



Terry Ryall works on getting Ed Grant's shoulders on the mat in an evening class at Vernon Senior Secondary School Monday. The students were wrestling in the under 125 pound class, and each represented a house.

CHIMO DAYS

(Daily News Photo)

KENDALL'S CORNER
Local curlers tops in spiel

Vernon has always had its share of good curlers, but not until this year has the city emerged as a true curling power.

It started last October when Doug Chilton's foursome became the first Vernon rink to ever qualify for the championship round of the Curling 'O'Keeffe Car Spiel.

Then, Scott Thompson won the district junior title and Ralph Danglefield came close to capturing the interior senior crown. Wayne Laface and Chilton both reached the semi-finals in the recent Consols playdowns in Kelowna.

But, never before have local curlers dominated as much as they did in last weekend's Valentine Mixed Spiel. Of the 72 rinks entered, about one-half were from out-of-town. However, Vernon was represented by three, and three of the four winners, were from Vernon.

A "event" was won by Don Myler, B' event by Brian LeMoel, and C' event captured by Dunn. Only the 'D' event, which was won by Vancouver's Brent Giles, broke the local domination. Even Giles' two goals with him, gain Margaret Anne Stroh and Lou Jee.

Giles brought his buddy Brian Bettsworth up to curl with the Vernon girls. How they got together is a story itself.

Bettsworth talked Giles and him to the car spiel, the two Vernon pals asked Giles and him to come up for the Valentine's Spiel. "As a joke," Bettsworth said, "we said sure."

Then we bumped into them up at the Prince George Curl Spiel and they told us we were entered — and had to come. Giles said, "We love this city and will come here anytime."

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Flyers' rookie shocks himself

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Other rookies who had ever scored five points in his first NHL game.

Hill, a 21-year-old native of Nanaimo, B.C., was called up Monday from Springfield of the American Hockey League. "I always start a rookie," said Flyers coach Fred Shero. "It makes them feel they are wanted immediately."

Hill scored on his first two shots of the night and assisted on goals by Reg Leach, Bobby Clarke and Mel Bridgman but his achievements didn't cure his nervousness.

"I was tense," said Hill. "My hands were shaking and they never stopped shaking during the game."

Bob Nyström's goal midway in the final period at Detroit broke a 1-1 tie and the Islanders held on for the win despite being outshot 26-19.

The Canucks playing without defenseman Jack McIlhenny who started a 10-game suspension for his part in a stick-swinging incident at Detroit on Feb. 6. The suspension was to have started last Friday but the Canucks launched an appeal, then announced Monday they had dropped the appeal and McIlhenny was deleted from the lineup until March 3.

NHL Conference Patrick Division

| W | L | T | P | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Philadelphia | 24 | 11 | 23 | 151 |
| Islanders | 24 | 11 | 24 | 124 |
| Atlanta | 24 | 21 | 18 | 136 |
| Rangers | 24 | 13 | 26 | 207 |

Smythe Division

| W | L | T | P | P |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|
| St. Louis | 24 | 27 | 17 | 199 |
| Chicago | 21 | 27 | 18 | 200 |
| Colorado | 21 | 29 | 17 | 211 |
| Minnesota | 19 | 33 | 16 | 227 |
| Vancouver | 16 | 36 | 14 | 222 |

Prince of Wales Division

| W | L | T | P | P |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|
| Buffalo | 20 | 17 | 20 | 157 |
| Boston | 23 | 19 | 18 | 142 |
| Toronto | 22 | 23 | 19 | 161 |
| Cleveland | 17 | 29 | 16 | 198 |

Adams Division

| W | L | T | P | P |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Montreal | 27 | 9 | 23 | 134 |
| Quebec | 22 | 17 | 21 | 162 |
| Los Angeles | 24 | 11 | 18 | 149 |
| Washington | 16 | 32 | 10 | 154 |
| San Jose | 15 | 33 | 20 | 203 |

Robert, running his scoring streak in nine goals in six games, led Buffalo against a 7-2 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs.

Hill, playing his first game for Philadelphia, had two goals and three assists to help the Flyers beat St. Louis Blues 8-2.

In one other game Monday, New York Islanders edged Vancouver Canucks 2-1.

Robert, who also had three goals in Buffalo's 8-2 win over Minnesota North Stars on Sunday, gave much of the credit for his scoring to linemates Don Luce and Craig Ramsay.

Luce, besides scoring two goals himself, assisted on one of Robert's scores, and Ramsay helped set up two of them.

Another star in the Sabres' win was minor-leaguer goalie Don Edwards who made some big saves early in the game.

Edwards was playing his second game after being called up on Sunday. With regular Gerry Desjardins hurt by an eye injury, Smith took the team Sunday, upset that he wasn't given a chance to play. Smith didn't show up for Monday practice and Edwards said he had to guard the Sabres net.

Monday's victory enabled the Sabres to tie the Boston Bruins for first place in the Adams Division.

HILL SHOCKED
At Philadelphia, Hill said he was shocked by the game scoring feat. "I can't believe it," he said after his five-point game.

NHL publicity director Ron Andrews said he knew of no

PUPS SECOND

Peewee Rebs win league title

Vernon Watkin Motors Pee Wee Rebs captured first place in the Okanagan-Mainline League by thumping Kelowna last weekend, 8-3 and 11-2.

Vernon finished its season with a 12-2 record, two points ahead of second-place Penticton. Peewee started their league play Saturday when they beat Kamloops Elroy's, in the first game of a best-of-three semi-final series.

On Saturday, Greg Kowal led the Vernon attack with two goals while Tom Day, Rod Duchacher, Kevin Miorozky, Bob Morden, Jeff Weir, and David Wensley added singles.

In Sunday's 11-2 win, Kowal, Morden, Weir, and David Specht scored two apiece while Day, Wensley, and Nick Kappick added solos.

In Bantam House League play, the Pee Wees fought to a

6-0 tie with Ernie's Easo. Day popped three times in the Village Green edged Athens Plaza 3-2. Red Top Grocery thumped Boston Bruins in exhibition play, Athens blanked Enderby 2-0 and Embury shutout Rendell 5-0.

Brent Gilchrist led Tradewind with a pair of goals while Gougeon, James Fedevich, Troy Mick, and Dwayne Brandt notched singles.

Dennis Holland, David Christie, David Hubertan, and Brent Bengtson replied for Rendell.

SCORED TWO
Drew Shaw notched a pair for Standard with singles going to Duncan Stanley, Dale Bason, and Scott Prall. Alex McBrice countered with a pair for Bear and Benny Sudd added one.

Darren Adams scored all three Village Green goals on goals from Michael Novak, Scott Cameron and Howard Finch scored for Athens.

Colin Fleming scored for Red Top attack with four goals while Warren Schneider added a pair. Doug Lantz and Willy Schneider netted one apiece.

Robbie Whitman got the lone Boston goal.

In Enderby, Warren and Mike Flakes earned the shutout.

WAS A
In Pee Wee House League play, Elks edged Universal Waikiki 2-1. Tradeland thumped Vernon Sport 7-1. Gumpers blasted Archie Florking 5-1. Tradeland aced Butcher Boys 4-3. Universal Welders squeaked past Bantam House League play, 2-1. Elks bombed Lumby 10-0.

In Bantam House League play, Vernon's Keltus ACT 10-1, and in exhibition games, North Shore Winter Club beat Vernon's Pat Morgan 5-1, NOCA 8-1, and Ernie Easo 8-3.

BUCKS TO HOST VIKINGS

Vernon Vikings will be missing two key players tonight when they travel to Kelowna to battle the Buckroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at 8 p.m.

Captain Gary Gassoff was assessed a match penalty in Sunday's game. In Penticton, will be suspended until League Chairman Ernie McLean gives a ruling.

Defenceman Randy Will, Vikings' best rearguard in recent games, is a doubtful starter due to a rib injury. He saw only spot duty in Penticton because of the penalty.

Meanwhile, the Bucks have lost only once in their 16 B.C. games, and are nearing records for most goals, wins and points.

Lancaster returning to Riders

REGINA (CP) — Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League ended speculation today in announcing star quarterback Ron Lancaster has signed for another year and head coach John Payne will be looking for a coaching job elsewhere.

The club announced that Lancaster, 38, had signed for a coaching job elsewhere but terms of the contract, agreed to last Friday, were not released.

There were published reports last week Lancaster was looking for a job with Edmonton Eskimos.

The Roughriders said they have given Payne permission to discuss an assistant coaching position with the head coach and management of Detroit Lions of the National Football League. Payne flew to Detroit on Monday.

Raiders win in overtime

Conrad Cober scored his second goal of the game, at 15:02 of sudden-death overtime, to give Raiders a 5-4 win over Leafs in Pleasant Valley Hockey League playoff action Monday at the Civic Arena.

Gord Serens, Graham George, and Wayne McGrath scored for the Raiders.

Wayne McGrath scored three times for Leafs while George Weins added a single. Leafs outshot Raiders 31-22.

Idlidges record tourney victory

Vernon Bloom and Sigalek Idlidges captured their second annual Prince George Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Teams competing were from Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon, Fort St. John, Grand Forks, Hinton and Prince George.

Vernon coach Bob Williams said, "Our four-man team did very well and we received some excellent goaltending."

Vernon's goalie, Gordon Howard and Al Betton scored to lead Vernon to a 2-1

Negotiations collapse and Barons in trouble

CHICAGO (AP) — The proposed sale of the National Hockey League's Cleveland Barons to Sanford Greenberg has fallen through, NHL president Jack Campbell announced today.

"My understanding of the management of the Barons proposed deal between Mr. Greenberg and (current owner) Jack Campbell, completely," Campbell said, after being informed of the action.

It was in part, Mr. Swig is working on an infusion of capital to keep the deal together," Campbell said.

The failure of the deal returned to crisis proportion the financial troubles of the financially troubled franchise. Swig did not meet his team's payroll when it was due on Feb. 3 and faces the default of his player contracts — and the folding of his team — should the payroll not be met by midnight Thursday night.

The board of governors has signed documents which would permit them to become free agents after that time.

"The major concern is that without the player contracts there is no franchise," Campbell said.

Mr. Swig's No. 1 concern is to preserve the assets — in other words, the player contracts. Everything is contingent on his ability to do that.

The Barons' game at Cleveland against Toronto Maple Leafs Wednesday night will be played as scheduled, since it is the last contest in which the team is required to compete under terms of the document they signed.

The board of governors had a four-man committee had been set up with the power to approve the prospective sale of the club

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From Swig to a group headed by Greenberg, owner of the Chicago Blackhawks, and the Barons play their home games.

But negotiations on the transaction reached an untenable situation and Greenberg pulled out.

"He (Greenberg) just came in to say goodbye," Campbell said. "That was about 9 a.m. Monday."

The four-man committee, consisting of NHL executive John Ziegler, Chicago Black Hawks president Bill Wirtz, Robert Swabod of Buffalo Sabres and Robert Sedgewick of Toronto had met until 5 a.m.

"The old folks" to represent B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia's representative at next month's national time curling championships in Montreal already are being called "the old folks" in local curling circles.

Three members of Roy Vinburn's rink from Vancouver, Curling Club are in their 50s, leading some people to suggest, "You're old."

Naimark, 48, is still five years away from being eligible to curl at the seniors level. The age of his rink is over the hill brings a smile to his usually-sunny face.

"The get is always worth it when you get there," Vinburn said after winning the B.C. men's title at Kelowna last weekend with two straight wins over at LeCharme, a curling barber from Kamloops.

Two members of the Vinburns foursome — third Leo Hebert and lead Barry Naimark — a pair of over-50s Canadians — have been the Canadian championship before. They are part of the late Layla Dagg's rink which won the championship and the world 10-man title in 1984.

"It's a big thrill," said Hebert. "When you get to this age, time is running out."

Vernon bowlers qualify

Six men and six women have qualified to represent Vernon in the interior five-pin championships, to be held at Lincoln Lakes, March 18 and 19.

Twenty-four centres will be competing in the round-the-clock tournament. A total of 38 bowlers rolled 10 games with the hope of landing a spot on the Vernon squad.

Women's team will be made up of Deanna Budd, Sybil Tunham, Wilma Wendel, May Turek, Lori Kupryk, and Sharon Redick. Carol Skidmore is the team's spare.

On the men's team are Frank Gratton, John Tynalovich, Bill Kniaz, Val Andretta, Glen Fey, Marcel Galion and spare Allan Wilf.

The men and women will also join together to form a mixed team.

The Vernon squads will be coached by Tom Koenig and Turner of Vernon, and association President Ron Potts.

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TEAMS TIED IN HOOP LOOP

Vernon Blues moved into a second place tie with Art's Golf by blating the gasmen 64-52 in Men's Commercial Basketball League action Monday night at VSSB.

The two clubs will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to decide second place. Jim Postonski's Wally Fisher led the Blues attack with 19 points, including 13 in the second-half. Jim White sunk 13 for the winners while Bob Herring dropped in a dozen.

Gary Pruden was top sniper for Gulf with 17 points while Rick Koborski and Gary Lang scored 10 apiece.

In Monday's other game, Armstrong rounded out its perfect season by routing Lumby 76-43.

It was Armstrong's 12th consecutive victory.

League scoring champion Tony Wolcott was held to 10 points, but his teammates provided lots of offence. Bob Shannon led the Cheese City boys with 20 points while Pete Bohardt added 12.

Peter Warner finished 15 for Lumby and Jack Yamaoka collected 12.

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NHL TOP TEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
National Hockey League scorers' leaders.

| Player | G | A | P |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| Lafleur, Mtl | 40 | 49 | 89 |
| Dupres, Wsh | 38 | 57 | 95 |
| Shutt, Mtl | 45 | 31 | 76 |
| McNab, Bos | 37 | 46 | 83 |
| Yoncoski, Wsh | 22 | 70 | 92 |
| Perreault, Buf | 22 | 31 | 66 |
| Wick, Wash | 21 | 44 | 65 |
| Smier, Tor | 24 | 40 | 64 |
| Shanley, Tor | 24 | 41 | 65 |
| Salming, Tor | 10 | 34 | 44 |

WHA TOP TEN

| Player | G | A | P |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| Hebert, Wpg | 51 | 47 | 97 |
| Herb, Wpg | 44 | 53 | 97 |
| Naimark, Wpg | 30 | 57 | 87 |
| Wright, Wpg | 28 | 49 | 77 |
| Tardiff, Que | 34 | 42 | 76 |
| Florek, Cln | 34 | 40 | 74 |
| Lacroix, SD | 20 | 52 | 72 |
| Shopp, Tor | 20 | 41 | 61 |
| S'Bernier, Que | 31 | 34 | 65 |



Steve King of Vernon Panthers, right, was named Most Valuable Player in last weekend's Snowball Classic Basketball Tournament at VSSB. Most Valuable Player in last weekend's tournament all-star squad were, from left, Brent Giles of Vernon, Dave Turner of Vernon, and Vogt of Salmon Arm. Eric

Lehwald of Windermere, and Kevin Dances of Kilmorye.

WCHL TOP 10

| Player | G | A | P |
|----------------|----|----|-----|
| Derlago, BR | 57 | 41 | 135 |
| Wright, BR | 49 | 53 | 112 |
| Propp, BR | 57 | 42 | 108 |
| Boner, BR | 51 | 44 | 95 |
| McCarty, Wpg | 49 | 49 | 97 |
| Wright, BR | 47 | 39 | 86 |
| Lash, Wpg | 47 | 34 | 81 |
| Wright, BR | 44 | 41 | 85 |
| Arthuroff, Mtl | 51 | 40 | 87 |

NOTICE

ALL PRESENT AND EX-MEMBERS of "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA DRAGONS" are hereby advised that there will be a meeting of the British Columbia Dragons Regimental Association in the Vernon Armoury Sgt. Mess, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1977.

All present and ex-members are urged to turn out and support your association.

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