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The SPORTS Page

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Bevan haunts former team

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Near-record crowds hit Vernon ski slopes

While most ski areas in Western Canada were operating on a limited basis, or not operating at all, Silver Star and Tillikum Valley were enjoying near-record crowds over the holiday season.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News more than 25,000 skiers visited the Star during an eight-day period, from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1.

Woodman said, "Our crowds over the holidays were up slightly over last year. We were certainly better off than any other mountain in B.C., but we're still well behind Jasper and Whistler. It's the only other mountains that enjoyed successful Christmas seasons."

On Dec. 28, Silver Star said the most day passes in the area history, slightly more than 3,000.

Woodman said, "Despite the big day-pass sale, it wasn't our largest crowd ever. Season passes are down about 30 per cent from last year and that has really hurt us."

The snow is not perfect but, Green and Yellow Chairs, the poma lift, and wee-lie went up this week.

Down the road at Tillikum, Area Manager Sandy Boyd said the crowds over Christmas were just about on a par with last year's record attendance.

Boyd said, "We haven't finished our figures yet, but I think our attendance might be up a bit over 1976."

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BOWL ROUND-UP

Pittsburgh impressive in Sugar Bowl victory

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Winning coach Johnny Dooley agreed after Saturday's Sugar Bowl game that Pittsburgh deserves the No. 1 ranking in U.S. college football this season.

"All year long I haven't waved my finger in the air and I haven't won a U.S. 100 trophy," Dooley said. "But after the game I told the team it was No. 1, and all we agree that we are."

"I take my hat off to Pitt," said Dooley. "Without doubt they proved themselves the best team in the nation."

Pitt's solid showing served as a national confidence booster. The Panthers' aspirations that Southern California, Michigan and Maryland might have envisioned. The Panthers finished the season with a 12-0 record.

Pittsburgh's main challenger is expected to be USC which finished the regular season as the country's No. 3 team, but beat top-ranked Michigan 14-10 in Saturday's Rose Bowl. The Trojans wound up with an 11-1 record and Michigan finished at 10-2.

In other New Year's Day bowl games, the Astro Blue Conference champion Houston ranked No. 6, Texas A and M overwhelmed Maryland 30-21 in the Cotton Bowl and Ohio State topped Colorado 27-10 in the Orange Bowl.

Houston's victory over Maryland gave the Cougars a 10-2 record and knocked the Terrapins out of the undefeated ranks. Maryland finished at 11-1.

On Sunday, 10th-ranked Texas A and M overcame Florida 37-14 in the Sun Bowl, the West beat the East 30-14 in the Shriners Game at Stanford, Calif., and the North edged the South 21-20 in the American Bowl.

OUTLASTS TEXAS TECH

Nebraska outlasted Texas Tech 27-24 in the Astro Blue Conference bowl and Kentucky blanketed North Carolina 21-0 in the Perdue Bowl on Friday.

In Pitt's conquest of Georgia, Foreest completed 202 yards on 32 carries and scored one touchdown, while quar-

SPORTS BRIEFS

TWO GAMES

Don Bridgeman scored as Okanagan College edged Vernon Spots 2-1 in Popeye Broomball League action Sunday night at Centennial Rink. In another game, Bill Hague scored the only goal as Vernon defeated Block Brothers 3-0.

SELKIRKS WIN

Revelstoke Selkirks edged Coquitlam Cougars 3-2 in the only game of the week. The Monashee Hockey League game over the weekend.

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SAINTS FIGHTING MET have met their payroll and the Bill White team are continuing their search for local investors.

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Chiefs' future still undecided

KAMLOOPS (Special)—The owners of the Kamloops Chiefs, of the Western Canada Hockey League, apparently have not given up hope of keeping the club in the interior.

Majority shareholder Ernie Rempel said today he is negotiating with the bank to help pay the club's debts. He estimates the Chiefs owe anywhere from \$180,000 to \$400,000 in debt.

DEALING HERE

Last week the WCHL set a Jan. 3 deadline for Chiefs to present a viable plan to the franchise to continue operations for the remainder of the season. Sources say the chances of the Kamloops owners being able to carry on are slim at best and there is a strong possibility that the franchise will be revoked by the league and that the players will be spread through the remaining teams in a revenue dispersal draft.

Earlier this season a group in Edmonton looked at buying the Chiefs and moving the franchise to the Alberta city. However, when the ownership of Kamloops debt situation was revealed, the group backed off.

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NHL president Clarence Campbell got in a couple of pokes at Maloney's "International hockey is just a diversion. Fans realize the best hockey is in the NHL. And 'Hockey is a violent game if it isn't violent. It isn't violent when you're not hitting each other."

Gerry Jansen, the former NHL and Canadian Football League player now coaching Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, had a more succinct comment on hockey violence. "A punch in the mouth never hurt anyone."

In a strictly funny category was a quote attributed to Jeff Byrd, a pitcher, who told a reporter drafted by Toronto Blue Jays. "I don't know what you're talking about. I've never played professional baseball."

Not so kind was the remark by Danny Sittler at a banquet after his 31-point game against Boston Bruins and Jeff Byrd. The goaltender tried to commit suicide by jumping on some railroad tracks. The train went between his legs."