

# CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON  
Vernon Curling Club Manager



In the Men's Zone Consols at our club last weekend, 21 teams from throughout the area competed for a berth in the BCCA finals. After eight rounds, only two teams remain and they meet head on tonight at 9 p.m. The teams alive are skipped by Doug Chilton and Randy Brown.

Ladies' zone playoffs were held in Kamloops last weekend, and although no Vernon risks reached the finals, they curled well. A Merritt team won the ladies' berth while Kamloops curler won the senior and junior ladies' events.

At Lumby last weekend, Bruno Samartino defeated Norm Brown in the hard-fought 'A' event final.

B event was won by Chilton who defeated Don Watson. C event was won by Bert Hunter who beat Scott Pringle.

On Thursday, at 6 p.m., the annual Men's Open Bonspiel gets under way with 46 risks entered. Thirty-three of the risks are from out-of-town, including 16 from Kelowna Curling Club.

The tough outposts will include Dave Loudahl of Kelowna and Pete Sherba of Prince George.

## Men's Open Spiel Opening Draws

### THURSDAY 6 P.M.

Cole (Sal. Arm) v.s. Dangorfield  
Demmon (Sal. Arm) v.s. Tutkialuk  
Hatnaka (Sal. Arm) v.s. May  
Smellier (Kelowna) v.s. Kromy  
Horsley (Kelowna) v.s. Longworth  
Fletcher (Kelowna) v.s. Puzs  
Belway (Salmon Arm) v.s. Edwards  
Hirtz (Kelowna) v.s. Dunbar

### FRIDAY 8:15 P.M.

Wynne (Salmon Arm) v.s. Vangrothe  
Aiken (Salmon Arm) v.s. Wynn  
Morrison (Salmon Arm) v.s. Bekker  
Tanko (Kelowna) v.s. Brown  
Hay (Enderby) v.s. Chaput  
Watkins (Kelowna) v.s. Chilton  
Blagioni (Penticton) v.s. Turk  
Robinson (Kelowna) v.s. Omelchuk

### THURSDAY 10:30 P.M.

Skinner (Kelowna) v.s. Watson  
McConnell (Kelowna) v.s. Blots  
Drinkwater (Kelowna) v.s. Smith  
Sehn (Kelowna) v.s. LaFace  
Innason (Kelowna) v.s. Kimura  
Loudahl (Kelowna) v.s. Spencer  
Worley (Kelowna) v.s. Foreman  
Major (Lumby) v.s. Helbertson

### FRIDAY 5:00 P.M.

Vaid (Kelowna) v.s. Mondin  
Sherba (Pr. George) v.s. Crozier  
Snyder (Oxyona) v.s. Amilo  
Elko (Kelowna) v.s. Houston  
Cordin (Kamloops) v.s. LaChance  
McEne (Enderby) v.s. Belanger  
Blair (Kelowna) v.s. Skidmore  
McPail (Kelowna) v.s. Bugars (Pr. George)

Unspecified risks are from Vernon.

# Vikings lose fifth straight despite Ouchi's three goals

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## SPORTS Page

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Vernon: 47 14 23 28  
Kelowna: 46 13 30 28

**COAST DIVISION**  
Langley 43 23 12 46  
Maple Ridge 42 31 17 47  
Bellevue 42 22 24 40  
Bellegard 42 21 24 40  
Abbotsford 43 14 29 30

Rod Danchuk broke away while his team was short-handed to score what proved to be the winning goal in the second period.

However, the individual star of the game was Vernon's Tom Ouchi, called up from the local juvenile squad, was the best player on either

team. He scored three goals and had two excellent opportunities to put in the winner.  
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The ice to protest a call and Kamloops Braves are sorry the Merritt Centennials ever returned.  
Merritt was tied 3-3 with the Braves in Kamloops when Tennant yanked his team for 15 minutes at 13:45 of the second period. They returned to whip the Braves 6-4.  
The action came after Eddie Beers of Merritt received 27 minutes in penalties after a minute with Steve Zanatta of Kamloops who received a five-minute major.

Beers received a major, 10-minute misconduct, 5-minute misconduct, and a minor. In addition, Cents were assessed a minor for delaying the game. Just before Tennant pulled his club off the ice.  
Dale Ames led Merritt with three goals.  
On the coast, John Ogrudnik scored two goals to lead Maple Ridge Bruins to a 5-4 victory over Langley Lords

## NAMED BOSS

Sandy Boyd, of Tillamook Valley, was elected president of the newly-formed Canadian Ski Area Operators Association this week. Boyd, who is also president of the Canada West Ski Areas Association, was chosen at a meeting held in Kimberley, Ont., about 100 miles northwest of Toronto.



JACK LEFFLEY  
... one of three



KEN CALDER  
... from Bucks



GORD MCKAY  
... back again

## Three Vikings named to Interior all-star team

Three members of the Vernon Vikings have been named to the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division all-star team.  
Centre Gary Huth, winger Jack Leffley, and defenceman Brian Maser were selected to the 20-man squad. For Huth and Leffley, it is their second straight appearance of the squad.

The division's two top teams, the Okanagan Buckaroos and Penticton Veas, placed six players each on the club.  
From Penticton are goalie Jim Scammell, defencemen Dino Sita and Bob Dietterle,

and forwards Kevin Maxwell, Gord McKay, and Craig Berzowsky.  
Bucks are represented by goalie John McKerrow, defencemen Bill Audycki and Ken Calder, and forwards Rick Benninghof, Rod Danchuk, and John Oliver.

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From Merritt Centennials will be winger Paul Chadwick and Blue liner Neil Robinson.  
**MARTIN COACHES**  
Coach of the team will be

Penticton's Terry Martin. Only other players making their second appearance on the Interior all-stars are Audycki, Calder, and McKay. Dietterle, who played with Chilliwack Bruins, was on the Coast all-stars last season.  
BCJHL Commissioner Ernie McLean said the Coast all-star team will be announced on Thursday.

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## High school teams open hoop season

Vernon Panthers and Royals both tip off their 1977 Okanagan Mainline Basketball League seasons at home tonight, against Kelowna.

Panthers, who have 12 wins and four losses in pre-season play, are up against one of the top ranked high school teams in the Interior.  
Vernon Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News Owls have a good club, but he is confident his squad can beat them.

Inrig said, "We're not treating this as a do or die game. It is a big game for us, but we haven't seen them, so yet and don't really know what to expect. They must have a

good club though, they only lost to Princess Margaret by three."  
Princess Margaret is the top ranked team in the Fraser Valley.

**GOAL CENTRE**  
Kelowna is led by 6'3" centre Lindsay McQueen, an excellent shooter and rebounder. However, 6'8" Brian Mayzes, who plays forward, gives Owls lots of extra height.

Panthers hope to have centre Tom Davison back in the line-up. He has been holidaying in Hawaii, but is expected to return today.

A pleasant surprise in recent weeks, for Inrig, has

been the play of guard Kirk Christmas. Christmas has earned himself a starting position, beside Steve King, and was named to the all-star team in last weekend's Prince of Wales Tournament.

Game time is 7:45 p.m. Preceding the boys game, the girls will be on the court at 6:30 p.m.

Vernon Coach Delroy Routley said he doesn't know much about the Owlettes, other than they are big.  
Routley said they have the potential to be one of the strongest teams in the valley because of the excellent feeder schools in Kelowna.  
Royals, who are ranked second in the Okanagan behind Salmon Arm Jewels, are expected to have little trouble with Kelowna. Routley said, "I hope we can build up a lead so I can go to my bench. I'm looking forward to playing my second string more than in pre-season games. I have to give them more game time to mature them."

## Sabres leading league

Statistics released this week by the White Valley Hockey League show Sabres alone in first-place, one point ahead of LCB Braves.

Unbeaten Sabres, who have 21 points, moved into sole possession of top spot last week when they blanked Barons 2-0. Braves suffered their first loss of the season, 5-3 to Royals.

Blades occupy third spot with 12 points, followed by Gordon Mack and Alan Mack. Silver Star reported about seven liches of new snow while Tillamook Valley recorded about five inches, (Daily News Photo)

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## Price and Markle to battle Cougars

First-place Vernon Sport Cougars tangle with Price and Markle in their 30th Okanagan Hockey League action Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

Price and Markle is currently tied with Winfield Raiders for second-place in the NOHL, three points back of Cougars. However, P and M has been coming on like gangbusters in recent weeks.  
**RECORDING STREAK**  
P and M is riding a five-game unbeaten streak while Cougars have not been

thumping teams like they were earlier in the season.  
Cougars will be without player-coach King Cam, currently sitting out a five-game suspension.  
The nominal admission charge gives fans a chance to see some good hockey and get a chance at a poor door prize.

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## Calgary skiers tops in freestyle

Calgary skiers dominated the Silver Star freestyle meet for professionals last weekend. The meet, hosted by the Canadian Freestyle Skiers Association, attracted 28 of the top pros in Western Canada. More than 1,500 spectators watched the two-day event.  
Mike Godfrey of Calgary won the combined title, followed by fellow-townsmen Rick and Darryl Bowie. Fourth place went to Peter Judge of Vancouver while Penticton's Ken Keroda finished fifth.  
Darryl Bowie won the ballet

## AT TRINITY VALLEY

Skiers throughout the North Okanagan were stilled this morning when they woke up to find several inches of snow on the ground. Taking advantage of the good cross-country conditions at the Bobbie Burns Ski Area, in

## Rookie forward starting to fit in.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Peter Marsh says he's finally getting used to playing in the World Hockey Association.  
"I feel like I'm starting to work myself in," Cincinnati Stingers' No. 1 amateur draft choice last season said Tuesday night after he scored three goals to lead the Stingers to an 8-2 thrashing of New England Whalers.

Marsh, a Halifax native who scored 75 goals for Sherbrooke in the Quebec Junior Hockey League last season, it was the first three-point game of his pro career.  
In other WHA games Tuesday night, Indianapolis Racers edged Calgary Cowboys 4-3 and Winnipeg Jets whipped Phoenix Roadrunners 9-2. The Edmonton Oilers at Quebec Nordiques and San Diego Mariners at Houston Aeros games were postponed because of travel problems brought by recent heavy snowstorms in several parts of North America.

At Cincinnati, Stingers coach Terry Slater said he

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## PIN POINTS

December 11	TEAM STANDINGS
Men's high single - Donna Bowers 287	Pin-ups 509
Women's high single - Betty Griffin 187	Seymour "400" Club 464
Men's high triple - Alec Partridge 740	Happy Gans 437
Women's high triple - Glen Fez 271	
Men's high average - Glen Fez 271	<b>January 11</b>
Women's high average - Betty Griffin 187	Breakfast Party
Men's high triple - Alec Partridge 740	253 high triple - Barb Coone 447
Women's high triple - Glen Fez 271	high average - Carl Hartwig 207
Men's high average - Glen Fez 271	high single - Cheerios 1286
Women's high average - Betty Griffin 187	high triple - Cheerios 1242
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# Pittsburgh's hex on Kelly ends after three seasons

By ROSS HOPKINS  
The Canadian Press  
Red Kelly must have been wondering if Pittsburgh Penguins had placed a hex on him when they parted company five seasons ago.

NHL Campbell Conference Patrick Division

W	L	T	P
Phia	25	9	156
Islanders	25	9	148
Atlanta	19	16	137
Rangers	16	13	152

Smyth Division

St. Louis	17	22	118
Chicago	14	22	133
Minnesota	10	21	117
Vancouver	12	24	123
Colorado	10	24	115

Price of Wages Conference Adams Division

Buffalo	26	11	153
Boston	26	13	159
Toronto	20	17	159
Cleveland	12	24	128

Norris Division

Montreal	32	5	234
Pittsburgh	17	9	131
Los Ana	14	19	136
Detroit	13	23	117
Washington	12	23	117

Wayne Thomas and blanked the home club 2-0. "This was our finest effort in two years here," said Toronto assistant coach Johnny Bower.

"The game plan was to really check, never mind the scoring department," Kelly said. "I figured if we handled the checking, we'd get a few goals."

Elsewhere in the NHL, Montreal Canadiens bombed Colorado Rockies 6-0 and Boston Bruins edged Washington Capitals 3-2.

Darryl Sittler's 18th goal of the season gave the Leafs a 1-0 lead at 16:53 of the first period with Dave Burrows of the Penguins off for holding. After a scoreless second period, he set up Errol Thompson for his fifth goal of the season. Horje Sainnie assisted on both goals to raise his NHL-leading assists total to 43.

Thomas blocked 30 shots in recording his first shutout of the season.

**SHOT A FEW BREAKS**  
"We played a controlled game and we're not a team

that can play a finesse game," Thomas said. "We've got a lot of hard workers and yeah, I got a few breaks tonight."

The loss snapped Pittsburgh's six-game unbeaten streak and left the club four points up on third-place Los Angeles Kings but 20 behind first-place Montreal in the Norris Division. Toronto is nine points back of second-place Boston in the Adams Division.

LaFleur raised his league-leading scoring total to 70 with two goals and Ken

Dryden blocked 20 drives to collect his fifth shutout of the season in the Montreal victory.

LaFleur got the only goal of the first period and the visitors added three more in the second on goals by Jacques Lemaire, Doug Risebrough and Murray Wilson. Steve Shutt, with his 33rd of the season, and LaFleur, with his 35th, scored in the third.

At Landover, Md., the Bruins built up a 3-0 lead midway through the final period and then held off a late charge by the Capitals who have yet to beat the Bruins. Washington has lost 11 and tied three against Boston since joining the NHL three seasons ago.

Earl Anderson, Bobby Schumatz and Don Marcotte scored for Boston. Rick Bragnalo and Yvon Labre repped for Washington, cellar-dwellers in the Norris Division.

Twelve teams see action tonight. New York Rangers play the Flames in Atlanta, Chicago Black Hawks entertain New York Islanders, Montreal meets the Blues in St. Louis, Cleveland Barons play host to Detroit Red Wings, Los Angeles is at Toronto and Minnesota North Stars tangle with the Canucks in Vancouver.

## Murdoch named to play in NHL all-star game

MONTREAL (CP) — Philadelphia Flyers the team with the best record in the Clarence Campbell Conference of the National Hockey League, placed five players on the conference's all-star team. It was announced Tuesday.

Goaltender Bernie Parent, defencemen Jim and Joe Watson and centres Bobby Clarke and Rick MacLeish were chosen to the team which will meet the Prince of Wales Conference all-star club in the NHL's 30th annual all-star game Jan. 25 in Vancouver.

Three New York Islanders—goaltender Glenn Resch, defenceman Denis Potvin and left winger Clark Gillies—right wingers Rod Gilbert and rookie Don Murdoch of New York Rangers, defenceman Phil Russell of Chicago Black Hawks and left winger Eric Vail of Atlanta Flames round out the starting 12 players.

Voting for the team was done by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association in the nine conference cities. The voting has

nothing to do with the official NHL all-star teams chosen at the end of the season.

Coach Fred Shero, whose Flyers won the Campbell Conference title last season, will name another eight players to the team early next week. Each of the nine teams must have a representative in the game which means Shero must select at least one player from St. Louis Blues, Vancouver Canucks, Colorado Rockies and Minnesota Stars. Potvin was the only unanimous choice on the team.

Before Tuesday night's game, the Leafs had failed to win in Pittsburgh's Civic Arena in their previous six regular-season outings spanning three seasons. But Tuesday, the Leafs received strong goaltending from



THERE WAS NO LOOKING BACK for Bruno Sammartino and his rink of Vernon when they



A RINK with member from Lumbly and Vernon, skipped by Eddie Chaput of Lumbly, were the



beat the Normie Brown rink, also from Vernon, to take the A. Event in Lumbly's open men's



decline winners in B Event over Gene Cantor Motors rink, skipped by Don Wilson. Here mem-



curling bonspiel held last weekend. Here, members of the winning rink are from left: skip Samartino;



bers of the winning rink are from left: skip Chaput, third George Macintosh, Lumbly; second Percy



third Don Myler; second Orville Hatilla and lead Tom Wright.



Briggs, Vernon; and lead Mike Savoy, also of Vernon.

## Bruins dominate all-stars

CALGARY (CP) — Defending league champions and Western Division leading Western Mustangs Bruins dominated selections for the Western Canada Hockey League's all-star team announced Tuesday.

Defencemen Barry Beck, Brad Maxwell and Miles Zabarok, along with rightwinger Mark Lofthouse and leftwinger Steve Smyl, were the Bruins named to the team for the all-star game scheduled at Brandon Jan. 18.

Goaltender Murray Bannerman, rightwinger Gregg Anderson and leftwinger Curt Fraser were named to the team from Victoria Cougars.

Representatives from Medicine Hat Tigers included goaltender Peter Peeters, centre Ron Armstrong and rightwinger Brian Hill, while Kamloops Chiefs placed defencemen Dave Robinson, centre Ryan Walter and leftwinger Keg Kerr on the all-star team.

Portland Winter Hawks line of defencemen Paul Mulvey, centre Brent Peterson and rightwinger Wayne Babych represented all-stars along with goalie Randy Ireland.

Defenceman Dave Morrow and centre Doug Lecuyer of Calgary Centennials were also selected.

Coach of the western team will be Jack Shupe, head coach for Medicine Hat.

## Tigers suffer setback

VICTORIA (CP) — Rookie Gordon Robertson scored three third-period goals Tuesday night, boosting Victoria Cougars to a 5-3 win over Medicine Hat Tigers in a Western Canada Hockey League game before 1,748 fans.

The victory snapped a Cougar's winless streak at 11 games and moved Victoria to within a point of second-place Kamloops Chiefs in the Western Division.

Robertson, who also drew an assist on a second-period goal by Bill Johnson, started his three-goal effort with a tip-in at 12:15, backhanded a shot between goalkeeper Peter Peeters' pads at 11:54 and tipped in a Lory Heck shot from the point at 14:23.

The final two goals were scored on power plays as Cougars managed three goals while holding an advantage.

**SCORE FOR TIGERS**  
Lorry Gieschner was the other Victoria marksman while Brian Hill, Darrel Switzer and Jim Lomas scored for the Tigers.

## Flyers post WHL victory

KIMBERLEY, B.C. — Spokane Flyers scored two goals in the final period to defeat the Kimberley Dynamos 4-4 in Western International Hockey League play Tuesday night.

The Flyers led 3-1 after the first period but trailed 4-3 after 40 minutes.

Frank Pringle, Ted McNeely, Jim Stanfield, Jim Montgomery and Don Borner scored for Spokane while Dan Booth, Ken Ireland, Dennis Schick and Murray Blagout counted for the Dynamos.

Spokane reclaimer Frank Dunhill blasted a shot while Barrie McKay turned aside 15 in the Kimberley net. Spokane took 10 of 15 minor penalties.

## RETIRED COACH DIES

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Stu Holcomb, longtime college football coach and retired general manager of Chicago White Sox, died here Tuesday.

**3 ROCKIES ON LOAN**  
DENVER (AP) — Goaltender Bill McKenzie and defenceman Colin Campbell have been loaned to Oklahoma City Blazers of the Central Hockey League. Colorado Rockies announced Tuesday McKenzie and Campbell have seen little National Hockey League action with the Rockies in the last month.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**UMPIRE SLAIN**  
KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Three college students have been arrested on charges of killing an umpire who refused to officiate a cricket match Monday at a Karachi school.

**CANADIAN ENTERTAINERS BOSS**  
ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (Reuters) — Fifteen countries, including Canada, have entered the world bobbed championships. The two-man events will be held Jan. 26-30 and the four-man Feb. 5-6.

baseball team, is ready to pack up and leave the San Francisco Bay area to San Francisco Giants. Arthur (Bud) Hereth, the Arizona catfishman whose \$4 million helped keep the Giants in San Francisco, told the newspaper Tuesday he is certain they want to move the A's out of Oakland. Hereth also said that bids to move the Giants to Washington, D.C., or New Orleans have been made and rejected because "we're in this thing to stay."

over Scott Pringle of Lumbly to take C event. Here, from left are: skip Hunter; third George Brisco; second Norm Mason; and lead Roy Trickett.

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