

Interior looks good

Three players will be representing Vernon Vikings in the annual B.C. Interior Hockey League all-star game Wednesday in Merritt...

Huth and Lefley will form two-thirds of the Interior's most awesome unit. They are slated to be on a line with Penttinen's Gord McKay...

For Huth, it will be his third appearance in the all-star game. The 20-year-old center represents the Chilliwack Bruins on the Coast Team...

Huth said: "Looking at the two line-ups, I think we have a better team. We've got a lot of young guys who should really help us..."

The diminutive Penttinen winger broke the league goal-scoring record last weekend with his 65th goal...

Lefley is making his second straight appearance on the Interior team. The 196-pound winger had unimpressive scoring statistics last year...

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BOBBY ORR ... finished?

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The career of one of the most celebrated players in National Hockey League history appeared to have ground to a halt today amid reports that Bobby Orr has taken himself out of the Chicago Black Hawks lineup for the season and perhaps for good...

The Chicago Tribune, in a copyright notice, quoted Orr as saying he is finished for the season. "I'm not saying I'm retiring, but I'm definitely out for this season..."

The Toronto Globe and Mail, also in a copyright notice, said the 28-year-old defenceman has played his last game. The newspaper said Orr was on his way to a Florida vacation after which he planned to consult with Dr. John Palmer of Toronto about the possibility of a limb operation on his ailing left knee...

Orr's agent, Toronto lawyer Al Epstein, declined to comment Monday night, saying an announcement would be made today in Chicago. Orr has played 40 games each, but Dionne has set a new record for most goals in a season with 30 goals and 46 assists...

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Orr played 10 seasons with Boston before becoming a free agent in 1974. He has a multi-year contract with the Black Hawks before the start of the season began. He has played in only 20 of the Hawks' 61 games thus far, scoring 10 goals and collecting 19 assists...

He missed all but 10 games during the 1976-77 season with a knee injury but he battled back from his fifth knee operation in 1974. He participated in the Canada Cup hockey tournament and was named most valuable player in the competition...

Canada won the Cup. Orr played the final six games of the regular season for the Black Hawks and since has been in and out of the lineup...

CONTRACT IN DOUBT "Whatever happens, I'll sit out today in Chicago and I'll go to meet with my doctor, and a decision will be made on my knee and what to do with it..."

"If the doctor says to offer he looks at it that there's no chance for me to play again, then it will be all over. I'll have to quit hockey..."

Orr, who has won a record 16 major NHL awards and set numerous scoring records since joining the league with Boston Bruins in 1966, was quoted by the Chicago Tribune as saying: "I'm not saying I'm retiring, but I'm definitely out for this season..."

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Shaver hoping for better luck

CALGARY (CP) - Ron Shaver, the odds-on favorite to win the Canadian senior men's figure skating title vacated by Toller Cranston, hopes the bad luck that plagued him the last two years is a thing of the past...

Shaver, who has won the world championship and the 25-year-old skater from Cambridge, Ont., is participating in a special set of exercises to prevent a recurrence of the problem...

"I'm very careful before any freestyle practice," Shaver said Monday as he prepared for the Canadian championships opening Wednesday. "The freestyle exercises were specially designed for me by my choreographer, who is also a dancer, and the medical staff at McMaster University in Hamilton..."

Shaver stays healthy and wins here as expected, he will be a contender for a third world title before the world championship in Tokyo in March...

Shaver turned professional on Cranston, who runner-up in the previous world, but he is a more athletic skater than his predecessor...

Cranston revolutionized men's skating with a blend of artistry and free skating style, but there is a suspicion that his independent spirit earned him the wrath of some international judges...

Shaver is one of the best free skaters in the world and he has been involved in the sort of controversy generated by Cranston, may expect to be treated more kindly in international competition. Last year he is sticking to the free skating program that earned him a medal at the world championships...

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Armstrong records hoop win

First-place Armstrong built up a 38-13 half-time lead and coasted to a 74-51 win over Art's Club in Vernon. Commercial Basketball League play Monday night at VSSS...

League scoring leader Tony Wocott led the Armstrong track with 22 points while Pete Boshard dropped in 18 and Ian Houchard added 10...

Cloutier on top of WHA scorers

TORONTO (CP) - Coach Marc Boileau has his Quebec Nordiques playing better than any team in the World Hockey Association, and Real Cloutier, the 20-year-old right winger, has been leading the charge...

Cloutier has been averaging two points a game this season while jumping to the top of the league scoring race with 84 points in 42 games. His total includes a league-leading 40 goals, a lead he shares with another right winger, Anders Hedberg, who has added 38 assists...

Cloutier's line-mates lead the league in scoring in their respective positions. Marc Lalonde, a Winnipeg winger, has 33 goals and 39 assists...

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Dionne leads Lafleur thanks to sudden surge

MONTREAL (CP) - Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles Kings and Lyle Lafleur of the National Hockey League scoring championship, has taken over the lead from Lafleur of Montreal Canadiens with a second-half surge...

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Atlanta thumps Toronto

ATLANTA (CP) - Fred Creighton had a double finding something he could criticize. "Perhaps he could have finished things a little more, but in all it was right up there with our best games of the season," U.S. national coach said after his Flames beat Toronto Maple Leafs 7-3 in the final National Hockey League game played Monday night...

The teams were deadlocked 3-3 at the end of two periods when Curt Bennett scored a four-goal outburst that turned the game into an easy victory. Bennett's goal came at 7:04 and was called the turning point by Creighton...

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Vernon team splits

Butcher Boys, of Vernon Minor Hockey's Pee Wee tier one division, won two and lost two games on an outdoor coast trip last weekend. The Vernon boys lost two straight games at Port Couquillan Peewee 'B' Reps, but then bounced back to defeat Langley house team 7-3, and Maple Ridge 'B' team 6-3...

Port Couquillan recorded 4-3 and 9-3 victories. In the first game, Keith Major, Scott Wainwright and Vernon won the second game out, Dale Armstrong, Richard Belec, and Gordie Edwards were the snipers...

Brad Chalger scored two for Butcher Boys while Edwards, Tom Wells, Belec, Jeff Wood, and Lair added assists. In the Maple Ridge, Belec scored three times while Lair added a pair and Armstrong, the red light once...

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