

# Lacrosse group starts

With the warm weather and sunshine we've been having the last few days, it kind of reminds us of summer.

With summer comes lacrosse, baseball, and tennis, to name just a few activities.

On the subject of lacrosse, a group of enthusiasts is trying to get kids playing again this summer in Vernon.

Minor lacrosse died here in 1973, and the senior club has been forced to rely on several out-of-town players in recent years.

One of those out-of-town players, Danny Holte, is heading up the minor lacrosse group. Holte is formerly coached in Coquitlam and is spearheading the reformation of an association here.

He said, "I can't see the reason that we can't get at least three teams going this spring. The interest seems to be there."

Assisting Holte will be several other people, including former minor football commissioner Fred McKenzie.

McKenzie built minor football in Vernon, from scratch, and is as optimistic as Holte about getting lacrosse back on its feet.

To date, about a dozen boys have shown an interest in playing. Tentatively, the teams will be 7 and 8 year olds, novice 9 and 10 year olds, and pee wee 11 and 12 year olds.

Anyone interested in having their sons play, or assisting in the administration of the association, can phone Holte at 548-8764 or phone the Daily News and leave a message.

## LEAGUE IN TROUBLE

Okanagan-Mainline Baseball League, which was re-born last year, appears to be in serious danger of folding.

Franchises in Kamloops and Kelowna are on shaky ground due to lack of management. Lumber Loggers are suffering from lack of players, while the league's strongest club, Vernon Lakers, has lost its best players.

Terry Chambers, who coached and managed the Lakers last season, has left the area. No replacement has been found to date.

There is no shortage of competent players in Vernon, and in fact, this city could probably field two teams. But, unless a devoted manager can be found, the club may be forced to fold.

Kelowna and Kamloops are over-run with softball, so the loop relies on strong administration from Vernon to keep the league running. Without that leadership, no senior baseball may be dead here - again.

## MOVING SLOWLY

Work is progressing, but slowly, on the Newcombe North Tennis Ranch in Tillicum Valley.

Target date for the delayed opening was July 1, but that date seems unrealistic, hold-up in the arrival of funds from Europe has thrown the construction behind schedule again.

It is rumored the North Okanagan Regional District is also raising the project's principles some headaches.

The story goes that NORRD is settling down some tough water requirements for the development.

Gordon Wilson, manager of Vernon Engineering which is working on the project, said the water supply in the area isn't bad.

Wilson said, "We're going to be checking into the situation. A reservoir is planned."

Meanwhile, a crew is working on the indoor tennis courts and has one building covered.

# Flyers doubles down Blazers

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (CP) - Jim Dobson and Tom Chisholm each fired two goals for the host Bradford Thursday night to lead the Flyers to a 9-6 victory over Bellingham Blazers in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action before 400 fans.

Rick Greenwood, Dan Krutz, Dean Wray, Daryl Leashy and Craig Williamson added singles for the Flyers. Erkki Lehtonen, Pekka Makkela, Ron Vincent, Gary

Chris, Jari Viittala and Matti Tenonen replied for the Blazers.

Flyers racked up 3-1 and 6-4 nips, to lead the Flyers to a 9-6 victory. Goalie Larry Losinski turned in a shutout in Flyers nets, while Ben Schrey blocked 38 attempts at his end.

Blazers seven minors and four fighting majors, while Flyers added singles for the four majors and a game misconduct.

# Seaton and senior high host hoop tournaments

Vernon Senior Secondary and W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary Schools will be hosting boys' basketball tournaments this weekend.

VSSS will be the site of the annual Snowball Classic with four teams competing.

Seaton is hosting the second annual Winter Carnival Classic with four Okanagan and four Vancouver area teams.

Killarney and Salmon Arm will tangle in the opening game of the Snowball Classic tonight at 8:45 p.m. That game will be followed by a match between Vernon Panthers and Windermere at 8:30 p.m.

FINAL GAME: Consolation final is slated for Saturday at 8:45 p.m. for the championship game at 8:30 p.m.

Panthers, who boast an impressive 22-6 record on the season, are still looking for their first tournament victory.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig said, "The boys are still looking for their first tournament victory. It would be nice to win a trophy for a change."

Panthers' stiffest competition will probably come from Salmon Arm. The Golds are coming off an upset victory over highly-ranked Rutland, and the Golds are starting today.

At Seaton, the tourney kicks off today at 3:30 p.m. Seaton plays West Whalley in the opener to be followed by Westley's of Kamloops vs. Eric Hamber at 5 p.m.

Kelowna vs. Windermere at 6:30 p.m., and Oliver vs. Killarney at 8 p.m.

Games will be played all day Saturday, with the championship match scheduled at 8 p.m.

Sonnet, the host club, has lost only once in 20 outings this season.

Highlight of the tournament will be a two-on-two contest at half-time of each game. The two best players on each team will face each other, with the first duo to score 10 points declared as a winner.



All week, one block on Barnard Avenue has been blocked off at noon hour for the Winter Carnival Girls Broomball Tournaments.

Broomball Tournaments. In this game, NOCA Dairy edged Lowntown Vernon Association 2-1. Finals were played today with NOCA and Bank of Montreal battling for the championship, while Vernon Lodge and Bank of Commerce fought for the B title. (Daily News Photo)

# Stick in face jolts Korab to goal spree

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Buffalo Sabres defenseman Jerry Korab doesn't usually take it kindly when an opposing player slaps him in the face with a stick.

In other NHL action, New York Rangers edged Detroit Red Wings 5-1, and Philadelphia Flyers whipped Washington Capitals 9-2.

In Thursday's only World Hockey Association game, New England Whalers beat Winnipeg Jets 6-3.

The Sabres, who relinquished just the Adams Division lead to Boston in mid-January, were playing their first game on ice since Jan. 27 and drew a crowd of 18,483. Two games at Buffalo had been postponed since snow storms hit the area two weeks ago.

Centre Guy Perreault helped at up both of Korab's goals. The first, early in the first period, came just after Korab finished serving a double minor penalty following the encounter with Whalers.

The big defenseman's second goal of the night, and 10th of the season, gave the Sabres a 3-1 lead early in the second period and Brian Spencer made it 4-1 before the Bruins, who outshot Buffalo 26-17 in the game, rallied with two third-period goals.

Buffalo now has beaten the Bruins in all three games between the clubs this season.

"It's because we're a better team than they are," said Korab.

At Philadelphia, Rick Letourneau scored his goal for the Flyers who strung their unbeaten streak to nine games-six wins and three ties.

Bill Barber assisted on both goals in the second period. Ron Lonsberry, one by Bob Dattalos and scored once himself.

The Flyers, who had a 4-0 lead before the Capitals got their first goal of the second period, outlasted Washington 4-1 in the game.

Rookie Don Murdoch's 32nd goal of the season gave Rangers the victory at Detroit. The Rangers tied the game in the final minute.

Referee Barry Lavallee of Victoria suspended and ejected five players in the first 10 minutes and 41 seconds until Peterson had received five stitches to close the cut under his right eye.

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## Exhibition games set for Canada

TORONTO (CP) - Canada's entry in the 1977 world hockey championships in Sweden, 3 until May 8 will play eight pre-tournament exhibition games.

The players chosen from teams eliminated from the playoffs in the National Hockey League and World Hockey Association, will arrive in Toronto on April 4 and depart for Goteborg, Sweden the following day.

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# Vernon teams out of action

Both Vernon teams in the B.C. Curling Association console playdown were knocked out of the B event Thursday in Kelowna.

Wayne Laface, of Vernon, North Okanagan zone representative lost to Elgin Smith, of Kimberley, 6-2.

Wayne Laface, of Vernon, lost 8-8 to Bob McWhirter, of Prince George.

McWhirter went into advanced play in the event and lost to Don Bogie, of Kamloops, 7-5. Smith went on and lost to Al Lachance, of Kamloops, 7-4.

Bogie and Lachance will meet in the final today to decide the champion. Lachance won the A event, so play will be over if he wins, but if Bogie wins, it means another game.

Winner will play Roy Vinters, of Vancouver, in a best of three series to decide who will be the B.C.rier representative in Montreal early in March.

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The Keystone Cops were not forgotten at this year's Jogo Bonspiel. The Keystone Evening Club rink.

## KEYSTONE COPS

Keystone in full dress with their lovely Miss Kiwanis, Carol Kuhn and won the spiel. Here from left are:

John Arthur, lead; Carol Kuhn, skip; Tom Jenner, second; and Ted Erdmann, third. News photo by Alleyne Tull.

## Royals hammer B-ball visitors

Blazers starting to play super ball and shooting a lot better we've reached the total floor balance I've been looking for.

We now are able to score a lot of points from any position on the floor. Every girl is capable of coming up with the big game.

Routley praised the play of Leanne Williams who did a fine job offensively both in scoring and setting up a lot of the baskets.

Steele, who came in the fourth quarter and did a tremendous job and scored 8 points.

Royals will now travel to Kamloops to play in an eight team invitational tournament.

Routley said, "We're definitely out to win this one, we've come close in our previous three tournaments and now we want a piece of the cake."

The Vernon coach said "I don't know very much about the teams in the tournament but Queenie is supposed to have a very fine ball club.

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# Bruins take easy win over Wheat Kings: 7-3

BRANDON (CP) - New Westminster Bruins took an easy 7-3 victory over Brandon Wheat Kings Thursday night in a game between the Western Canada Hockey League's two winningest teams.

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# Non-pro coach eyed for Vienna

TORONTO (CP) - There is a strong possibility that the head coach of Canada's entry in the world hockey championships at Vienna April 21 to May 8 will be a man with no professional experience, general manager Derek Holmes said Thursday.

"We may be looking outside the National Hockey League or the World Hockey Association for a head coach," Holmes said.

He said it is a definite possibility that the man he will

hire could be someone like Don Day, Bauer or Tom Watt.

Father Bauer was the founder and coach of Canada's national team which participated in several world championship and Olympic tournaments in the 1960s. He is currently an adviser to the National Hockey League.

Watt is coach of University of Toronto Blues, a team that has played in various international tournaments and the Olympics.