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KENDALL'S KORNER

Eight teams in tourney

Teams from three provinces and one state will be taking part in the sixth annual Vernon Winter Carnival "A" Hockey Tournament scheduled Feb. 4 to 6.

Teams taking part in the three-day tourney will be defending champion Red Deer, Alta.; Saskatchewan champion Swift Current, Seattle, Wash.; Calgary, Namsimo, Port Couillard, Fort St. John; and the host club, Vernon.

Vernon has an excellent chance of winning its own tournament this year. Hank Wensley and George Beck have put together one of the strongest provincial teams to ever lead a team in the North Okanagan. Already this season the locals took first place in the Red Deer Invitational Tournament.

BASEBALL CLINIC

British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association has done a superb job of lining up an all-star cast for the upcoming seminar banquet, to be held Jan. 15 in Vancouver.

Instructors at the clinic will include big league players Sal Bando, Fred Tenace, and Ted Kubiak. Also on hand will be 1975 Major League Manager of the Year Darrell Johnson, University of Southern California pitching coach Mike Bielecki, former major league umpire Emmett Ashford, and sports psychologist Dr. Tom Tufo of San Jose State University.

The workshop will be directed by league presidents, umpires, and coaches. BCABA officials expect a capacity turnout of more than 700 participants.

Registration will be open at the Fraser University gymnasium at 8 a.m., with the general session getting under way at 9 a.m. A banquet, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, will follow the day-long discussion.

Provincial Development Co-ordinator Wayne Norton, a former pro player himself, said, "This will be our largest and best clinic ever. I'm sure everyone who attends will find it an educational experience."

Tickets for the clinic can be purchased, for \$15, by writing to the Provincial Coach Office, 610-2626, Willow St., Vancouver. Anyone hoping to attend is advised to get advance tickets.

GREAT BASKETBALL

The popular belief among jocks is that girls' basketball is about as exciting as a game of tic-tac-toe. However, anyone who takes in the Vancouver International Tournament in Salmon Arm this weekend, will change their opinion.

The top girls' high school teams in Western Canada will be on hand, as well as a team from Tacoma, Wash.

Salmon Arm Jewels, who have blown the doors off every team they have met, former major league pitcher cut out for them against some of the out-of-province clubs.

Play starts today and runs through to Saturday night.

SPORTS BRIEFS

**NOWAK SENT TO MINORS** Boston Bruins have sent left winger Hank Nowak to Rochester Americans of the International Hockey League. The National Hockey League team said Thursday Nowak has 24 goals and five assists in 24 games with the Bruins this season.

**STILL ROOM** There is still openings for eight kids to take part in the annual Okanagan Open Rinkspiel, scheduled to get underway at the Falkland Curling Centre, where the Curling Club is interested in phone 378-2222.

**HANK NOWAK** — to minors  
 Vernon Men's Combination Volleyball League wound up this week with first place in the Little Mermaid Open. The team was coached by dumping Pleasant Valley Church of 15-10 and 15-5 in the championship.

**CAPS ASSIGN TWO** LANDEVORE, Md. (AP) — The Washington Capitals announced Thursday that left defenceman Bob Paradise has been assigned to Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League.

**CENTRE JOHN BILES** ST. LOUIS (AP) — The National Hockey League's Blues have called up centre Doug Palazzani from Kansas City of the Central Hockey League.

**THANK YOU** — to minors

**RE-INNS GIANTS** SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Willie McCovey, former San Francisco Giants first baseman, reached a contract agreement with the National League baseball club Thursday but whether he plays again in 1978 is still in the final game.

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Panthers bomb Carson Graham

Vernon Panthers crushed Carson Graham 8-0 in the Prince of Wales High School Basketball Tournament on Thursday night.

Panthers had little trouble with the coach schooled after leading up a 45-21 half-time lead.

Vernon Coach Kirk Inrig told the Daily News his club played superb ball as a unit.

Christman, also a guard, led the club in rebounds with 10.

Sigworth, who averages more than 20 points per game for Carson Graham, was held to just 10 by Turney.

In Thursday's other game, Prince of Wales handily beat

short-handed Helmut Balderis scored the other Soviet goal.

"Everybody played well tonight," Hull said. "That's one of the best teams ever sent over here... but it's not the best team in the world by any means."

"I still say an all-star team from North America could outplay any other team."

Balderis and Yakuhev scored less than three minutes apart in the second period to give the Soviets a 3-1 margin.

Long live the final period.

Ceasar-waxwellers hammer vikings

Abbotsford Flyers scored three third-period goals to defeat Vernon Vikings 9-2 before 450 fans in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Thursday in the Fraser Valley city.

Flyers firmly entrenched in the Coast Division cellar, have won only 14 games in 42 outings. However, three of these victories have come at Vikings' expense.

Vernon General Manager Vern Eyer told the Daily News his club just wasn't forechecking.

"We didn't hit and we didn't forecheck properly. We seem to be lacking a little drive."

Vikings are missing two returners and will lose another player after tonight's game in Langley. Veteran Gary Huh is suspended and centre Darcy Wilkinson, who is suffering from bone chips in his wrist, did not make the trip.

Rich Creelman, called up from the Vernon Juniors, has to leave Saturday morning to join his club for a game.

Eyer said: "There is no doubt we missed Huh and Wilkie down the middle. The scoring punch just wasn't there."

Dean Wray led the Flyers' attack with two goals while

IN ZONE FINALS

Six Vernon rinks will be taking part in the ladies curling zone playdowns this weekend at Kamloops.

Bertie Morgan and Joan Morrison will be skipping teams in senior curling.

In Thursday's other game, competing in the ladies' category, and Denise Damski crew will be playing in junior girls' action.

Members of the Dunham rink, from left, the skip, Thelma Dunbar, second Sandra Guenther, lead Dianne Crommer and spare Laury Sewaga.

(Daily News Photo)

Chatter important on field

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sunday's Super Bowl game will be as much a verbal battle in the secondary as it is in the face-to-face pit of the scrimmage.

"When I'm out there, I feel that the line is mine," says Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Ahmad Rashad.

"My job is a positive one, to catch a football," says Oakland Raiders wide receiver Cliff Branch.

"The other guy is a negative one, to keep me from catching it," says Branch.

"When someone catches a pass, it is an embarrassment to me," says Minnesota cornerback Nate Wright. "And I do not like to be embarrassed."

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Montreal is awesome, and Buffalo knows it

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
 Montreal Canadiens have staged their first comeback since the National Hockey League schedule with a couple of wins in their last two games.

Goalie Ed Snider, who has been overwhelming favorites to win their second consecutive Stanley Cup.

Montreal's 40th game of the 80-game season Monday, Philadelphia Flyers, the second-best club in the league, won their first game on Thursday saw them beat Buffalo Sabres, the third-best team, 9-2.

Montreal is the top club in the league with 66 points, Philadelphia with 57 and Buffalo 52.

In Thursday's other games, Pittsburgh beat Toronto 5-1, Minnesota North Stars defeated Detroit Red Wings 2-1, and the Philadelphia Flyers and Washington Capitals tied 3-3.

After Thursday's decision to ban NHL players from the 1976 World Cup, Flyers coach Floyd Smith said: "I have never seen any team play the game better than Montreal did tonight."

"They out-hustled us, and Superstar will rest his knee."

TORONTO (CP) — Superstar defenceman Bobby Orr will rest his ailing leg knee two more weeks before making his return to the Chicago Black Hawks lineup, his lawyer, Alai, said Thursday.

Orr, who has missed most of the National Hockey League season because of the problem with the knee, may be forced to pass up the rest of the season because of the injury.

The knee already has undergone major surgery five times, including twice last year when he got into only 10 games with the team. Boston Bruins' Black Hawks acquired him as a free agent last season.

only game misconducts to Paul Holmgren and Jack MacGee of the Flyers.

Holmgren, who wears a special mask because of a previous eye injury, was sent to hospital for examination when a redness developed around the eye after his fight with the Blues' Bob Gassoff.

He was released after 48 hours for corneal abrasions.

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Sanderson heads for fourth team

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Sanderson, 27, of St. Louis Blues centre, appears headed for his fourth National Hockey League team in his 10-season career.

Blues coach general manager John Ferguson said Thursday Sanderson would be sent to the New York Rangers.

However, Sanderson said that he would like to return to the Central Hockey League.

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Best back in spotlight after signing contract

LONDON (Reuter) — The new between Second Division club Fulham and the English Football League over the signing of George Best blew up the club's recent refusal to give assurances that Best would complete the season with Fulham.

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