

Ice hockey season possible

Rain and warm weather has hampered skiing throughout Western Canada this year, however, one ski area hopes to set a record figure for attendance.

Vernon's Silver Star has been running all eight of its lifts for more than a month and has already played host to about 60,000 skiers this winter.

The Star, which was the third busiest mountain in B.C. last year, will likely rank number one in 1977. Due to the lack of snow, the province's two busiest areas, Grouse and Whistler, both on the Lower Mainland, have been closed for most of the season.

BEST SHOW
Woodman said, "As far as I can tell, we have the best conditions in Western Canada. Our base isn't as large as it usually is at this time of year, but it is about 65 centimetres, which certainly is adequate."

The only other major areas in B.C. operating on a full-base are Big White near Kelowna, and Apex, at Penikese.

Like the other areas, Silver Star opened extremely late, but appears to be recovering,

Woodman said, "We lost 30 skiing days off a regular year, but since we opened, our crowds have been up considerably over 1976. I would credit that to two things — a much more intensive advertising campaign and the fact that there is little good skiing anywhere else."

FROM TEXAS
In early-January a group of skiers from Dallas, Texas visited Silver Star. One of the group said, "We started driving north and the first good snow we found was here."

More than 140,000 skiers hit the slopes in Vernon last season and Woodman predicts that figure will be beaten, despite the late start.

He said, "I certainly hope we can beat it. Our operating costs are up by more than 20 per cent. We're praying for more snow."

Silver Star underwent a massive \$1 million renovation program last summer which included the construction of a third chairlift, purchase of a handle tow, and doubling the size of the day lodge.

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Cents, Braves locked in fight

Two teams battling for the fourth, and final, playoff berth in the C.J. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division are in action tonight.

Merritt Centennials visit Kelowna to battle the red-hot Buckaroos while Kamloops Braves are in Penikese to meet the Vees.

Merritt and Kamloops both have 32 points, however, Cents have 16 games remaining to the Braves' 14.

On the coast tonight, Maple Ridge Bruins tangle with the Lords in Langley.

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

Coach Gary Swanson will be searching for a combination which will break his club out of a lengthy slump. Vikings have lost seven of their last nine games.

MIRING VETS
If Vernon does turn things around Wednesday it will be without three veterans, Jack Letley and Gary Gassoff are out-of-town on personal business while Grant Sidick is working.

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Meanwhile, statistics released this week by the BCHL show Vernon goalie Keith Ferner has the second lowest goals-against average in the league.

Ferner's average is 3.88, not far behind Penikese's Jim Scammell with 3.85.



SILVER STAR MANAGER Woody Woodman checks the snow-depth gauge on the

we-tee. Prior to Monday's snowfall, the base measured about 65 centimetres, or 26 inches.

Woodman boasts the Star has the best conditions in Western Canada. (Daily News Photo)

Bowman doesn't mind making an extra trip

VANCOUVER (CP)
Scotty Bowman, coach of Montreal Canadiens, doesn't mind an extra road trip in a long season just to coach an exhibition game.

"If you get to coach this game," he said Monday, "it means you were in the Stanley Cup finals the year before."

The game to which he referred is tonight's 30th National Hockey League all-star game, where Bowman will guide a power-packed lineup from the Prince of Wales Conference against the squad of stars from the Clarence Campbell Conference.

Bowman thinks his cheerful philosophy regarding the game will extend to his Canadians. His goalie, Ken Dryden, who has coached two seasons since the contest was given a conference format.

"I could find you guys who think this game is a drain. But once the game starts, they'll want to win just as much as any other time."

SEKS FIRST WIN
Coach Fred Shero of Philadelphia Flyers agreed, "I found out in the last two years how happy the players are to be here and how hard they work," said Shero, who is looking to break a two-game losing streak in tonight's competition.

"You won't see players clubbing each other to death," he added, "but they'll be out there trying hard, that's for sure."

Bowman announced his line combinations for the opponent while Shero put off his decision until after the pre-game practice.

The Wales lines will be Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles at left wing, Val Yashinski will be added to the squad in the event someone cannot bowl tonight.

A total of 150 bowlers, including eight from Vernon, took part in the playdowns.

Shero, at his news conference Monday, said he'd favor a return to the old format of all-star play where the Stanley Cup champion met a team of all-stars from the other clubs.

TEAM WORKS SMOOTHLY
"I think the champion would have an advantage over the others," he said, "because they're a team. They'd know each other's moves and styles of play while the other guys would just be feeling their way around."

Bowman didn't think team play would mean much unless it was played in the champions' home city.

Kinsmen suffer loss to Firemen

Firefighters took a 3-1 first period lead and went on to beat Kinsmen Club 5-2 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Monday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Rick Garbutt, Ed Ewan-chuk, Bob Webb, Randy Exner, and Ray Smilg scored for the Firefighters.

On Sunday night, Axtell Contracting bombarded Vernon Leafs 10-3.

Bernie Macha led the Axtell onslaught with three goals while Dan Holte, Jim Wilson, and Clark Inglis added two

apiece. Singles went to Warren Henry, Ed Poirier, Ken Pollan, Dents Caryk, Bob Stein, Gary Holte, and Herb Rideout.

Vic Shemens and Rick Irwin scored for Leafs.

In another game, Vernon Flames clobbered the Raiders 7-2.

Brent Collypy was top markman for Flames with two goals while Rod Star, Bill Hodge, Tom Monahan, Ted Lucuk, and Mike Peropokin added singles.

Tony Bydowski and Eugene Desnoyer countered for Raiders.



KENDALL'S KORNER

Big thrill for Murdoch

All eyes across the country will be on the boob-tube tonight to watch the National Hockey League's all-star game.

Most eyes in the Vernon area will be watching one particular 20-year-old named Don Murdoch. Murdoch, who played two years with the Vikings, is the first player to ever graduate from Vernon to the NHL all-star game.

In an interview Monday, Murdoch told us playing in the all-star game will be the biggest thrill of his hockey career. That career, although relatively short, has certainly been eventful.

He was an all-star in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, top goal scorer and all-star in the Western Canada Hockey League, and now a shoe-in for the Calder Trophy as the NHL's top rookie.

LOTS OF ICE TIME

Murdoch attributes a lot of his success this season to his coach John Ferguson. He said, "I'm getting a lot of ice time. Besides my regular shift, I'm playing powerplay and killing penalties. If you get the ice time — you get the chances."

The slick right winger has already scored 31 goals this season and is within reach of the rookie records for most goals and points. However, he says he tries not to think about the records.

Murdoch said, "I try to keep thoughts like that in the back of my mind. I know I'm only 13 goals behind Richard Martin's record, but if you think about things like that, it bothers you."

In tonight's game he will be paired with Rick McLachlan of Philadelphia Flyers and Bob Nystrom of New York Islanders. His regular linemates with the Rangers are Walt Tkaczuk and Greg Polis, however, this week he was moved onto a unit with Phil Esposito and Bill Goldsworthy.

Murdoch said, "The club hasn't been going too well and I guess Fergie figured it was time for a change."

ENJOYS TRAVEL

The Cranbrook native is enjoying the travel around the NHL, because it is all new to him. He says maybe after a few years he'll get tired of the travel, but now, it's a lot of fun.

One thing he doesn't enjoy is the attention afforded to all big goal scorers. The "goons" are starting to pay special attention to him. Last Sunday he tangled with Vancouver's newly-acquired hot boy Jack McIlhenny.

Murdoch said, "Every time we play, I run into somebody who takes a run at me. I've only had three fights so far, but it's close calls."

Although he is across the continent from home, he isn't away from all his friends. He sees his brother Bob whenever the Rangers play Cleveland Barons, and last week he had a night out with former teammate Kenny Holstad.

Holland, a Vernon native, is playing with Birmingham Dusters in the North American Hockey League.

Murdoch said, "It was great to see Kenny, he is having a super year."

Murdoch misses the B.C. Interior and says he is looking forward to visiting Vernon this summer.

When asked if the Rangers were still in Vancouver on Monday afternoon, Don said, "I'm the team left today. Just Phil Esposito, Rod Gilbert, and myself are left for the all-star game." Those were the words of Don Murdoch, superstar.



Don Murdoch

THERE IS NOTHING as enjoyable as a rest in the sun after a tough day on the slopes at Silver Star.

Fretty Lari Godmaire of Merritt is one of about 3,000 skiers who enjoyed the sun and snow on Sunday. (Daily News Photo)

Ninth victory for Armstrong

Armstrong had little trouble posting its ninth consecutive victory in Vernon Men's Commercial Basketball League action Monday at VSS.

The Cheese City boys took a 38-18 half-time lead and went on to clobber last-place Lumby 62-42.

Armstrong had only six players dressed, but each scored at least eight points.

League scoring leader Tony Wolcott was top sniper with 26 points while Bob Shannon added 19 and Kim Pullon dropped in 14.

Lumby's big gun was Sandy Ramsey with 14 points while Pete Warnes contributed eight.

BLUES WIN

In another game Monday, the youthful Vernon Blues outlasted Art's Gulf 72-64.

Gulf fell behind 40-38 at half-time, and ran into serious foul trouble in the third-quarter.

The club's top scorer Rick Kohler fouled out as did Gary Pruden and Greg Garbutt.

Brian Craig had to play cautiously with four fouls.

Jim White led the Blues' attack with 20 points while



JON ROSSMAN ... 14 points

zoo Hobbing dropped in 16. Ron Roman, who was tough on the boards, scored 14 points and Walter Fisher added 12.

Kohler was the second of his big gun with 26 points. Craig and Gary Lang scored 10 apiece.

Canadian ski star is returning home

MORZINE, France (CP) — Dave Irwin of Thunder Bay, Ont., has left the Canadian alpine ski team, a team official said Monday.

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Trinity United topped Alliance Alley 15-8, 15-10, and 15-3; and Church of God won 15-3, 15-10, and 15-8. In the C.J. League play, also at Kral School, Vernon Recreation Complex was the victor of four women's volleyball league matches.

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Vernon bowler second

Vernon's Paul Babineau will be one of 12 bowlers representing the Okanagan in the provincial five-pin championships to be held April 7-11 in Surrey.

Babineau was the second of his bowler's quality in the closed event, recently in Kelowna.

Dennis Hegland of Kelowna won the closed competition and will represent the Okanagan in the singles event.

Babineau, who has a 183 average, will be on the five-member team.

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PIN POINTS

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Men's high average: Pogy	218	Women's high triple: May Turek	551
Men's high triple: Phaban	331	Men's high average: Pogy	218
Men's high single: Phaban	331	Men's high triple: Archie Turek	269
Men's high average: Pogy	218	High average: Gordy Ellison	319
Men's high triple: Mark	327	Men's high single: Bob Gyles	385
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Capitals vacate cellar division

MONTREAL (CP) — Washington Capitals will have only forward Guy Charron in the National Hockey League's all-star game tonight in Vancouver, but the team must feel the season this far has been a success.

After missing the playoffs by wide margins in their first two seasons, the Capitals have vacated the Norris Division basement for the first time since Nov. 16 and only the second time in their history.

The Washington club has a 14-28-7 record for 35 points, three ahead of Detroit Red Wings and nine behind third-place Los Angeles Kings. A year ago the Capitals were last, with 13 points on a 4-40-5 record.

Their 14 victories are three more than they managed all last season.

Charron, who will represent the team in the all-star game, signed as a free-agent from Colorado Rockies on Sept. 1. He is the Capitals' leading scorer with 24 goals and 24 assists for 48 points, 20% in the league.

Atop the scoring race, Guy Lafleur of Montreal saw his lead over Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles clipped to three points in the last game of action. Dionne recorded seven points and now has 72, including 28 goals. Lafleur, who led Dionne by seven points a week ago, leads the parade with 37 goals and 38 assists, or 75 points.

SCORING LEADERS

G	A	P	Pts
Lafleur, Mtl	37	18	75
Dionne, LA	28	44	72
Shutt, Atl	28	29	67
Young, Min	20	40	62
McNab, Bos	20	28	58
Sittler, Tor	18	25	59
G...r, NYR	18	25	56
Perrault, Buf	22	25	49
R. Martin, Buf	29	25	54
Barke, Phi	18	25	45
Gorrie, LA	17	38	53
Robinson, Mtl	17	25	45
Salming, Tor	14	35	33
Koroch, NYR	14	25	33
Esposito, NYR	14	25	33
McDonald, Tor	29	20	46
Williams, LA	14	26	40
Lemarie, Mtl	21	28	49

GOALKEEPERS' (Empty-net goals bracketed)

MP	GA	SO	Avg.
Drayden	2,195	81	2.21
Larocque	855	32	3.29
Mit	2,006	114	5.28
Resch	1,097	63	2.27
Smith	1,223	51	2.56
NYI (2)	2,200	114	2.47
Delaney	2,480	123	2.50
Sauve	104	7	0.44
Smith	18	1	0.25
Buf (1)	2,820	129	3.24
Stephenson	300	12	2.25
innes	200	9	0.20
Parent	2,260	111	4.22
Phil (1)	2,880	132	5.27
Cheever	1,620	78	2.29
Gibson	1,200	62	2.85
Pettie	60	3	0.20
Bost (2)	2,880	154	3.25
Myre	1,493	72	2.29
Bochar	1,397	82	3.44
All (1)	2,880	153	3.19
gimsher	1,680	78	2.22
Thomas	1,100	66	3.00
McFar	1,100	66	3.00
For (2)	2,880	154	3.25
Wilson	1,820	85	2.29
Herron	720	40	2.25
Lester	253	24	0.67
Evans (2)	2,438	122	3.28
Vachon	2,438	122	3.00
Edie	551	39	0.42
LA (1)	2,940	162	3.21



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Hedberg regains lead in scoring

TORONTO (CP) — Anders Hedberg has regained the scoring lead in his battle with Quebec's Real Cloutier for individual honors in the World Hockey Association.

Hedberg, the Winnipeg Jets speedster who many rank among the top 10 players in the world, had a goal and two assists Sunday night to take the WHA scoring lead from Cloutier, the flashy Nordiques winger who has been in a scoring slump.

Hedberg's 77 points include 40 goals in 42 games. Cloutier has 76 points in 38 games. The Jets, struggling after a Christmas break to compete in the Izvestia tournament in Moscow, have won six of their last seven games.

With four games in hand, they trail Houston by just four

points in the Western Division.

Scoring leaders:

G	A	Pts	Pts
Hedberg, Wpg	40	37	77
Cloutier, Que	36	42	76
Flores, Phi	28	42	64
C. Borgeau, Que	22	45	67
Hedberg, Wpg	28	45	67
Tardif, Que	28	42	64
S. Bergeron, Wpg	21	45	64
Stoughton, Cin	21	39	60
W. Smith, Wpg	21	39	60
D. Sobushuk, Cin	21	33	52
Le...e, Ind	21	31	51
Lacroix, SD	13	42	55
W. Smith, Ind	13	42	55
Keen, NE	15	38	53
Rogers, NE	14	33	47
W. Smith, Ind	13	32	45
Antovich, Edm	28	21	49
Duvalier, Cin	24	25	49
Lewis, NE	19	30	49
Phelan, Wpg	27	22	49
Hall, Phi	21	26	47

Goalkeeping leaders:

Min	GA	SO	Avg
Le...ur, Edm	1,200	52	2.78
Rutledge, Hou	1,229	58	2.83
Carahans, Hou	1,178	32	3.26
Wakely, SD	1,472	3	2.98
McLeod, Cal	1,973	103	3.11

Tigers' forward enjoys big week

CALGARY (CP) — Western Canada Hockey League statistics revealed Monday that the Tigers' forward line last week was an important one for Ron Arsenhenko of the Medicine Hat Tigers.

He scored the Winning Goal in the WCFL's first all-star game last Wednesday, but his unassisted marker giving the West All Stars a 3-2 win over the East.

When he returned to Medicine Hat, he scored seven goals in two games to help the Tigers move into first place in the league's Central Division.

The goals also helped him move into the top 10 in the WCFL scoring race for the first time this season with 35 goals and 37 assists, good for eighth place.

But the high scoring Brandon Wheat King line of Bill Deriango, Ray Allison and Brian Propp remained one, two, three in the scoring derby.

Centre Deriango continued to hold a wide margin atop the standings with 106 points and a 21-point lead over Allison. Propp remained in third place

with 82 points, followed by Rocky Saganik of the Lethbridge Broncos with 77 and Kevin McCarthy of the Winnipeg Monarchs with 77. Deriango's 82 points remained tops '1' the league, while McCarthy continued to lead the league in assists with 55.

Carey Walker and Blaine Peterson, the netminding duo of the New Westminster Bruins, remained one-two among goaltenders with averages of 2.59 and 2.81 goals against respectively. Glen Hanlon of Brandon was third with a 2.95 goals against average and he continued to lead in shutouts with four.

Grant Morin of the Calgary Centennials remained the league's top penalty getter with 278 minutes.

Scoring leaders:

Wpg	G	A	Pts
Deriango, Bra	47	55	106
Allison, Bra	42	50	92
Propp, Bra	37	50	82
Saganik, Lem	42	37	79
McCarthy, Wpg	41	45	77
Bonar, Bra	47	44	74
W. Smith, Edm	41	29	72
Arsenhenko, MHA	43	35	72
Lecuyer, Cal	40	32	70
Mill, Medhat	47	33	69
Walter, Kam	45	30	69

Alberta takes slim lead in national tournament

MONTON, N.B. (CP) — Most of the winners on the opening day of the Canadian midget hockey championships Monday had little trouble putting their victories on the board, particularly Alberta, Newfoundland and Quebec.

Alberta had the best showing of the day in terms of the standings, ending with a victory and a tie for three points and a slight lead over Quebec and Montreal in the Doublemint division.

Alberta opened the tournament with an 8-0 win over Prince Edward Island and came from behind to tie the Ottawa 4-4 in the final game of the day.

place with 1-0 marks.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Toronto, the three-time midget association representatives, did not see action in that division Monday.

SHOWS POWER

Alberta, represented by Calgary, showed plenty of power in dropping the Saskatchewan squad. Centre Gordie Stafford paced Calgary with a three-goal effort while Dick Olson had a pair of markers.

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