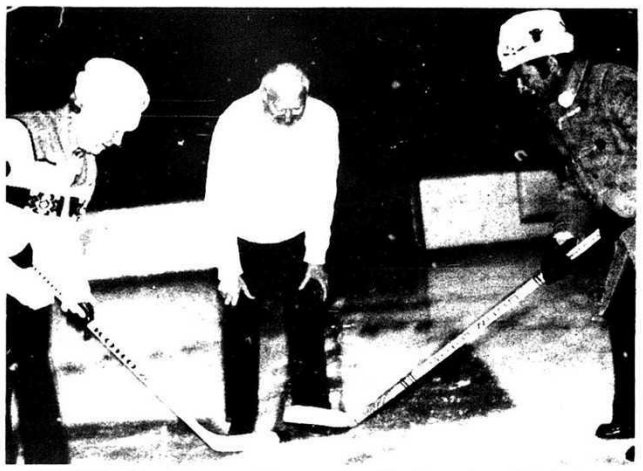

DROPPING THE PUCK to officially open the 6th annual Vernon Winter Carnival Invitational Pee Wee Tournament is former hockey great Frank Jerwa. Facing off are Mayor Stuart Fleming and Mayor Mike Young, of Victoria — this year's carnival honored city. More than 1,200 people watched the first day's games.

(Daily News Photo)

IN PEE WEE TOURNEY

Seattle comes back to upset Vernon 5-4

Seattle rallied in the third period to edge Vernon 5-4 during opening round play in the annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament before more than 1,200 fans Friday night at the Civic Arena.

In other first round games, Coquitlam blasted Calgary 14-2, Nanaimo edged defending champion Red Deer 6-5, and Swift Current doubled Fort St. John 8-4.

Rod Duscherer gave Vernon a 1-0 lead after only 1:29 of the opening period, but Bill Plummer tied the game three minutes later.

In the second period, the locals took control of the game outscoring the visitors 3-1. Greg Kowal, Kevin Miskosky, and Jeff Wejr tallied for Vernon while Ron Ford countered for Seattle.

Two penalties early in the third period turned the game around. With Kevin Alehele in the penalty box for tripping, John Sheard made the score 4-3 in a scramble.

Then, at 4:44, Kevin Savitsky was sent off for tripping and Bob Curtis tied the game.

Plummer, in a scramble, scored the winner at 7:07.

Vernon's best chance to tie the score came during a powerplay midway through the period, but Seattle goalie Jamie Samerk made a couple key saves to preserve the win.

Samek made 20 saves while Vernon goalie Todd Beck blocked 37 shots.

After taking the lead, Seattle had the host team confused with tremendous forechecking.

Despite the loss, Tournament Chairman Jim Alveberg was wearing a big smile on Friday. He said, "Isn't this crowd fantastic? This is by far the largest opening day crowd we've ever had. Can you imagine how many people will be here for the Final on Sunday?"

Five hundred three-day passes were sold before the first puck was dropped.

Coquitlam was scheduled to meet Nanaimo in an 'A' event semi-final at 10:30 a.m., while Seattle meets Swift Current in the other semi-final at 3:30 p.m.

On the 'B' side, Calgary met Red Deer at 8 a.m. and Vernon tangled with Fort St. John at 1 p.m.

B final is Sunday at 12 noon, with the A final at 3 p.m.

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Panthers rally to dump Golds

Vernon Panthers blew Salmon Arm off the court in the third quarter and went on to defeat the Golds 76-67 in boys' high school basketball action Friday before 350 fans at VSSS.

First place Panthers trailed 42-29 at half-time, but outscored Salmon Arm 32-8 in the third quarter to build up a 61-46 lead.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig said, "We played a sloppy first-half and shot only 27 per cent. We went to a half-court press and that didn't seem to work. So, we tried a 2-1-2 zone and Steve King caught fire."

In the third-quarter, King shot six-for-six from the field, while Mike Kormos added 10 points.

Panthers shot a tremendous 60 per cent in the second-half.

29 POINTS

Kormos finished the game with 29 points and 20 rebounds while King collected 18 points. Centre Tom Davison had 13 points and 10 rebounds while Brent Krusel dumped in 10 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

Inrig said, "The whole club caught fire, but it was King that really started making things happen. He turned the game around."

The victory gives Panthers a 6-2 record and moves them four points ahead of Kamloops Red Devils and Salmon Arm.

JEWELS RALLY

Meanwhile, Vernon Royals came within one-quarter of upsetting unbeaten Salmon Arm Jewels in girls' action.

Jewels outscored Royals 15-5 in the fourth-quarter to record their eighth straight victory, 43-35.

Despite a 24-15 lead at half-time, Vernon Coach Deloy Routley told the Daily News he knew he was in trouble.

Routley said, "Two of our starters, (Laurie) Ogasawara and (Connie) Blaeser, had four fouls at half-time. In the second-half, the situation got worse."

FOULED OUT

Ogasawara and Blaeser played only about one minute in the second-half and three other girls fouled out. Leanne Willms, Terri Rosman, and Wendy Kramer did not finish the game.

Routley said, "When you're against Salmon Arm, you have to play your best. When we got in trouble, we just didn't have enough bench strength to pull the game out of the fire."

STEVE KING
. . . caught fire

Ogasawara led the attack with 12 points while Willms sunk nine, and Rosman added eight.

Rosman, just coming off an ankle injury, did a tremendous job defensively holding Salmon Arm centre Bev Smith to five points.

Second-place Royals now trail the Jewels by four points.

Kelowna thumps slumping Vikings

Kelowna Buckaroos got goals from eight players as they romped to an 8-1 win over Vernon Vikings in a B.C. Junior Hockey League game Friday night in Kelowna.

BCJHL STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Interior Division					
Kelowna	56	41	14	1	83
Penticton	55	37	16	2	76
Vernon	58	25	31	2	52
Kamloops	57	19	38	0	38
Merritt	55	16	39	0	32
Coast Division					
Nanaimo	58	37	18	3	77
Langley	58	29	28	1	59
Maple Ridge	57	28	27	2	58
Bellingham	53	21	29	3	45
Abbotsford	55	21	32	2	44

In other action, Maple Ridge Bruins defeated Nanaimo Clippers 8-3 and Penticton Vees downed Langley Lords 5-1.

Scott Lang, Les Koch, Rod Danchuk, Mike Wills, Doug Davis, Rick Benninghof, Bill Audycki, and Rob Neeld scored for the Buckaroos.

ONLY GOAL

Gary Huth spoiled Randy Struch's shutout bid with a goal at 16:14 of the second period. Bucks had period leads of 5-0 and 3-0.

Struch blocked 21 shots while Keith Ferner made 29 saves for the Vikings.

Vernon has now won only three of its last 18 outings.

The game turned into a wild one with 138 minutes in penalties. Vikings took 10 minors, one major, four game misconducts and one 10-minute misconduct. Kelowna was assessed nine minors, one major, and three game misconducts.

Vernon gets a chance to avenge that setback tonight when it hosts the Bucks at 8 p.m.

Tonight is Family Night with a special admission rate of $5 per family. Also, there will be three grocery hampers given away totaling $100 in value.

Meanwhile, ex-Vernon Coach Gary Swanson told the Daily News Friday he resigned, and was not fired, by the Vikings.

Swanson said, "As far as I am concerned I resigned and was going to stay on with the club to help solve the team's problems. It was my understanding I would be in the press box, or stands, watching for mistakes."

Swanson said he was not bitter about General Manager Vern Dye taking over as coach, but is a little upset with the team's attitude.

He said, "If Vern feels he can change the team — all the power to him. The biggest problem is the players don't want to be disciplined. I hope we can work things out and get the team going."

SKI SERIES ENDS

Karl's Sport Haus captured first place in the Pepsi Cola Team Challenge Series which ended this week at Tillicum Valley Ski Area.

The team of Eric Kjarsgaard, Steve White, and Chris Bahrey won this week's race and edged Silver Star Sports for the overall championship.

Third place went to Anderson Homes followed by Bank of Montreal and Bank of B.C.

A total of 20 teams took part in the series.

Area Manager Sandy Boyd said, "Due to the tremendous enthusiasm of those who gathered to celebrate at the end of the series, it has been decided to run a dual slalom event every Wednesday evening.

"Any group or company, which can put together a three-person team, is invited to participate."

Brandon bombs last-place Regina

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bill Derlago and Brian Propp scored two goals each to lead the league-leading Brandon Wheat Kings to a 9-1 romp over cellar-dwelling Regina Pats before 1,684 fans in one of two Western Canada Hockey League games Friday night.

In the other game, the Western Division leading New Westminster Bruins scored six consecutive goals in the second period en route to a 9-4 victory over Saskatoon Blades before 3,685 fans.

Dave Semenko, Kelly Ferner, Murray Thomson, Dick Kerr and Dan Earley added a goal each for the Eastern Division Wheat Kings while Gerald Minor replied for the Eastern Division Pats.

Brandon, which took four of five minor penalties and one of two majors, took a 6-1 lead at the end of the second period. The first period ended in a 1-1 tie.

Glen Hanlon in the Wheat King net faced 30 shots while Pat Ansell and Doug Koffler were tested a total of 46 times.

The Saskatoon loss snapped its undefeated string at 10 games.

Don Hobbins scored two goals to lead the Bruins.

Record crowd in Birmingham

By ROSS HOPKINS
The Canadian Press

Birmingham Bulls won their sixth consecutive game Friday night out for many women in the record crowd of 17,489, the game's outcome was incidental.

NHL
Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Phila	30	10	12	201	140	72
Islanders	31	14	7	187	130	69
Atlanta	24	18	11	179	162	59
Rangers	18	23	13	138	198	49
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	21	26	6	152	184	48
Chicago	19	25	9	186	186	47
Colorado	15	29	9	155	196	39
Minnesota	12	28	11	147	204	35
Vancouver	15	33	5	146	205	35
Prince of Wales Conference						
Adams Division						
Boston	31	17	6	204	170	68
Buffalo	29	16	6	183	143	64
Toronto	25	20	7	191	168	57
Cleveland	15	28	9	152	189	39
Norris Division						
Montreal	29	7	8	259	125	66
Pittsburgh	23	20	9	165	163	55
Los Angeles	19	23	10	171	167	48
Washington	16	29	8	143	199	40
Detroit	14	30	6	129	185	34

In an effort to improve attendance at the Birmingham Civic Centre, the Bulls held Diamond Night and handed out envelopes—many of them containing diamonds—to every woman patron. The World Hockey Association club didn't let the standing-room crowd down, either, drubbing Quebec Nordiques 7-0.

WHA
East Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	31	18	1	224	182	63
Indianap	24	22	4	169	180	52
Cincinnati	23	24	2	214	187	48
New Eng	20	30	5	176	206	45
x-Minn	19	18	5	136	129	43
Birming	17	29	1	185	203	43
West Division						
Houston	30	17	5	193	151	65
San Diego	29	21	2	177	173	60
Winnipeg	27	20	1	228	176	55
Phoenix	21	28	2	180	234	44
Edmonton	21	29	2	140	189	44
Calgary	19	26	4	155	167	42
x-Idled.						

Elsewhere in the WHA, Winnipeg Jets trounced San Diego Mariners 8-2 and Houston Aeros downed New England Whalers 4-1.

In the lone National Hockey League contest, Atlanta Flames surprised Boston Bruins 6-3.

The previous WHA record crowd of 17,312 was set April 4, 1978, in St. Paul, Minn.

Birmingham management, which gave away about $5,000 worth of the precious jewels, saw the average crowd of about 7,000 more than doubled in an arena with a listed seating capacity of 16,759.

Tim Sheehy scored his 29th and 30th goals of the season as the Bulls upset the East Division leaders. Captain Mark Napier added his 38th, with Lou Nistico, Peter Marrin, Jeff Jacques and J. C. Stewart getting the other Birmingham goals.

Goaltender John Garrett turned aside 24 Quebec shots to record his second shutout of the year. His team-mates fired 32 drives at Richard Brodeur in the Quebec goal.

Marc Tardif of the Nordiques, who had collected at least one point in his 23 previous games, was held pointless.

Coupled with New England's loss, the Bulls moved to within two points of the fourth-place Whalers in the East Division. Quebec remains 11 points ahead of second-place Indianapolis Racers.

At Winnipeg, Anders Hedberg continued his prolific scoring pace, netting four goals and collecting two assists to raise his league-leading points total to 89.

He also scored four times and added an assist in Winnipeg's 11-1 victory over the Oilers in Edmonton on Tuesday, and now has 48 goals in the 46 games he has played this season. It was his third four-goal effort of the season. Linemate Ulf Nilsson added a goal and five assists Friday.

INCREASE LEAD

Houston goaltender Wayne Rutledge overcame a pregame shot on the mask and turned away 31 of 32 New England shots as the Aeros increased their first-place lead over San Diego in the West Division to five points.

Houston took a 1-0 lead at the 11:51 mark of the first period on Poul Popiel's 11th goal of the season. Second-period goals by Mark Howe and Rich Preston increased the Aeros' lead to 3-0.

Seaton captures opener

W. L. Seaton won its opening game in the second annual Seaton Winter Basketball Classic on Friday.

The host girls trounced Winfield 40-20.

Laurie Ferguson was top sniper for Seaton with 12 points while Nina Langton and Pat Wilson sunk eight apiece.

In another game, Penticton edged Cloverdale 19-18.

Other teams taking part in the tournament are Surrey, Brocklehurst of Kamloops, Spring Valley of Kelowna, and Enderby.

Championship game will be played tonight at 6 p.m.

Two games were played this week in ladies' Tri-Lake Basketball League action at VSSS.

MAIDS WIN

Enderby Inn Maids took a 25-10 half-time lead and went on to dump Enderby Ladies 47-38.

Carleen Kyle was top scorer for Maids with 16 points while Verona Ginn sunk 16 for the Ladies.

In the other game, Betty Sherk scored 18 points as Grey Machine trounced Armstrong Builders 41-23. Elli Smith dropped in 14 for Armstrong.

In a minor boys' game at VSSS, Rebels edged Falcons 19-15.

PIN POINTS

Jan. 27
Classic

Women's high single — Lena Herbst 313, high triple — Lena Herbst 726, high average — Deanna Budd 233.

Men's high single — Bill Kniaz 317, high triple — Mark Kattalay 748, high average — Shig Tabata 240.

Team high single — Lena's Bunch 1055, high triple — Lena's Bunch 2864.

300 Club — Bill Kniaz 317, Lena Herbst 313, 700 Club — Lena Herbst 726, Willie Wendel 706, Deanna Budd 700.

TEAM STANDINGS

Status Quo	8
Lena's Bunch	7½
Frank's Tanks	6
Hi-Lo	4

TEAM STANDINGS

South Paws	86
Vernon Fruit Union	79
Neca Sunshine	71
Sticky Finger	66

Jan. 27
Thurs Matinee

Women's high single — Alys Cowan 254, high triple — Marg Morris Reade 619, high average — Willie Wendel 207.

Team high single — Knox 1311, high triple — Twisters 3591.

TEAM STANDINGS

Cameos	251½
Bxers	208½
Knox	203
Groaners	194
Question Marks	191

Jan. 27
Thurs. Morning Coffee Party

Women's high single — Judy Persa 288, high triple — Ruth Freeborn 701, high average — Lil Jamieson 212.

Team high single — East Side Gang 1319, high triple — Spring Chickens 3642.

700 Club — Ruth Freeborn 701.

TEAM STANDINGS

The Speedy 5	119
Silver Stars	107½
East Side Gang	100
Spring Chickens	100

Pins over ave — Rosella Harrad 63.

Jan. 27
Thurs 7-9

Women's high single — Peg Turek 270, high triple — Mari Kosty 715, high average — Mav Turek 223.

Men's high single — Ron Trask 269, high triple — Ron Trask 723, high average — John Tykalowich 265.

Team high single — Forgetfuls 1294, high triple — Road Runners 3591.

ICE CHALLENGE

Vernon driver Chuck Hanes is one of about 100 racers taking part in the Carling O'Keefe Ice Challenge 77 this weekend at Ashcroft. Racers from throughout Western Canada will be competing for points and prize money. The races are held on Barnes Lake, six miles southeast of Ashcroft, at the entrance of the Highland Valley.

(Daily News Photo)

Toronto dancers win championship

CALGARY (CP) — Susan Carscallen and Eric Gillies of Toronto won the senior dance championship and favorites Lynn Nightingale of Ottawa and Ron Shaver of Cambridge, Ont., stretched their leads in senior singles competition Friday at the 1977 Canadian figure skating championships.

The standouts all declare themselves pleased with the night's effort, with Carscallen and Gillies particularly happy after their solid demonstration before a crowd of about 5,500.

They succeeded Barbara Berezowski and David Porter of Toronto who turned professional after winning the title for the second time last spring.

"I'm glad we skated our best to win it," said Carscallen, 21, after she combined with her 24-year-old partner to hold off a strong challenge by Lorna Wighton of Toronto and John Dowding of Oakville, Ont., in the five-minute freestyle segment.

Debbie and Greg Young of Toronto were third.

The top two teams will represent Canada in the world championships at Tokyo in March. Nightingale and Shaver made it almost certain they, too, will compete in the worlds.

Nightingale was placed first by all seven judges in the two-minute compulsory women's short program but conceded she was hesitant at the start.

"My lead after figures was not strong. I have been behind often after figures, especially in stronger competition, but I'm happy the lead is stronger now."

Tampa Bay gets Nettles

MIAMI (AP) — Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League have sent two players and an undisclosed draft choice to Miami for rights to linebacker Ray Nettles, now in the Canadian Football League, a Dolphins' spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman said the Dolphins will receive wide-receiver Barry Smith, 26, and offensive tackle Randy Young, 22, plus the future draft choice.

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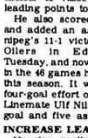
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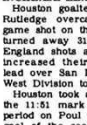
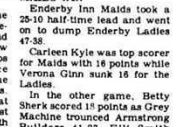
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