be used for packing the snow, but was most emphatic that this would be the only time they would be allowed in the park.

A spokesman for the golf club expressed satisfaction with the arrangement but conceded there was one factor neither council nor club could control, "If there isn't enough snow, there will be no snowgolf."

Bergeron leads Red Wings to victory over Islanders

By SCOTT ABBOTT
The Canadian Press

New York Islanders are a team on the rise in the National Hockey League and Detroit Red Wings are a once-proud club in the doldrums, but Michel Bergeron was more than an equalizer Thursday night.

NHL

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Campbell Conference						
Patrick Division						
Islanders	14	4	3	77	48	31
Atlanta	10	8	5	81	76	25
Phila	10	7	4	72	61	24
Rangers	8	11	3	78	83	19
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	11	9	1	68	80	23
Chicago	10	11	2	78	84	22
Minnesota	5	14	3	59	98	13
Colorado	5	14	2	52	70	12
Vancouver	5	17	2	60	96	12
Prince of Wales Conference						
Adams Division						
Boston	18	3	1	92	60	37
Buffalo	11	5	3	65	48	25
Toronto	8	9	4	77	76	20
Cleveland	6	9	6	59	69	18
Norris Division						
Montreal	18	4	3	130	55	39
Los Angeles	8	9	7	77	73	23
Pittsburgh	7	9	5	62	73	19
Detroit	7	11	4	63	73	18
Washington	6	13	2	57	84	14

Bergeron scored his fourth game-winning goal of the season and his second in as many nights as the Red Wings recorded a 3-1 upset at Uniondale, N.Y., and left Islanders coach Al Arbour fuming.

"It was Thanksgiving Day and we played like turkeys—physically and mentally," Arbour lamented.

In another game, Boston Bruins defeated Vancouver Canucks 4-2 to stretch a home-ice unbeaten streak to 31 regularseason games.

In World Hockey Association action, Quebec Nordiques downed Indianapolis Racers 5-0 and New England Whalers got past Birmingham Bulls 5-3.

Walt McKechnie and Buster Harvey also scored for Detroit, who led 3-0 before Andre St. Laurent of the Islanders beat goalie Ed Giacomin at 10:28 of the second period.

PLANS CHANGES

"There'll be some changes in personnel—I'm going to ship some guys out," Arbour said of his Islanders, still six points ahead of second-place Atlanta Flames in the Patrick Division with two games in hand.

ED GIACOMIN
. . . beat only once

It was New York's second consecutive loss after 10 games without a defeat.

Rookie Stan Jonathan scored the winner for the Bruins at Boston after veteran Jean Ratelle burst between Vancouver defencemen Harold Snepsts and Mike Robitaille and slipped a one-handed backhand pass to Jonathan. He put the puck into an open net behind Canucks goaltender Curt Ridley early in the final period to break a 2-2 tie.

Brad Park, Wayne Cashman and Dave Forbes had the other goals for the Bruins, who have 26 victories and five ties since their last home-ice loss. Bobby Lalonde and Don Lever scored for Vancouver, who have managed just a tie in their last nine games.

Serge Bernier scored two goals and added an assist to help the Nordiques to victory at Indianapolis. Serge Aubry turned away 27 shots for Quebec's first shutout of the year and Marc Tardif, Christian Bordeleau and Paulin Bordeleau fired single goals.

The Nordiques opened a fourpoint lead over second-place Cincinnati Stingers in the East Division and are six points ahead of third-place Indianapolis.

Mike Rogers had two third-period goals to lead New England at Birmingham. Alan Hangsleben, Larry Pleau and Tom Webster netted singles for the winners, while Mark Napier, Jeff Jacques and Richard Farda scored for the Bulls, last in the East.

SPORTS BRIEFS

IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Wash. (CP) — Bob Stoyko and Dale McMullin scored two goals each to lead Spokane Flyers to a 7-6 Western International Hockey League over Trail Smoke Eaters Thursday night before 2,932 fans.

FINGERS SIGNS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Relief pitcher Rollie Fingers signed a multi-year contract with San Diego Padres, Jerry Kapstein, his agent, said Thursday.

IN VOLLEYBALL

Born Losers beat Rangatangs and Hot Cheeks dumped Dirty Half-Dozen in Honeymooners' Volleyball League play this week. In ladies' action, Kal Tire defeated Nitehawks while Spartans bombed Volleydolls.

FULTON WINS

Clarence Fulton kicked off its season with a 31-17 victory over Armstrong in high school basketball action Thursday. Fulton is back in action next Thursday when they visit W. L. Seaton.

ONE OPENING

There is still one team-opening for the newly-formed Popeye Broomball League. All games will be played Thursday evenings, starting Dec. 2, at Centennial Outdoor Rink. Team entry fee is $130. Players provide their own brooms while referees and balls are provided. For further information phone 545-6035.

TOURNEY STARTS

Second annual Falconettes All-Indian Girls' Basketball Tournament gets under way tonight at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. First game has Bonaparte vs. Fireweeds, at 7:30 p.m. Play starts Saturday at 8 a.m. and runs through until 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the championship game is slated for 2:15 p.m.

HUNT HONORED

LONDON (AP) — James Hunt, Britain's world champion auto racing driver, has been voted British sportsman of the year by the Sports Writers' Association. He is the second race driver to be so honored. Jackie Stewart, now retired, won in 1973.

READY TO FOLD

NEWPORT, Wales (Reuter) — Newport County of the English Football League's Fourth Division will cease play in mid-December if the club is not taken over in the meantime, club directors said Thursday. Newport has been losing about $1,300 a week and is about $118,000 in debt.

Bruins double Portland

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two breakaway goals by New Westminster Bruins in the first period aided a 6-3 victory over Portland Winter Hawks in one of two Western Canada Hockey League games Thursday night.

In the other game played in Winnipeg, the Monarchs scored seven goals in the first two periods before playing through a scoreless third period to defeat Flin Flon Bombers 7-5.

A crowd of 5,193 fans in Portland, Ore., watched the Hawks fall behind 3-1 after the first period and 4-3 after two.

Stan Smyl opened the scoring for Bruins, followed closely by the two breakaway goals by Doug Derkson and Randy Betty. Bruce Andress, Ray Creasey and Miles Zaharko scored one each.

The loss spoiled a great individual effort by Paul Mulvey of the Winter Hawks who fired all three goals.

Kevin McCarthy scored twice for the Monarchs who jumped into a 4-2 lead after one period and were ahead by 7-5 at the end of two.

Other Winnipeg scorers were Ray Mawhinney, Eugene O'Sullivan, Tom Cullen, Greg McPhee and Dave Isherwood.

Kim Davis and Jordi Douglas scored two goals each for Flin Flon with the other scored by Dwayne Endicott.

PIN POINTS

November 18
Thurs. Morning Coffee Party

Women's high single — Lil Jamieson 289, high triple — Lil Jamieson 791, high average — Lil Jamieson 210.

Team high single — Morners 1289, high triple — Morners 3684.

TEAM STANDINGS

Morners	194½
Pin Ups	193½
The Speedy "5"	189½
Silver Stars	168½

Pins over average — Lil Jamieson with 52.

November 18
Thurs. Matinee

Women's high single — Lorraine Reilly 255, high triple — Hulda Boesel 613, high average — Lorraine Reilly 199.

Team high single — Drop Outs 1234, high triple ? Happy Gang 3484.

TEAM STANDINGS

Del's Belles 207	Camros 203
Go Getters	201½
Happy Gang	196½

November 18
Thurs. Mixed 7-9 p.m.

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Morphy 324, high triple — Robert Morphy 797; high average — John Tykalovich 249.

Team high single — Vernon Fruit Union 1371; high triple — Vernon Fruit Union 3764.

"300" Club — Robert Morphy 324, Shig Tabata 308; Marv Zwarych 300.

TEAM STANDINGS

Sticky Fingers	246
Fun Seekers	237
Vernon Fruit Union	229
Noca Sunshine	214

November 18
CLASSIC

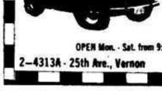
Women's high single — Aggie Lewis 341; high triple — Betty McGee 727, high average — May Turek 217.

Men's high single — Shig Tabata 329, high triple — Shig Tabata 803; high average — Shig Tabata 272.

Team high single — Les Quartre 1010, high triple — Les Quatre 2717.

300 Club — Aggie Lewis 341; Garry Monk 314; Shig Tabata 329; Paul Wendel 310; John Tykalovich 324.

Team standings - Les Quatres, 1st; Maad, 2nd; No Name, 2nd; Status Quo, 2nd; Hi Lo, 3rd; Pooh, 3rd; Lena's Bunch, 3rd; Frank's Tanks, 4th.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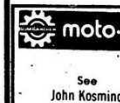
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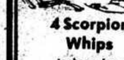
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