

# SPORTS Page

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## KENDALL'S CORNER

### More than three hills

Until this year, many of the skiers on the Coast believed there were three major ski areas in B.C. — Whistler, Grouse, and Seymour. You can bet your bottom dollar the skiers on the Coast have changed their mind.

Silver Star and Tillicum have offered skiers the best conditions in B.C., and perhaps Western Canada, this year.

Until recently nobody except the local folk had heard of Tillicum. Now all of a sudden it is becoming known, partially due to hosting the first Pontiac Cup ski race of the year this week.

Cup races are usually rescheduled for the big areas, but due to lack of snow, all events to date have been postponed. That is where Tillicum and its snowmakers entered the picture.

Next race in the Cup series, which was slated for Salmo next week, has been postponed due to rain. Where was it moved to — Silver Star? Where else?

The Star will host about 120 racers on Monday and Tuesday.

Many local skiers have complained about conditions this year, but the rest of the province seems to love it in Vernon. You won't find more snow anywhere else.

### THE GO-BETWEEN

Whether we like it or not, the Daily News appears to have become the official complaint committee for the North Okanagan Hockey League.

It started about a week ago when we suggested the NOHL set up an executive and elect the officials. A little later, Screaming Eagles Coach Don McDonald wanted it made clear he feels his club was suspended unfairly.

The last at comments came from Price and Markie spokesman Chris Nelson, in reply to McDonald's comments.

Nelson said he feels it is "bad that the Screaming Eagles are suspended from the NOHL. However, that is where the agreement ends."

Nelson said, "However, since your team has been in the NOHL, there has been nothing but hassles and total respect by almost all your players toward the officials. The Screaming Eagles could possibly have remained in the league this season, if you could have found anyone with all the qualifications to officiate your home games. But, I don't think anyone in their right mind would come out to do your games just to get verbally and occasionally physically abused."

### REFS SUPPORTED

"I have been associated with the NOHL for several years and totally support the actions of the officials. What other form of retaliation do they have? Handing out game suspensions and misconduct did not seem to have any effect on the actions of the officials. Remember Mr. McDonald, the officials don't have to be there for the small amount of retribution they receive. I regret the Screaming Eagles are not in the NOHL, especially for the sake of Mr. Roy Herring — the team sponsor. However, if the team could find someone who could display some leadership and instill some sportsmanship in the players, I am certain the NOHL would welcome the Eagles back next season."

With lack of fan support, the fact that the NOHL was an internal problem. Perhaps instead of voicing their problems in public, they should meet and wash their dirty socks in private.

## MINOR LACROSSE GETS NEW LIFE

Vernon and District Minor Lacrosse Association will hold its registration March 18 at the Willam Green Hall. The association, which has not operated since 1973, was reborn this week when a group of interested citizens banded together to get the game back on its feet.

An executive committee with Bob Connaughton, Murray Gilchrist, and Fred McKenzie, has been formed to set up the association. In addition to high school, several other people have expressed interest in helping to get minor lacrosse on its feet.

**YOUNGER KIDS**  
McKenzie said, "During our first year, we are going to concentrate on the younger kids, with the idea of expanding once we have established a base. If we are flooded by a bunch of older boys this year, we would have to look to help them too."

The association hopes to form teams for boys aged 6-8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Tentative plans have been formed for league games against Kelowna and Armstrong teams in May and June.

**TIGERS HELP**  
McKenzie said, "We are determined to get boys playing again. The generosity of the Vernon Ledge Tigers senior club will certainly help."

Tigers have agreed to supply coaches, referees, and pay for arena rental costs for the minors.

Further details on the registration will be announced after a public meeting, to be held in early-March.

## PIN POINTS

Feb. 14		February 17	
Women's high single — Sue Gueli 280	Women's high single — Sue Gueli 280	Women's high single — Sue Gueli 280	Women's high single — Sue Gueli 280
Men's high single — Gene Hoff 270	Men's high single — Gene Hoff 270	Men's high single — Gene Hoff 270	Men's high single — Gene Hoff 270
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Men's high triple — Gene Hoff 87	Men's high triple — Gene Hoff 87	Men's high triple — Gene Hoff 87	Men's high triple — Gene Hoff 87

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## IN VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Royals rally for hoop victory



Vernon will be sending a team to the upcoming Junior Olympic Program tournament in Victoria.

### 10-GAME SUSPENSION

**VERNON JUNIOR ARCHER** Jeff Stinson notched an arrow on his new Haida Takedown Bow in preparation for competition in the recent mall match. Stinson earned a 120 on the 80 cm. target.

**BCAHA hits Gassoff with severe penalty**  
Vernon Vikings' captain Gary Gassoff may not play another hockey game this season. B.C. Amateur Hockey Association announced today Gassoff has been suspended until March 7 and fined \$100. The March 7 expiration date means Gassoff will miss a total of 10 games.

Included in the 10 games for four league contests he has already missed, two upcoming league games, and one first four playoff games against Penitence Vees. If Vees happen to sweep the best-of-seven semi-final series, Gassoff would not play another game.

**DYE FIRIORS**  
Vikings' Coach Vern Dye called the suspension unfair and unjust. Dye said, "The kids don't get paid, so how can they pay penalties? I don't know where they think we are getting the money to pay these fines. It is the first time I've ever heard of a player being told he has to pay money after a thing like that."

Gassoff was suspended after an incident in Penitence, on Feb. 13. During an altercation with Vees' Craig Berzowky, the Vernon captain allegedly pushed an official.

**PLAYOFF DATES**  
Meanwhile, dates have been released for the Penitence-Vernon quarter-final series. The series will begin March 1 in the Peach City, to be followed by games March 3 in Vernon, March 4 in Penitence, and March 6 back at the Civic Arena.

If further games are necessary, they will be played March 8, 10, and 11. Winner advances to the BCHL semi-finals against the winner of the other interior series.

**PLAYOFF assured in curling**  
WINNIPEG (CP) — A playoff was forced early today between the Hillies and Saskatchewan after each team finished regulation play with identical game records in the Canadian senior men's curling championship.

The playoffs will set for Saturday. Morrie Thompson of Saskatoon wrapped up his playoff spot early by dumping Laska. On Saturday, Vernon hosts Kelowna Buckaroos at 8 p.m., and Sunday night, Vikings travel to Penitence.

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### By DALE MAJOR

**Daily News Correspondent**  
Vernon Royals opened the Okanagan Valley senior girls' basketball championships Thursday with an impressive 57-39 victory over North Kamloops at VSSB.

Royals now meet Kamloops Red Angels in the semi-final tonight at 7:30 p.m. Winner of that game advances Saturday's championship game and is assured of a berth in the provincial tournament.

Vernon came out flat against NorKam and found itself behind 22-20 at half-time.

### USED PRESS

However, in the third-quarter Royals' Coach Deloy Routley changed his club's strategy and turned the game around. Vernon employed a 1-2-2 defence, with a full-court

press, and blasted NorKam right off the court 21-15. Terry Roman was the big gun for Royals with 24 points. Laurie Ogasawara sunk 15 and Jill Hewitson added 12.

Kim Simmonds was top sniper for NorKam with 20 points.

In other games, Kamloops downed Rutland Woodroffs 55-42 and Kelowna edged Penitence 49-46.

Centre Jane Vavall led the Angels' attack with 23 points while Kathy Parsons replied with 20 points for NorKam.

In the other game, Karen Nutt led the way for Kelowna with 20 points while Barb Kidd dropped in 11 for Lakettes.

Vernon Coach Deloy Routley said he was pleased with his team's showing and is confident Royals can knock off Kamloops.

Routley said, "Judging from the way Angela played Thursday, they don't move the ball too well. We have to stop Laurie Ogasawara and Jill Hewitson can handle that."

Although guard Leanne Williams scored only four points, she was a standout for Vernon. She was superb on defence and controlled the offence well. Penitence and Offense were her playing well.

Other games today have Rutland vs Penitence at 3 p.m., defending 8.C. champ Salmon Arm vs Kelowna at 4:30 p.m., NorKam vs Rutland at 6 p.m., and Penitence vs NorKam at 9 p.m.

Play continues Saturday with the championship game scheduled at 8 p.m.

## IN PONTIAC CUP

# Kelowna racer clocks best time

More than 100 of the top skiers in Western Canada hit Tillicum Valley slopes Thursday for the first Pontiac Cup ski race of the season.

Competitors from Kelowna and Coquitlam had top honors in the slalom event.

Tim Gilhooly of Kelowna raced through the 50-gate men's course in 43.18 and 39.01 seconds to take the men's slalom, followed closely by Greg Hann of Banff, who clocked 43.28 and 39.11.

Gilhooly was originally disqualified in his second run along with three others, but all were given re-runs when it was found one gate had been misplaced on the course.

Gary Athans, also of Kelowna, was third in the men's event.

**VERNON SKIERS**  
Two Vernon competitors failed to place in the top 10. Dale Parkin didn't place on either run, while Terry Waita slipped on his first run, after wiping out. Waita was off to a tremendous start, but couldn't negotiate a turn near the 20th gate.

Earlier in the day, 18-year-old Lon Goff of Coquitlam clocked the fastest time in the women's slalom, racing Kelowna's Dianne Lehodey a second, followed by Ruth Neidermayer of Vancouver.

Saturday's slalom will be held at 10 a.m. at the Western Pontiac Cup races were able to begin Thursday because of snow-making equipment at Tillicum.

Tillicum Manager Sandy said, "The foot of snow, hand-raked man-made snow was

excellent for racing. It was solid enough that we used a power auger to set the poles."

A second day of racing was scheduled today, to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### RACE AT STAR

It was announced Thursday that the second event in the series will be held Monday and Tuesday at Silver Star. The race had been scheduled for Salmo, but that area was hit by rain this week.

At the last minute, the Star offered to stage two slalom events.

Slalom Manager Woody Woodman said, "We have plenty of snow and lots of spectators. We'll be happy to have the competitors and race organizers on our slopes."

Due to the last-minute change, Silver Star still needs some volunteer help to send a team to Victoria for the Junior Olympic Program Tournament this summer. In

Victoria, the team will be followed by Tim Reid with 48 cents. Most money earned was \$65.87 by Laurie Johnston, called closely by Stinson with \$42.40.

Total money pledged was \$360.70, which will be used to send a team to Victoria for the Junior Olympic Program Tournament this summer. In

Victoria, the team will be followed by Tim Reid with 112, and Troy Toth with 106. Dana Toth earned 138 and Jeff Stinson led with 120 on the 80 cm. target.

These scores will now be mailed to Victoria where they will be tabulated and published in the next publication.

THU, 8:00 a.m. at the Recreation Complex. The club will not be accepted without proof of age and a medical insurance number.

**Minor soccer to register**  
Vernon and District Minor Soccer Association will be holding its registration Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Recreation Complex.

Registrations will not be accepted without proof of age and a medical insurance number.

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**Vernon and District Juvenile Soccer Association**

## SOCCER REGISTRATION

**Saturday, Feb. 26th, 1977**  
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