

# Perfect snow for Cup races

Conditions for this week's Pontiac Cup ski races at Tullicum Valley, are listed as great.

Tullicum Manager Sandy Boyd told the Daily News conditions for recreation skiing are average, but for racing they couldn't be much better.

Boyd said, "Racers like the snow and fast runs and that is what we've got."

**119 SKIERS**

To date, 119 of the top racers in Western Canada have entered the two-day meet. Racing gets under way Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m.

Only local skier to qualify for the meet is Dale Parkin. However, Vernon native Terry Watta, now living in Rowland, will also be competing.



**SIDNEY FOX** has learned to enjoy life despite suffering from cerebral palsy, a handicap that keeps many people confined to bed and wheelchairs. Among his past-times are skiing and swimming. Above, Fox is helped down from a snowmobile by Jerry Parker, 14. Parker drives Fox up the ski hill and meets him at the bottom. Below, Sidney takes a breather before another venture down the slope. (Daily News Photos)

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# SPORTS

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## WVHL nears playoff time

Three games were played this week in White Valley Hockey League action at Lumby Area.

On Tuesday, Lumby Royals and Village Ore Merchants battled to a 2-2 deadlock while Blades thumped Burger Barons 7-2.

Wayne Nyens scored both goals for Merchants while Don Hoan and Mark Sumbly replied for Royals. The game was a wild one with Royals being assessed 14 of 24 minor penalties and two misconducts.

**THREE GOALS**

In the other game, Art Davidson led the Blades attack to three goals while Dave Morris added a pair. Singles went to Larry Flahar and Wayne Ungaro.



## Just three games left to iron out problems

Vernon Vikings host Kamloops Braves in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight, at 8:30 p.m., at the Civic Arena.

Vikings have only three games remaining, including tonight's contest. On Saturday, Vernon hosts Kelowna Buckaroos and the following night, Vikings finish their season in Pentiction.

Vernon Manager Roly Sammartino told the Daily News both the players and executive are concerned about the club's showing in recent weeks.

**DAILY MEETINGS**

Sammartino said, "We have been holding daily meetings to try to get to the root of the problem. You can't fault any one thing, or any one player. One thing that has the Vikings concerned is the future of captain Gary Gassoff. Gassoff was assessed a match penalty Feb. 13 in Pentiction and a ruling is expected today from the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

# NOT A WATCHER Sidney is a doer

Sidney Fox isn't content with being a watcher — he is a doer.

Fox, 23, has had cerebral palsy since birth. However, that hasn't prevented him from becoming one of the most active young men in the North Okanagan.

His aim is to compete in the 1980 Wheelchair Olympics, in Moscow, and he has just completed a pilot project.

His project was to take part in a 10-hour sport-tion, with the money going to the Variety Club, via last weekend's telethon.

Fox collected pledges totaling \$542.

Every day, for 10 days, Sidney started work at 8:30 a.m. He worked for three hours, wheelchair for two hours, skied for two hours, and for an hour and a half, and was just lighted for an hour.

Fox's biggest problem was learning to ski, but when he put his mind to it, he can do just about anything. Numerous people told him he would never ski, but he has proved them wrong.

He is assisted by Director Tom Ferris, Silver Star Director Gerry Gouge, and a couple of instructors from the

Star, got Sidney started about Christmas time. Since then, he has made tremendous progress.

Ferris said, "He is quite a guy. Everyone doubted his chances, except him."

**OUTRIGGER POLES**

He controls himself with a pair of outrigger poles, strapped to his arms. Only thing he cannot do is ride the outrigger. He got up the hill on a snowmobile, aided by Jerry Parker, 14, and Ian Boyd, 18.

He is invited to Vancouver to personally present his \$542 to the telethon and is serious about going to Moscow. "Don't bet against him!"

## Jewels, Royals are girls to beat

Vernon Senior Secondary School will be hosting the Okanagan Valley senior girls' basketball championships this week.

The seven-team tournament gets under way Thursday, at 5 p.m., and continues until Saturday night. The clubs will be competing for three berths in the provincial championships, to be held March 5-8 in Pentiction.

**JEWELS FAVORED**

Defending B.C. champion Salmon Arm Jewels are heavily favored in the Okanagan meet. Jewels, who have not lost a game this year, are 9-0 and in league play.

The host team, Vernon Royals, placed second in the Okanagan with a 7-3 record. First round draw has Kelowna against Pentiction at 5 p.m., Rutland taking in Kamloops at 6:30 p.m., and Vernon battling Kelowna at 8 p.m. Salmon Arm gets a bye.

**FINAL GAME**

Play resumes Friday at 3 p.m., with the final game slated for 9 p.m. The first game is at 1 p.m., with the consolation final at 8:30 p.m. and the championship game at 8 p.m.

between Laurie Ogasawara and Jill Hewitson up front. In the backcourt will be Connie Blaeser and Leanne Williams. However, Routley plans to change his club's style.

The Vernon coach said, "Most of the year we have been playing conservative basketball. We will be using a fast defence as well as half and full court pressure."

Only disappointment for Royals is that they will not be able to use grade 10 Laurie Ferguson, who is ineligible. In the final, he would lose her junior eligibility.

## Panthers end season by hosting Kamloops

Vernon Panthers play their final home game of the season tonight when they host Kamloops at 8:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

The game means nothing in north side standings because Panthers have already clinched the pennant with an 8-3 record. However, Coach

Rick Inrig said the game means something to his club's morale.

Inrig said, "It was our goal at the start of the season to win nine games. I'd like to see the guys do it."

After tonight's contest, Vernon has a week off until the valley tournament gets under way, on Mar. 5, in Kelowna.

## MINOR HOCKEY FINAL STATS

| Midgrd     | W  | T  | P  |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Kamloops   | 13 | 3  | 0  |
| Kelowna    | 10 | 7  | 1  |
| Pentiction | 8  | 7  | 1  |
| Vernon     | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Merritt    | 0  | 16 | 0  |

  

| Player        | Team | G  | A  |
|---------------|------|----|----|
| W. Fritschler | Pen  | 20 | 41 |
| Polychuk, Ken | Pen  | 10 | 44 |
| Almerson, Kam | Pen  | 10 | 44 |
| Goke, Pen     | Pen  | 16 | 40 |
| McDonald, Mer | Pen  | 14 | 25 |
| McDonald, Mer | Pen  | 14 | 25 |
| Miller, Kam   | Pen  | 13 | 23 |
| Linn, Kel     | Pen  | 8  | 15 |

  

| Team         | G | A  |
|--------------|---|----|
| Kelowna      | 0 | 31 |
| Kam Toyota   | 1 | 24 |
| Pen          | 1 | 24 |
| Yam Jardines | 5 | 12 |
| Pentiction   | 1 | 12 |
| Merritt      | 2 | 12 |

| Midgrd         | W  | T  | P  |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| ACKKinson, Kel | 15 | 26 | 41 |
| Seminoil, K.T. | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Rutland, Rut   | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Butcher, Ver   | 9  | 8  | 19 |
| Kelowna, Kel   | 12 | 17 | 29 |
| Mesner, K.T.   | 18 | 9  | 27 |
| Vernon, Ver    | 18 | 9  | 27 |

  

| Player   | Team | G  | A  |
|----------|------|----|----|
| Rutland  | Pen  | 16 | 20 |
| Butcher  | Ver  | 9  | 8  |
| Polychuk | Pen  | 10 | 44 |
| Merritt  | Pen  | 4  | 9  |
| Kelowna  | Pen  | 4  | 9  |
| Sam      | Pen  | 2  | 15 |

  

| Player        | Team | G  | A  |
|---------------|------|----|----|
| Schuler, Rut  | Pen  | 47 | 83 |
| Butcher, Ver  | Ver  | 28 | 50 |
| Cousins, Rut  | Pen  | 31 | 54 |
| Ducharme, Ver | Ver  | 28 | 50 |
| Kramer, Kel   | Pen  | 21 | 49 |
| Jamieson, Pen | Pen  | 27 | 48 |
| Jamieson, Pen | Pen  | 18 | 40 |
| Day, Ver      | Ver  | 23 | 41 |

## Vernon school hosts tournament

More than 80 competitors took part in the recent North Okanagan Badminton Tournament at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

Men's single champion was Clark Shewfelt, of Burnside, who defeated Bill Dains of Kamloops 15-11 and 15-11.

Burnside's Janet Wentworth won the ladies' title by beating Olly Ehme of Pentiction, 1-1, 11-8, and 11-8.

In the ladies' doubles final, Ehme and Anna Petrie, both of Pentiction, thumped Bev Lockerty and Lorraine Makaroff of Nelson 15-8 and 15-10.

Mixed champions were Greg Webber and Lockerty who edged Poole and Makaroff 15-10 and 15-12.

## Nine inches of new snow on the Star

Silver Star Ski Area reports conditions are excellent.

Colder weather brought a heavy snowfall during the last 24 hours.

On Monday night, the snow started falling and about 10 centimetres were reported. Then Tuesday, the white stuff continued and by today, at 9 a.m., the new snow totalled 20 centimetres (about nine inches).

Spokesman for the Star said conditions could not be better. She said, "It is sunny the snow is beautiful, and we're not crowded."

## PIN POINTS

| Feb. 21  | Feb. 22   |
|--|---|
| Women's high single, Allison Penner 216, high triple, Allison Penner 265, high average, Peg Toews 298. | Women's high single, Flo Cowie 272, high triple, Melita Geller 306, high average, Hilda Boesel 177, high triple, Melita Geller 206. |
| Men's high single, Karl Turnquist 802, high triple, Brian Hurlburt, Tom Dooling 218.                   | Men's high single, Rolling Stones 264, high triple, Rolling Stones 484.   |
| Men's high average, FFOI 1176, high triple, Rolling Stones 224.  | Men's high single, Alma Laila 201, high triple, Rolling Stones 224.   |
| Men's high triple, FFOI 1176, high average, FFOI 1176, high triple, FFOI 1176.                         | Men's high single, FFOI 1176, high triple, FFOI 1176.   |
| Men's high triple, FFOI 1176, high average, FFOI 1176, high triple, FFOI 1176.                         | Men's high single, FFOI 1176, high triple, FFOI 1176.   |

## Blues capture league title

Vernon Blues captured the Pleasant Valley Hockey League championship Tuesday by dumping Acti Contracting 5-2 at the Civic Arena.

Blues, who had only 10 players on their roster, went through the league and playoff schedule undefeated.

Blues were assessed two goals for the winners while George Watson, Bob Hawkins, and Bruce Ritchie added single goals.

Bernie Muechra and Herb Schiman hooked the 5-2 lead after the first period on Mitchell's goal. But Blues came back to take a 4-2 lead after the second.

Blues were assessed the game's only three penalties. Acti defender Norm Schiman hooked 5-2 shots, including 18 in the first period, while Blues goaltender Bob Devlison made 34 saves.

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