Remember the champs



The end of 1976 is only two weeks away and the sportsmen of Vernon can look back on the year as one of the most productive ever in local athletics.

There were numerous championships won by Vernon teams and some spectacular individual performances.

The saddest thing is that it will be hard for our children, and our children's children, to look back on 1976 as a great year.

Until three years ago, the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored an annual sportsmen's banquet. It was an opportunity for the city to honor the year's top team, sportsman, and athlete.

Unfortunately interest in the dinner dropped off, and the tradition was discontinued. At the present time, there is no place to store the city's sports artifacts.

John Tykalovich and a group of friends built the Sports Den in the Kal Hotel. However, a beverage room is not really the place for a permanent shrine.

Old pictures and momentos can be found throughout the city, in scrap books, closets, and hanging on walls. But, there is no official recognition of success, and no way to retain the achievements for future generations to look back on.

TACKLES PROBLEM

Vernon Recreation Director John Mahler feels something should be done about this lack of history keeping, and plans on tackling the issue himself.

Mahler tells us a service club is interested in sponsoring an annual sports award, to be presented for outstanding achievement, to a team or individual.

The plan calls for a committee to choose the winner, from five finalists, and make the presentation in January. Although everything is still in the planning stages, Mahler hopes to get the scheme rolling in time for a 1976 winner.

In addition, if the facility ever becomes available, Mahler feels a Sports Hall of Fame should become a priority.

A foyer in a new arena, or perhaps an area in the proposed museum expansion, would be suitable.

Mahler said, "It is only fair that outstanding accomplishments should be honored and remembered." Bravo!

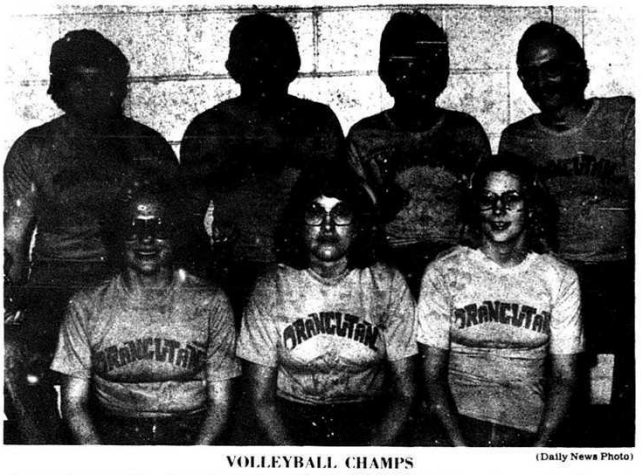
OUTSTANDING EFFORTS

In the past 12 months there have been many achievements deserving of recognition. The performances of Linda Koenig in bowling, Jeff Shirley in lacrosse, and Fiddle Johnstone in hockey are just a few of numerous individual efforts that should be remembered.

Sportsmen such as Tykalovich, Fred McKenzie in football, Ma...i Koenig in bowling, Rienie Holland in hockey, and Art Horlsey in lacrosse, should be remembered in the future.

Teams which shined in '76 include the record-breaking Vernon Vikings, the VSSS boys' volleyball team which placed second in B.C., the VSSS girls' basketball team that made it to the B.C. tournament for the first time in history; Vernon senior girls' youth bowling team which won a bronze medal in the national finals, and of course, the Canadian champion Vernon Lodge Tigers Lacrosse Club.

Anyone interested in helping with the awards, or hall of fame, can contact Mahler. Let us hope the plans soon become a reality.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS (Daily News Photo)

Orangtangs captured the Honeymooners' Volleyball League championship this week by defeating Hot Cheeks. Team members are from left, back row, Martin Randell, Jack Olsen, Barry Schick, and Lyle Schick. Front row, Sue Christoffersen, Louise Olsen, and Debbie Schick. Missing is Carol Schuck.

Jets come back to salvage draw

MOSCOW (CP) — Anders Hedberg scored two quick goals mid-way through the third period to give Winnipeg Jets a 4-4 tie with Sweden in Izvestia hockey tournament play today.

The goals were the climax to a comeback by the World Hockey Association team which had trailed 4-1 at the half-way point of the second period after Sweden had broken a 1-1 first-period deadlock with a series of three goals in two minutes, 25 seconds.

Ted Green and Dan Labraaten scored Winnipeg's other goals. Per-Olov Brasar, Lars Gunnar Lundberg, Martin Karlsson and Role Edberg scored for Sweden.

The Jets had lost the opening game of the tournament Thursday, 3-2 to Czechoslovakia.

Green scored with the Jets short-handed at 5:08 of the first period with a 25-foot slapshot that sailed through the legs of goaltender Goran Hogosta.

But Role Edberg tied it at 13:14 on a two-on-one break and Hogosta kept the score at 1-1 for the rest of the period with three outstanding saves. He robbed Willy Lindstrom, Anders Hedberg and Veli Ketola from point-blank range.

Brasar began Sweden's second-period blitz at 5:48. He intercepted a clearing pass by goaltender Joe Daley and fired it into the top corner before Daley could recover.

O'Reilly breaks slump after lasagna dinner

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terry O'Reilly prefers a steak dinner before National Hockey League games, but admits he just may switch to lasagna, at least temporarily.

"I've been trying different things to try to get a goal," the 25-year-old right winger. "I've been trying different sticks. I've even been trying different food before games. I usually have steak, but I had lasagna tonight—a two-goal meal. I guess I'll have to try it again."

In other NHL games Thursday, Buffalo Sabres trounced New York Rangers 7-2, Philadelphia Flyers downed Chicago Black Hawks 4-1, Detroit Red Wings blasted Vancouver Canucks 7-3 and Pittsburgh Penguins edged Cleveland Barons 5-4.

In the World Hockey Association, San Diego Mariners blanked Edmonton Oilers 3-0 and Minnesota Fighting Saints defeated Indianapolis Racers 5-3.

O'Reilly put Boston in front 3-1 with his second goal of the season at 15:29 of the second period. The Blue narrowed the count to 3-2 on Larry Patey's 30-foot drive just two seconds before the end of the middle period.

GETS GOAL BACK

However, O'Reilly got that goal back quickly as he scored from a scramble with the third period just 26 seconds old and the Bruins went on to snap a three-game losing streak.

Johnny Bucyk, Gregg Sheppard and Rick Middleton were the other Boston scorers as the Bruins retained their three-point lead over Buffalo in the Adams Division.

The Bruins outshot St. Louis 40-24 as the Blues' record in ther last 10 games dipped to 1-6-3.

At Buffalo, the Sabres kept pace with the Bruins on the strength of two-thirds of the famed French Connection line. Rick Martin scored three goals and Gil Perreault added two, bringing their personal totals for the season to 19.

Buffalo bombarded two Ranger goaltenders—Gilles Gratton and Doug Soetaert—with 40 shots, while New York managed only 14 drives at Gerry Desjardins in the Sabre goal.

The Flyers closed to within one point of first-place New York Islanders in the Patrick Division with the home-ice victory. Rick MacLeish's 20th goal of the season at 8:48 of the second period proved to be the winner.

NHL

Campbell Conference Patrick Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Islanders	19	7	4	110	73	42
Phila	17	7	7	114	86	41
Atlanta	15	9	7	104	88	37
Rangers	13	13	7	125	117	33
Smythe Division						
St Louis	12	16	4	91	118	28
Chicago	10	18	3	95	116	23
Colorado	8	17	5	85	108	21
Minnesota	6	18	7	81	134	19
Vancouver	8	22	3	89	133	19
Prince of Wales Conference Adams Division						
Boston	20	9	2	119	95	42
Buffalo	18	8	3	104	70	39
Toronto	14	11	6	118	104	35
Cleveland	9	16	7	91	107	25
Norris Division						
Montreal	24	5	4	160	72	52
Los Ang	11	17	10	108	103	32
Pittsburgh	13	13	5	96	104	31
Detroit	10	16	4	85	105	24
Washington	8	18	4	83	125	20

The SPORTS Page

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Key to Blazers is power-play

Vernon Vikings host the Bellingham Blazers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday at 8 p.m.

Blazers, with 17 Finnish players on the roster, have the deadliest power-play in the BCJHL.

The trio of Jari Lindgren, Jari Viitala, and Erkki Lehtonen have scored 32 times this season with the opposition short-handed.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye said his club's job is simple, "Keep out of the penalty box."

While Blazers' powerplay has been awesome, the club has been having trouble adjusting to the rougher style of Canadian hockey. In most instances, when teams play the body against Bellingham, the speedy Finns slow down.

As a special bonus for fans at Saturday's game, five turkeys will be given away. And despite popular belief, the turkeys are not members of the Vancouver Canucks' defence.

In league action Thursday, Kamloops Braves edged Merritt Centennials 2-1 in overtime and Abbotsford Flyers battled to a 5-5 overtime stand-off with Nanaimo Clippers.

Glen Merkosky and Phil Logan scored for Braves while Lori Nordstrom connected for Merritt.

Mickey Willgress, with two, Mike Shields, Sid Giroux, and Barrie Peterson blinked the red light for Nanaimo. Bill Hobbins scored three times for Abby while Dan Krutz and Dean Wray added solos.

In games tonight, Bellingham visits Penticton, Abbotsford is at Langley, and Maple Ridge hosts Kelowna.

SKI AREAS OPEN

Silver Star and Tillicum Ski Areas will both be open this weekend, but on a very limited basis.

Silver Star has been offering free skiing for the past two days, but will start charging on Saturday. No confirmation has been given as to what lifts will be in operation, however it is believed the Poma and perhaps one t-bar will be running.

Area Manager Woody Woodman said, "We're still a long way from opening the chairs. We need another six to 12 inches of snow."

A handle tow will service part of the main run at Tillicum. There is not enough snow to open the t-bar, however there is sufficient white stuff to ski the bottom part of the slope.

Area manager Sandy Boyd said because of the limited terrain available, a discount rate will be charged.

First-place battle on Saturday night

Two games are scheduled this weekend in North Okanagan Hockey League action.

Saturday, in a battle for first-place, Winfield Raiders host Vernon Sport Cougars at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, at 6 p.m., Screaming Eagles meet Price and Markle at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Although Cougars are undefeated in eight outings this season, they lead Raiders by only three points. Winfield also has a game-in-hand.

Cougars have 13 points followed by Raiders 10, Price and Markle eight, Eagles five, and Lumby Flying Frenchmen two.

Winfield's Elmer Williams, and Clay Anderson of Price and Markle, are tied for the league scoring lead with 17 points. Williams has five goals and 12 assists while Anderson has nine goals and eight assists.

Three Raiders, Gary Larsh, Fred Parent, and Ron Doig are tied for second-place with 14 points.

Cougar's Steven White leads the league in goals with 10.

White's team-mate, Doug Irwin, boasts the best goals-against average of 4.6. Rick Johnson of P and M is second with 5.4.

OK College beats Raiders

Rick Bailey scored the only goal of the game as Okanagan College edged Raiders 1-0 in Men's Broomball League action Thursday.

In another game, Orest Markowsky, George Dodd, and Harvey Dodds scored as Block Brothers shutout the Sliders 3-0.

Veteran slugger becomes an Expo

MONTREAL (CP) — A four-player baseball trade Thursday between Montreal Expos and Cincinnati Reds left more than the two National League clubs happy.

First baseman Tony Perez, who joins Montreal from the Reds, and left-handed starting pitcher Woodie Fryman, who leaves the Expos for Cincinnati, are pleased as well.

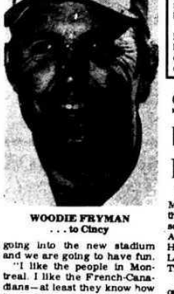
"They have a lot of good young ballplayers—I feel great about it," Perez, speaking by telephone, said of the Expos, who acquired him and lefty reliever Will McEnaney in exchange for Fryman and righthanded reliever Dale Murray.

As a 10-year major-leaguer with the last five years with one team, Perez, 34, could have vetoed the deal if he had wanted. But the slugger said he believes the Expos are moving in the right direction with the acquisition of himself and free-agent second baseman Dave Cash from Philadelphia Phillies.

"I don't think of Montreal being like the team they were before. They have Dave Cash. They have me. They are going to get more players. We are going into the new stadium and we are going to have fun.

"I like the people in Montreal. I like the French-Canadians—at least they know how to pronounce my name."

Fryman, 36, has said he would like to finish his career with a winner.



WOODIE FRYMAN
. . . to Cincy

Teachers taught lesson by unbeaten Glassmen

H and L Glass stretched its winning streak to six games Thursday by posting a 78-60 victory over Teachers in Men's Recreation Basketball League play at W. L. Seaton School.

In other games, Vernon Lodge Tigers moved into a tie for second place by hammering Hookers 82-49 and Camels built up an 18-point lead and hunt on to beat the Birds 45-40.

In Women's League play at VSSS, Enderby Ladies edged the Grey Machine 26-25.

Verona Ginn sunk 14 points for the winners while Suzy Kohorst and Betty Sherk each had nine points for the losers.

In another game, Maurena Hewison scored 30 points as Armstrong thumped Enderby Inn Maids 48-24.

Roadrunners defeated Rebels 22-18 and Falcons squeaked past Eagles 26-23 in minor boys' basketball action, also at VSSS.

Selects hammer Brantford

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP) — Moscow Selects opened up in the second and third periods to score a 7-2 win over Brantford Alexanders of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A League before a crowd of 3,842 Thursday night.

It was the fourth win against one loss for the touring Soviet team. They have three games remaining.

Moscow led 3-2 at the end of the first period and 5-2 at the end of the second.

Moscow's top line of Viacheslav Anisin, Yuri Lebedev and Sergei Potgortsev, which was kept on the bench in the first period, dominated the final 40 minutes. Anisin scored two goals in the second period and Lebedev one in the third.

Moscow's other goals were scored by Valeri Bragin, with two, and Vladimir Semenov and Vladimir Deviatov with one each.

Two former National Hockey League players, Jack Egers and Eddie Shack, scored for Brantford. Shack was on loan from Whitby Warriors.

The Selects outshot Brantford 37-18.

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