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KENDALL'S KORNER

Sports galore

The most popular excuses for not getting off your butt and doing something include old, fat, lazy, slow, tired, sloppy, and busy. During the upcoming Vernon Winter Carnival, there is so much to do, even those reliable excuses won't work.

Besides the regular winter-season events such as junior A and North Okanagan men's hockey action, daily skiing, and minor sports, there are more than a dozen carnival sports events.

It is impossible to pick a highlight, because there are so many tremendous events.

For the energetic, there is the third annual Six-mile Marathon on Feb. 6. Some of the top distance runners in Western Canada will cover the course. If you aren't quite that excited about running, there is the Vernon Medical Association's three-mile challenge relay on Feb. 13 at Polson Park.

If you like mixing a little fun in your sports, the answer could be snogolf. The snogolf tourney will be held at Spallumcheen Golf Club again this year, and a record crowd is expected.

For a quick pick-me-up, the Polar Bear Swim, on Feb. 12 at the Lakeside Motor Inn, will clear out the cobwebs in a hurry.

SKIING EVENTS

Numerous skiing events are planned including a freestyle competition, at Tillicum Valley on Feb. 7; and a cross-country ski and fun day on Feb. 13.

Also at Tillicum, on Feb. 6, some of the world's best innertube riders will be on hand for the annual North American Innertube championships. Entries are expected from as far away as Oyama, Lumby, and Enderby.

For those of you who like doing your travelling in something a little more conventional, Vernon Autosport Club has two events scheduled.

The club will be holding a slalom on Feb. 6, and five days later, a 100-mile rally is planned.

Some people like to operate with a roof over their head, and for them, there is curling and bowling.

Vernon Curling Club will be the site of the B.C. Hydro Bonspiel, the annual Jopo Bonspiel, and the Valentine's Mixed Spiel. Over at Lincoln Lanes, there will be a 20-game bowling marathon on Feb. 6.

FOR SPECTATORS

For the spectator, there is also lots to offer.

The Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament runs from Feb. 4 to 6 in the arena. Some of the best pee wee teams in Western Canada will be on hand for the tourney.

At King Edward Lake Hill, about six miles from downtown on Highway 6, there will be a two-day hang gliding competition. About 50 entrants are expected to battle for the $600 first prize. It runs Feb. 5 and 6.

L and A Ranch will be the scene of the third annual dog sled races Feb. 12 and 13. The event, sponsored by the Okanagan Sled Dog Association, is expected to attract about 50 dog teams.

If none of these events appeal to you, and you can't seem to drag yourself out of bed — enter the bed race. It will be held Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. Rumour has it the fire department will be tough to beat.

Molstar racing Sunday on Star

Silver Star will be hosting a Molstar Ski Race on Sunday.

Molstar races are designed for fun and to give every calibre of skier an opportunity to test their ability.

An easy slalom course is set up by the ski school staff. An instructor acts as a pacesetter and sets a par-course time, which competitors race against.

Silver Star Ski School Director Gerry Goudge said, "Besides having a great time and an opportunity to race, each skier is also helping the national ski team."

Molsons makes a donation to the Canadian Ski Team on the basis of the number of entrants in Molstar.

Entry fee is $1.

Races are held each Friday as well as the following Sundays: Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and 20, March 6 and 20, and April 3.

GERRY GOUDGE
... helps team

IN THE WHA

Winnipeg lucky in overtime win

In the WHA, a power-play goal by Anders Hedberg at 3:57 of overtime, his second goal of the game, gave the Jets the home-ice win.

East Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	26	15	1	190	149	53
Indianap	22	18	3	143	151	47
Cincinnati	22	20	2	202	164	46
x—Minn	19	18	5	136	129	43
New Eng	17	26	4	152	178	38
Birming	15	32	1	155	195	31
West Division						
San Diego	26	17	2	153	141	54
Houston	23	16	5	154	134	51
Winnipeg	24	16	1	189	147	49
Calgary	18	21	3	130	132	39
Edmonton	19	26	1	122	163	39
Phoenix	18	24	2	155	198	38

x—folded

Two unanswered goals in the third period by Jacques Locas and Dave Inkpen of the Stingers had sent the game into overtime.

At Houston, Morris Lukowich scored three goals to pace the Aeros who led 3-1 after the first period and added two unanswered goals in the second.

Peter Marrin had given the Bulls, cellar-dwellers in the East Division, an early 1-0 lead with his 13th goal of the season 20 seconds into the game.

Calgary goalie Gary Bromley turned aside 41 Indianapolis shots as the visitors withstood a 19-shot Racers barrage in the final period.

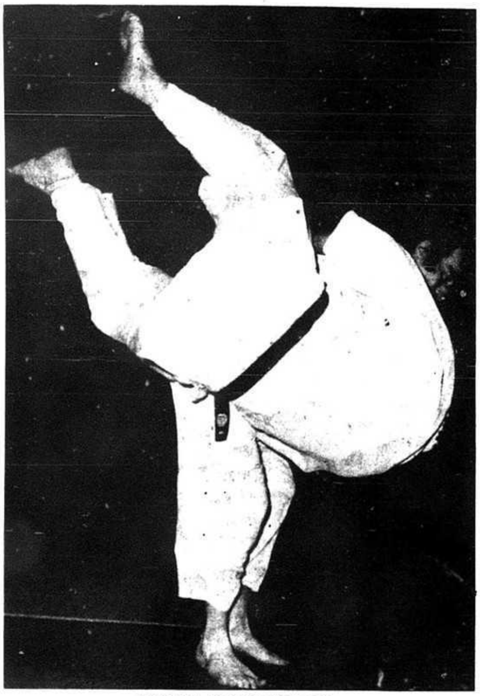
After a scoreless first period, Ron Chipperfield gave the Cowboys a 1-0 lead at 11:22 of the second. However, Reggie Thomas tied it for the Racers with his ninth goal in six games and 18th of the season with 9:41 left in the contest. The overtime period was scoreless.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States claimed a semi-finals victory Friday in a $200,000, four-man Grand Prix tennis tournament when Manuel Orantes of Spain was forced to retire with a leg cramp. Connors lost the first set 6-7, dropping the tiebreaker 5-7. He captured the second set 6-2 and, with the third set tied at 5-5, Orantes suffered the cramp. Connors offered to delay the match until Orantes could recover but the referee ruled that Connors was the winner.

FOREMAN FIGHTS TODAY

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — George Foreman meets Pedro Agosto in a scheduled 10-round bout today. The fight, which will be televised live on ABC's Wide World of Sports, begins at 4:30 p.m. EST. The former heavyweight champion is an overwhelming favorite to whip his 28-year-old Puerto Rican opponent, who will be fighting for only the fifth time since 1973.



BROWN BELT HOLDER

This is am embarrassing situation for a 230-pounder who has just been presented with his brown belt in judo. However, Bob Webber was caught here being thrown by black belt holder Bill Lewis during a workout at the Japanese Hall. Webber, who received his brown belt last week, is one of about 50 judokas from Vernon competing in the Interior Closed championship today at Kelowna. Seven clubs are competing in the day-long meet.

IN THE BCJHL

Kelowna Buckaroos slip by Vernon Vikings, 6-4

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Kelowna Buckaroos built up a 2-0 first period lead and went on to defeat Vernon Vikings 6-4 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday before 720 fans at the Civic Arena.

For Vikings it was their seventh loss in the last nine games. Vernon also lost the services of defenceman Brian Maser who injured his collarbone in a first period collision. Extent of the injury is not known, but he did have x-rays taken.

BRIGHT SIDE

However, there was a bright side to the game for Vikings. The team played probably its best 20 minutes of hockey this season in the final period, and the crowd was one of the biggest this season.

The teams exchanged goals early in the third period, and for the final 19 minutes, Vernon owned the puck. They fired 19 shots at goaltender Randy Struch, hit two posts, and missed the net by inches on at least five occasions.

Besides Kelowna, Vikings' biggest enemy was the penalty box. Vernon was handed 11 of 13 minor infractions and one of two fighting majors. In the second period, the locals were shorthanded nine minutes.

Bucks led 5-3 after the second.

Brian Palmer and Rick Benningshof scored two goals each for the winners while John Oliver and Brian Mathews added singles.

Gary Huth, Gary Gassoff, Garry Mann, and Jim Misener countered for the Vikings.

GOOD HITTING

The crowd was treated to one of the most entertaining games of the season as the clubs played end-to-end hockey and Vernon handed out numerous crunching bodychecks. Jack Lefley, Barry Lang, and Grant Sidnick threw some solid hits during the night.

Sidnick, who rejoined the team recently, was given three penalties, but provided his usual hustle and desire.

Turning point in the game came midway through the second period. Kelowna's Scott McLeod picked up two minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct and Vikings had the powerplay, trailing only 4-3. However, only 20 seconds after McLeod entered the sinbin, Sidnick, also for naughty conduct, and Lefley, for elbowing, picked up minors and gave Bucks the man-advantage. Benningshof scored what proved to be the winning goal with the two Viking veterans in the penalty box.

32 SAVES

Struch blocked 32 shots while Vernon netminders Keith Ferner and Rick Mallott combined to also make 32 saves. Ferner gave way to Mallott in the second period with the score 4-1.

Vikings are back in action Wednesday when they host Kamloops Braves at 8:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the BCJHL announced today that Penticton Coach Terry Martin has been fined $500 for criticizing a referee, in a letter-to-the-editor, in the Penticton Herald.

In other games, Penticton Vees whipped Bellingham Blazers 10-5, Nanaimo bowed 7-5 to Maple Ridge, and Langley Lords defeated Abbotsford 6-4.

WCHL won't approve professional signings

CALGARY (CP) — Ed Chynoweth, president of the Western Canada Hockey League, denied Friday his league had given approval for any registered league player to sign with a professional club before the end of the season.

Chynoweth's remarks were made in reference to reports Wednesday that the WCHL had given approval to defenceman Kevin McCarthy of Winnipeg Monarchs to sign with San Diego Mariners of the World Hockey Association.

Indications were the agreement had come about because San Diego had guaranteed draft payments for the player to the Winnipeg club.

"I know of no such agreement between our league and the San Diego team," said Chynoweth. "As a matter of fact, our league never even discussed the matter officially during the semi-annual meeting in Brandon Tuesday.

"Technically, it would be a strict contravention of our contract for the player to sign with someone else while still under contract to the Winnipeg Monarchs."

McCarthy is the top scoring defenceman in the WCHL with 12 goals and 64 assists in 40 games. Last season, he set WCHL records for a defenceman by registering 88 assists and 121 points.

"I don't understand why a player of Kevin's calibre wouldn't wait until the National Hockey League draft and get the best of both worlds before deciding where to play," said Chynoweth.

Chiefs fire coach

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Ivan Prediger was fired Friday as coach of Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada Hockey League.

A club spokesman said Prediger was released from his duties to "ease the financial burdens" of the Western Division team.

Prediger was named coach in September and had the team in second place in its division with 44 points in as many games. New Westminster Bruins led the Western Division with 58 points.

General manager Harvey Roy, who coached the team last year, assumes the dual position for the balance of the season.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Vernon teams defeat Norkam squads handily

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

The Vernon Panthers blasted North Kamloops 97-65 in Senior High School Boys' basketball action in Kamloops Friday.

For the Panthers who are off to one of their best starts ever, it was their fourth straight victory coupled with a season opening loss to Kelowna.

Vernon blew Norkam right off the court in the first quarter, opening with a press that the Kamloops school just could not handle.

The press produced 36 points in the first quarter, the highest points ever in a single quarter by a Panthers team.

From then on in it was a cake-walk with the Panthers just padding on to their lead.

By half time, the score was 57-30, and at the three-quarter mark the game was completely out of reach at 83-39.

Steve King led the Panthers' attack with 21 points, followed by Tom Davidson with 14, Brent Krusel and Mike Kormos 13 each, Kirk Christman 12 and Brent Zimmer 10.

Kormos had 12 rebounds, four steals and six assists, to go with his points, while Zimmer added 10 rebounds.

Vernon assistant coach Terry White, was extremely pleased with the team's play.

White said: "The guys just played a super game. Our press controlled the game and they just couldn't adjust to it at all. Once the press turned over the ball we started doing things with it, we played our own game and ran a controlled offense.

"We played really well all-round. Mike Kormos had another great game, Andy Anderson came in and gave a solid performance, while Steve King and Tom Davidson had good games, and Brent Zimmer a good game before he fouled out."

In girls' play, the VSSS Royals downed the Norkam girls 59-43.

Royals took control of the game early and had little trouble with Norkam and only foul trouble, with four players fouling out, keeping the game close.

Leanne Wilms led the Royals with 18 points, Terri Rosman added 16, and Jill Hewitson sunk 12.

Royals' coach, Deloy Routley, felt the team didn't really play up to par.

"We weren't getting the ball inside, we played not too bad defensively. Our half court press was effective in turning the ball over."

Routley said no-one player was outstanding, but did single out the fine play of Jill Hewitson.

Palmateer spectacular as Leafs defeat Canucks

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rookie goaltender Mike Palmateer continued his spectacular play against Vancouver as he stopped 21 shots to lead Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-1 decision over the Canucks in a National Hockey League game Friday night before a sellout crowd of 15,652 fans.

Campbell Conference — Patrick Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Islanders	28	10	7	164	112	63
Phila	27	10	9	177	127	63
Atlanta	22	16	8	156	146	52
Rangers	17	18	13	176	170	47
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	20	21	5	136	157	45
Chicago	16	24	7	150	172	39
Colorado	12	26	8	131	170	32
Minnesota	10	24	11	131	183	31
Vancouver	13	32	4	131	193	30
Prince of Wales Conference — Adams Division						
Boston	29	14	4	181	143	62
Buffalo	28	13	4	167	122	60
Toronto	22	19	6	169	[illegible]	50
Cleveland	14	25	8	140	[illegible]	36
Norris Division						
Montreal	35	7	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	76
Pittsburgh	19	19	8	147	152	46
Los Ang	16	22	10	152	162	42
Washington	13	27	7	119	176	33
Detroit	13	27	5	121	164	31

Palmateer, who shut out Vancouver 3-0 in November, allowed a first-period goal by Don Lever, then blanked the Canucks the rest of the way by making a number of sensational saves.

The Leafs got goals from Borje Salming and Bob Neely in the second period and another by rookie Kurt Walker in the third as they handed the Canucks their third straight loss at the Pacific Coliseum.

The Canucks have the worst record in the NHL, with only 30 points from 49 games. They have lost 32 times and are in last place in the Smythe Division.

The Leafs, playing without captain Darryl Sittler, started slowly as Lever gave the Canucks a 1-0 lead at 13:19 of the opening period after Ron Sedlbauer retrieved his own rebound and set up Lever in front of Palmateer.

Goaltender Curt Ridley of the Canucks, who also stopped 21 shots, was particularly sharp in the first period as he made a breakaway save on George Ferguson and several other tough stops.

SWEDE SCORES

Ferguson got the Leafs going on a second-period power play as he won a faceoff in the Vancouver end and fed Salming at the point. The big Swede rifled his eighth goal of the season high into the net to tie the score at 1-1.

Neely, a converted defenceman playing left wing, scored his 11th goal in the last minute of the period as he caught the short side on Ridley with a backhand shot after the Vancouver netminder pulled away from the post. A poor pass by Gerry O'Flaherty of the Canucks allowed Toronto to break out three-on-one on the play.

Palmateer kept the game close in the second period as he made a leg save on Jim Wiley in close and a stick save on a deflection by Hilliard Graves.

Walker scored his first NHL goal early in the third period to give the Leafs a two-goal lead. Stan Weir pulled the lone Vancouver defenceman off to the side and allowed Walker to blast a 25-footer into the corner from directly in front of the net.

GOALIE ACROBATIC

Palmateer was at his best with just over five minutes left in the game as he made rapid-fire stops on Lever and Rick Blight. He also stopped a third shot by Sedlbauer, but the play was called dead because of a high stick.

Coach Red Kelly of the Leafs tried several centres between wingers Lanny McDonald and Errol Thompson in an attempt to replace Sittler, who will be out from two to four weeks because of a rib cartilage injury.

The Canucks played with only four defencemen after trading Bob Dailey to Philadelphia Flyers late Thursday night. Larry Goodenough and Jack McIlhargey, two defenders obtained from the Flyers, were scheduled to report to the Canucks today.

In the only other NHL game Boston defeated Cleveland 5-2.

College wins over all-stars

Okanagan College of Kelowna dumped Vernon All-stars 57-47 in exhibition ladies basketball action Friday night at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Sue Dinsbough scored 16 points for the college while Paula Thomson sunk 14.

Linda Lockerby was top sniper for Vernon with 17 points while Theresa Belker dropped in 11.

College led 32-22 at half-time.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Four Seasons Indoor Riding Arena

Four Seasons is a proposed indoor riding arena which will be located at the end of French Road.
The proposed arena will handle all types of equestrian events and will include lounge facilities and a cafeteria.
Also planned are facilities for boarding of members horses, and scheduled riding and training sessions.

PROPOSED ARENA

The initial membership meeting for all interested parties will be held on
Monday, January 24th
7:30 p.m. at
OKANAGAN HORSE TRAILERS
on Highway 6
For further information call: Andy at: 542-8478 days or 542-8012 eves. Dave at: 545-7271 days or 545-5204 eves.