

Coaches give coaches axe for Christmas



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The fear of a Canadian Ski Areas Association is discussed by from left: Meg Booth, Exec. Director of Ontario Ski Resorts Association; Cal Connett, Exec. Director of National Ski Areas Association; and Sandy Boyd of Vernon, President of Canada West Ski Areas Association. The creation of a voluntary association of ski area operators in Canada has been under study for some time and the Canadian representatives spent several hours in Hartford, Conn. last week discussing areas of mutual concern.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — British Columbia Lions have fired head coach Cal Murphy on the recommendation of general manager Bob Ackles, and his three assistant coaches.

Ackles refused to confirm that Leo Cahill, former head coach of the C.F.L. Toronto Argonauts, would be named the new head coach of the Lions.

"I'm not prepared to comment on the new head coach at this time," said the nervous

Ackles. "I have no comment on Murphy's replacement."

He said he had a person "firmly in mind" and his morning job was to get that man has CFL experience."

Cahill, who coached the Argos for six years until being fired after the 1972 season, is a sportscaster at radio station CKUT in Toronto. A station spokesman said in a telephone interview that Cahill had booked off work Monday and Tuesday. Cahill was not at his Toronto home.

Ackles said he was disappointed with the play of the Lions during the second half of the Western Football Conference season. B.C. won one of its last eight games and finished with a 6-9 record and no playoff berth for the second straight year.

Murphy was named head coach Aug. 18, 1974, when the Lions board of directors fired Eagle Keys and general manager Jack Parker. Ackles was named to replace Parker and Murphy was promoted from the rank of the assistant coaches.

AQUATIC CHIEF RESIGNS

For the second time in a year, Vernon is searching for an Aquatic Supervisor. Superior Hugh McKinnon recently tendered his resignation from the post.

McKinnon, who was appointed in December, 1975, said his resignation is due mainly to wages.

He said, "I have a lot of responsibility on this job and the salary just doesn't make it worthwhile. A tractor driver makes about \$1.50 per hour more than I do."

McKinnon has found a new job in Vernon, but would not specify what type of employment he has secured.

He said, "I don't mind working hard, but only if it is worthwhile."

"Last summer I was in charge of four facilities, the pools at Polson Park, Lakeview Park and the Recreation Centre as well as Keal Beach. I had to do hiring, firing, and budgeting."

"To top it off, I had to go in on a lot of weekends because I'm the only one who understands the workings of the filtration system."

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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Vernon Curling Club Manager

Business girls club playdowns were held last weekend with five teams fighting for two berths in the zone finals.

In the A finals, Jan Skobolowski edged the Frith rink. Frith then dropped down to B and was defeated by Maureen Weir. Curling with Skobolowski were Beth Houston, Judy Douglas, and Dorothy Gramm. Members of the Weir rink were Carol Penrice, Nellie Van Groetel, and Veda Art.

Skobolowski and Weir, along with Trickett and Sakombe, from the afternoon league, will be competing in Kamloops Jan. 28.

MIXED PLAYDOWN

Nine teams competed in the Zone Four mixed playdowns last weekend in Enderby.

Glen Bridgman, Ron Houston, Lane Murray, and Doug Smith rink were entered in the A finals. Gary Wynne of Salmon Arm stole one, in an extra end, to edge Bridgman. Wynne now advances to the provincial playdowns.

SENIOR MEN

Senior men league competition is getting keen as teams get ready for playdowns which lead to the provincial finals. The competition, for men over 60, will be held at the North Shore Winter Club.

Next weekend, at Armstrong, the BCCA Zone 4 senior finals will be held. Ten teams are competing for one berth in the provincial finals in Cranbrook.

Men's Curling will be held Saturday and Sunday, with the auction on Friday night. There is still room for more teams.

IN KELLOWNA

Last weekend at Kelowna, our curlers showed well. More than one-half the Vernon teams entered came home with prizes. Mark Longworth was third in a event, followed by Dave LaChance.

B event was won by Herb Van Groetel and C event final was an all-Vernon affair as Barry Dunbar edged Wayne Laface. John Ometchuk lost to Pentacore's Frank Beutle in the D event final.

CLUB CLOSED

The club will be closed Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1. However, regular league action played in the evenings only, between Christmas and New Years. A minimum of 16 teams are needed for the split, so enter now.

Commercial league has curling scheduled Jan. 2, but all other leagues get back under way Jan. 3.

New Year's Eve party is completely sold out. Sorry, just no more room.

WIKINGS without regulars

First-place Penticton Vees are in Vernon tonight to tangle with the Vikings in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at 8:30 p.m.

Vikings are hoping to end a three-game losing streak at home, but it won't be an easy task. Vernon could be as many as five players under the roster limit.

Winger, Kevin White, Barry Lang, and Garry Mann may be ineligible to play because of a recent injury with the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. The problem is only temporary, but may keep the trio off the ice tonight.

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RECREATION department sponsors hectic winter

If you don't get in shape this winter — don't blame it on the Vernon Parks and Recreation Department.

The department has a large and varied list of programs available to the public during the chilly months.

For the first time, a women's representative basketball team will be formed. The team has already played a few games and is scheduled to take part in a Kelowna tournament in late January.

Men's Four Score Basketball League kicks off another season on Jan. 4. Games are played on Tuesdays, starting at 8 p.m.

Teams will consist of four players and two referees. Personal register on an individual basis and are placed on teams in order to ensure balanced teams.

FIRST YEAR

Vernon Junior Girls' Basketball League will start its inaugural season on Jan. 6 at the Recreation Centre.

The league is designed for grade 8-10 girls, who are not playing on school teams. Players register individually and will be assigned to teams. Fee is \$8 per player and is due by Dec. 30.

Women's Recreational Basketball League season starts on Jan. 6 at Vernon Senior Secondary School. Entry fee is \$75 per team.

Registration deadline is Dec. 22 and all teams are assured of 11 games.

Crowing interest in the area has led to several new volleyball programs.

All participants are entitled to a swim and sauna after their game.

For people who like using their feet more than their hands, the Men's Five-a-side Indoor Soccer League kicks off another season on Jan. 5 at Kaylo.

Players register individually and are drafted onto teams. Fee is \$10 per player and must be paid by Dec. 22.

Women's Five-a-side Indoor Soccer League starts its season Jan. 9.

Games will be played on a modified field on Sunday afternoons. Team entry fee is \$100 per team and includes a post-game swim and sauna. Registrations must be paid by Dec. 22.

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Silver Star opens two surface lifts

Silver Star Ski Area is opening for business, on a limited basis, Thursday morning.

Spokesman for the Star, Robert Woodman, told the Daily News the wee-tee will be in operation, and probably the Poma Lift.

McNamee said, "It was snowing on the mountain this morning and a few inches of snow will make skilling on the Poma good. With about 10 more inches we could open the Yellow Chair on the weekend. The Whiskey Jack run is just about ready."

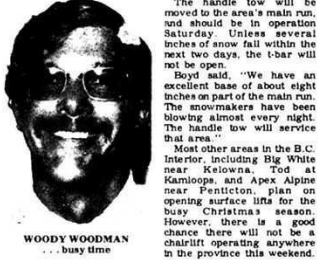
This is the latest opening in the history of Silver Star. The previous record was Dec. 14, 1975.

Current base, at the bottom of the area, is about 10 inches. Earlier this week Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said the area could not afford to stay closed over the Christmas season.

Woodman said, "We do between 20 and 25 per cent of our annual business at Christmas. We must open as soon as possible."

Meanwhile down the road at Tillikum Valley, Area Manager Sandy Hoyt hopes to have at least one of his lifts in operation by Saturday.

Boyd said, "We do between 20 and 30 per cent of our business during Christmas. We can't afford to lose that kind of money."



WOODY WOODMAN — busy time

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Austrian skier wins downhill

CORTINA, D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — Overall leader with 44 points, Hans Enn, won the downhill race at Cortina today.

Enn, 27, of Austria, won the race in 1:38.83, followed by Nicola Pisapia in 1:39.84.

Cindy Nelson of the United States covered the 2,700-metre track in this Italian ski resort in 1:38.70 for fifth place, while West Germany's Evi Mittermaier was sixth in 1:38.77.

Then came Brigitte Kercher of Austria in 1:37.84, Irene Epple of West Germany in 1:37.42, Marie Therese Nadig of Switzerland in 1:37.57 and Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein in 1:37.74.

Wenzel's runner-up, just eight pins behind her, was Austria's Heidi Lehmann. She was Rod and Angie Brabin, Eric and Ivy Lewendon, and Linda Nolen.

Bullets capture tourney

Eleven teams took part in the mixed five-pin championships last weekend at Lincoln Lakes.

Brabant, with Val and Gregg Brabant, Donna Hannah, Corine Sidel, and Tony Bastion, was the winning team. The fivepins had a total pin-roll of 6,179.

Luna Herbst had the high game of the day with a whopping 325.

Peoria's Pete was runner-up, just eight pins behind Brabant. Bullet winner in the giant slalom at the 1978 Winter Olympics was 20th in 1:40.22, Susan Clifford of Old Chelsea, Que. 33rd in 1:40.83, and Jeanette Zanier of Trail, B.C., tied in 1:42.28.

Royals blank Dynamiters

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP) — Cranbrook Royals shut out Kimberley Dynamiters 3-0 in the only Western International Hockey League game played Tuesday.

Brian Dickie, Jim Miller and Terry Tarnow scored for Cranbrook which now trails tripartite Kimberley by 6 points.

Royal's goalie Leo Karchie made 27 saves for his shutout. Barry McKay in the Kimberley nets blocked 35 shots.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DATES SET

TOKYO (AP) — The 1977 World Cup men's and women's volleyball championships will be held in Japan Nov. 6-29. The organizing committee said 13 teams and eight women's teams will battle in elimination rounds to be staged in 24 Japanese cities, with the women's final to be held in Osaka and the men's final in Tokyo.

TELEVISION FIGHT

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBC television network announced Tuesday that a 12-round heavyweight boxing match between unbeaten Duane Bobick and Ken Norton in Madison Square Garden on March 2 will be televised.

ABANDONS TEAM

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Owner Frank Funke of Pittsburgh Triangles announced Tuesday he would discontinue the team's tennis franchise for at least a year, because of financial losses but because he couldn't take the hassles. The millionaire insurance broker said he lost about \$1.4 million on the team over three years.

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Midget Warmup

Billy the Kid vs. The Hatti Kid

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