

Interior hopes to stop Coast's winning streak

The Interior Division will be out on break to Coast Division's dominance in the annual B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game tonight in Merritt.

The Coast has won the last two games, and in the process, outscored the Interior 14-4. Interior Coach Terry Martin, of Penikese Vee, said he plans to keep team-mates playing on the same line to give the squad some stability.

Martin said, "As much as possible, I want guys playing together who know each other."

In goal will be Penikese's Jim Scammel, who boasts the best goals-against average in the BCHJL, and Kelowna-Buckaroo's John McEwen. Eleven forwards and seven defencemen were also selected to the Interior team.

20 GOALS

The defensive corps is led by Vernon's Brian Mason, goal-scoring defenceman in the league with 30. Kelowna's Ken Calder, top point-getter, among the BCHJL's blue line club, will also be protecting the interior net.

Other defencemen are Dino Sita and Bob Dieterle of Penikese, Bill Ausycki of Kelowna, Tim Waters of Kamloops, and Merritt captain Bill Johnson.

Up front, Martin will have five of the league's top six scorers to choose from. In the top six are John Oliver, Rick Benninghof, and Rod Dan-chuk from the Bucks, along with Kevin Maxwell and Gord McKay of the Vees.

Vernon Vikings' top two scorers Jack Lefley and Gary Huth are also joined on the forward line by Craig Beresowsky of Penikese, Paul Chadwick of Merritt, and Greg Dunn and Glen Merkosky of Kamloops.

The Interior's forwards have scored more than 400 goals already this season.

NANAIMO COACH

The Coast squad, coached by Larry McNabb of Nanaimo Clippers, is relying heavily on



JIM SCAMMEL ... best average



KEN CALDER ... most points

its goalending duo of Richard Martens of Maple Ridge Bruins and Larry Lozinsky of Abbotsford Flyers.

ROYALS VS. ANGELS

Panthers meet Devils in crucial hoop game

Vernon Panthers travel to Kamloops tonight to tangle with the Red Devils at 7:45 p.m.

Panthers lead the Okanagan League's north zone with a 4-2 record, two points ahead of Kamloops. Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News this is one of his team's biggest games of the season. He said, "If we can

the league this season while Martens ranks third in that category.

On defence are Bruce Harris of Langley, Bronn Howes of Maple Ridge, Todd Martin and Jim Slater of Nanaimo, John MacArthur of Bellingham, and Rob Hall of Langley.

FOUR CENTRES

Centres named are John Ogrondick of Maple Ridge, Ed Lebler of Langley, Steve Rucks of Nanaimo, and Bill Hobbins of Abbotsford.

On the wings will be George Frits, Mickey Willgrens, and Mike Shieds of Nanaimo; Randy Irving of Maple Ridge; Randy Hall and Jarl Lindgren of Bellingham; Rick Greenwood of Abbotsford, and Chris Tucker of Langley.

In league play Tuesday, Bellingham doubled the Angels 4-3 and Kelowna bombed Merritt 9-1.



WOODY WOODMAN ... will stay open

STAR STAYS OPEN

Silver Star Ski Area is alive and kicking.

Area Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News today there is no trip to a rumor circulating around Vernon that Silver Star is going to shut down its operation.

Woodman said, "I don't know where that story started, but we are definitely going to remain open."

"Some runs are not in top condition, but there is still lots of good skiing terrain. We're still in pretty good shape."

Due to closure of most other areas, in Western Canada, the Star is enjoying above-average crowds almost every day.

To ease the strain on the most popular runs, the Blue Chair will be open for the remainder of this week and the Yellow Chair will be closed.

Vernon players do well

Thirteen Vernon competitors took part in the Inter-Team's Closed Racquetball Tournament held last weekend at the Kelowna Club.

A total of 72 entrants from Trail, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, and Vernon took part in the four-day tournament.

Local competitor was Greg Caulfield who won the consolation round in the Men's Open class.

Gary Holte won the winner of the novice consolation final, while Dave Ashby won the novice beginners category.

Vernonite George Dodd was defeated in the C event by two points.



SNOOKER CHAMP

Dave Butters won the Vernon Inter-Team's Snooker Championship this week at Dye's Family Recreation Centre. Butters won \$50 and a trophy by

defeating Doug Luteen 4-1 in a best-of-seven final series. Luteen won \$25 while third-place Danny Gallon took home \$10. Gallon also won \$10 for

recording the high run of the day, 54 points. Twenty-two people took part in the tourney. (Daily News Photo)

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Our congratulations to Ralph Dangertfeld, Joe Mullen, Hal Thompson, and Jack Shettler who curled so well last weekend at the BCCA Senior playdowns in Cranbrook.

Seven teams from Logan Lake, Trail, Kimberley, Quesnel, Terrace, Prince George, and Vernon took part in the final game.

After two days of play, Trail, Kelowna, and our Vernon foursome were tied with 5-1 records. In the final, Trail edged Kelowna in an extra end and then met Dangertfeld in the final game.

After eight ends the game was tied 4-4, but Trail managed three in the ninth and went to win.

Our curlers were extremely impressed with the treatment they received in Cranbrook.

IN ENDERBY SPIEL

In the Enderby Ladies' Spiel last weekend, our Vernon teams captured the A and B events.

Muriel Wynn and her team of G. Watson, D. Banera, and J. Pringle defeated Enderby's Wilson rink in the A final. In the B event, Phil Phare and her foursome with C. Hubbard, R. Ponchner, and O. Green took first place.

B.C. Hydro has its annual banquet at the club this weekend, running from Saturday morning to Sunday at noon.

Our Valentine's Spiel gets underway way next Thursday, with the Joppo Spiel running from Tuesday to Thursday.

A mini-spiel and turkey shoot is being held by the commercial league, on Feb. 19, and is open to everyone.

In Kelowna, the BCCA Spiel starts Sunday and our club is well-represented as most teams from A group are entered and hoping to qualify for the Consols play-downs. Good luck!



BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

This week's top bowlers are Doreen Ellison of Island Eagles in the Monday 8:11 p.m. mixed league, and Bill Hood of Empire Meads in the Friday 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. mixed league.

Ellison rolled a 704 triple, 215 pins over her 183 average. Hood had a 567 three-strike, 187 pins over his 150 average.

Boat mooring will cost more

Mooring a boat on Okanagan Lake this summer is going to cost Vernon residents a lot more than in past years.

Seymour Equipment Ltd., owner-operator of Okanagan Marina, has announced large fee increases for 1977.

During 1976, boats up to and including 16' were charged \$110 for moorage. This year, the fee will be \$176.

The Daily News has received two anonymous complaints about the increase, which is justified, according to the marina owner, Seymour.

Seymour said it was no longer feasible to operate the marina at the rates that had been charged. "We felt for what

Blades dump Pats to extend streak

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatoon Blades extended their undefeated string to nine games Tuesday by blasting Regina Pats 9-2 in one of three Western Canada Hockey League games.

Western Canada Division		W	L	T	P	pts
Brandon	36	7	3	20	10	50
Saskatoon	31	18	2	11	50	50
Fin. Flon	11	24	11	19	24	35
Regina	4	23	14	20	18	18
Western Division		W	L	T	P	pts
New Westminster	19	10	19	20	25	48
Kamloops	11	17	22	15	49	49
Central	10	24	21	21	40	40
Portland	11	19	22	20	51	51
Lehigh	47	18	11	22	28	48
Winnipeg	49	15	23	19	48	48
Calgary	49	15	23	20	41	41

In the other games, Winnipeg Monarchs moved into Flin Flon and defeated the Bombers 6-2, and the leading Victoria Cougars defeated Lethbridge Broncos 4-2.

The Blades took period leads of 4-1 and 5-1 behind the three-goal effort of Bruce Hamilton while Rob McParlane and Brent Ashton each provided a pair.

Brian McGregor and Del Chapman rounded out the Saskatoon scoring.

The Pats, who took nine of 17 minor penalties, got two goals from Gerald Winger. Each team took two majors.

Bombers had trouble staying out of the penalty box, taking 10 of 12 minor penalties, and it cost them as Winnipeg got three power play goals.

The Monarchs scored three unanswered goals in the third period to clinch the win after taking a 3-0 first period lead but stalling 2-2 after two.

Dave Steiner scored three goals for Winnipeg while Guy Laan and Kevin McCarthy got one each.

Mel Bluk and Glenn Hicks scored for the Bombers who were outshot 33-30.

WORK STARTS ON COMPLEX

Construction is progressing full-speed ahead on the Newcombe North Tennis Ranch, in Tillikum Valley, despite a delay in the arrival of funds from Europe.

Mike McGrath, spokesman for K-Vai Holdings principle of the project, told the Daily News he is waiting day-by-day for the funds to arrive.

McGrath said, "We were late in getting the arrangements made on our end. That is the reason for the delay. However, all the papers have been signed and we are just waiting for the money to arrive."

The complex is to include indoor and outdoor tennis courts, an indoor swimming pool, four-sheet curling rink, chalets, a health spa, and lodge.

Russia may get some competition

CALGARY (CP) — Pairs figure skating, a Soviet preserve for more than a decade, may be on the verge of making a comeback in Canada.

Only two pairs—Janet and Cheryl Chen and Dennis Pinner of Stoney Creek, Ont.—are entered in the senior division at the Canadian championships which opened today.

But 18 other pairs entered in the junior competition and 16 at the novice level, there is evidence of renewed vitality in what used to be one of Canada's strongest figure skating disciplines.

Strength in pairs began with Frances Dafoe and Norris Bowden winning world championships in 1964 and 1966. Barbara Wagner and Bob Paul winning four from 1967 to 1969 and Maria and Otto Jelinek taking the title in 1962.

Then the Russians took over and the best Canadians has been able to do since 1964 is a bronze medal in 1964.

Candy Jones and Don Frazer, Canadian champions the last two years, have turned professional. Because they failed to make it into the top 10 at last year's world championships in Sweden, Canada will be permitted to send only one pair to this year's world in Tokyo.

Still skating as juniors, are such promising couples as Sherri Blair, 14, of Mitchell, Ont., and Robin Cowan, 17, of Waterloo, Ont., who were 1976 world junior champions, and Josee France, 16, of Cambridge, Ont., and Paul Mills, 18, of Sheffield, Ont., Canada's entry for the 1977 juniors in Magese, France.

Barbara Graham, technical co-ordinator for the Canadian Figure Skating Association, says she is confident pairs skating is on its way back in Canada.

She is also optimistic about the future of ice dancing. Canada's last medal in world dance competition was a silver won by Paulette Doan and Ken Ormsby in 1964.

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