WINNERS IN A EVENT at curling bonspiel hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 167, Lumby, was the Ralph Dangerfield rink. They beat out the George Major foursome. Here, from left, are: Legion President Reg Saunders presenting the trophy and keepers; skip Dangerfield; third George Macintosh; second Herb Steib; and lead Jim Gillen.

LEO HEADINGTON rink successfully trounced Wayne Currie's rink to capture B Event in Lumby's bonspiel held last weekend. Sports chairman Bob Mackie, left, presents the trophies to skip Headington, third Bob Andres, second Russ Headington, and lead Judy Headington.

IT TOOK AN EXTRA end and last rock to decide the winners of C event. Loser was the Roy Wilson rink skipped by Ed Beale. George Ferguson, left, presents trophies to the winning Al Sulz rink, which is from left: skip Sulz, third Shirley McLennan, second Bill Mackie, and lead Bill McLennan, who played for Ted Roland in the last game.

(Daily News photos by Alleyne Tull)

McKay inherits a new Shadow

"How many goals lurk in the blade of Gord McKay's hockey stick," — only the Shadow knows for sure.

Several years ago a popular radio show starred a mysterious private eye known as the Shadow. Only he knew what evil lurked in the hearts of men. Vernon Vikings' edition of the Shadow isn't concerned with evil, but he is in a battle with Penticton Vees' Gord McKay.

Byron Smith, a rookie who saw limited ice-duty with Vikings this season, has been given the Shadow job. He wasn't a main cog in the Vernon machine this season, and in fact, most of the Vees didn't know who the pest was who bothered McKay on Tuesday in Penticton.

THREE SHOTS

However, Smith's contribution to Vikings' 4-2 victory, in the Peach City, was a big one. The speedy winger

CAM TORGESON ... checks Maxwell

held McKay off the scoresheet and limited his good scoring chances to three. Two, of those three good shots, were on the power-play.

Vikings' Coach Vern Dye said he is very impressed with the job Smith performed. Dye said, "We know if we can stop McKay and Kevin Maxwell, we can beat the Vees. Byron did just a super job."

McKay tallied a record-shattering 79 goals this season, eclipsing the old record by 14.

The task of stopping league scoring champion Kevin Maxwell goes to ex-Vee Cam Torgeson. Torgeson, Vernon's steadiest performer in recent weeks, blanked Maxwell on Tuesday.

Dye said, "The way Cam has been playing, we'll get him out on Maxwell whenever possible. You can't let that guy control the puck or he'll kill you."

POOR DEFENCE

No doubt Penticton Coach Terry Martin has made a few changes since his club dropped the opening game in the best-of-seven, quarter-final series. First on the list was probably to give his defence a kick in the hockey pants.

Vees' defence allowed the Vernon forwards to park, unmolested, in front of goalie Jim Scammel. Three of the four Viking goals came directly from the slot.

Game time tonight is 8 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale at Ernie's Esso and Dye's Recreation. Third game in the series is slated Friday night, in Penticton.

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SPORTS Page

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CENTS HOST BRAVES

Merritt Centennials and Kamloops Braves will meet tonight in a winner-take-all B.C. Junior Hockey League game, in Merritt, at 8 p.m.

Centennials dumped Abbotsford Flyers 6-1 Wednesday in the final game of the BCJHL schedule. The victory moved Merritt into a tie for fourth place, and the final playoff berth in the Interior, with Kamloops.

Cents were awarded tonight's home game because they have a better won-lost record against the Braves.

Winner of the game advances to the BCJHL quarter-finals against Kelowna Buckaroos, starting Friday in the Regatta City. Merritt has now played eight games in nine days.

Recreation volleyball round-up

Ding'ats, Hot Cheeks, and Team Cannabis posted three straight wins in Honeymooner's Volleyball League action Wednesday at the Recreation Complex.

Hot Cheeks blasted Beginners 15-7, 15-4, and 15-13; Dingbats trounced Jolly Jumpers 15-10, 15-5, and 15-3; and Team Cannabis drilled Orangatangs 15-4, 15-13, and 15-11.

There were four Honeymooners' matches last Sunday. Friends hammered Goodtimers 15-4, 15-8, and 15-15; Hot Cheeks downed Spastic Spikers 15-6, 15-11, and 15-8; Chimos edged Daredevils 12-15, 15-8, and 19-17; and Ballbusters defeated Just Us 15-13, 15-2, and 15-9

AT KAL

In All-employee League play at Kal School, Lions Club squeaked by Sun Auto Parts 16-14, 16-14, and 16-14; and Audballs beat Tirebusters 15-7, 15-10, 15-13.

Four games were played in ladies' Monday Night Volleyball League action at the Recreation Complex.

Jugglers defeated K-Clan 15-8, 15-7, and 14-16; Speedos dumped Operators 15-9, 15-2, and 6-15; Sneakers lost to Hightimes 15-6, 15-6, and 6-15; and Spartans trounced Heroes 15-8, 15-0, and 16-14.

Must-win situations for both VSSS teams

Both Vernon Senior Secondary School teams play their most important basketball games of the season today.

Vernon Royals are in Abbotsford, hoping to land a berth in the girls' provincial tournament. Meanwhile in Kelowna, Vernon Panthers open the Okanagan boys' championship tournament by taking on KLO Cougars.

MUST WIN

Royals, who placed third in the recent valley finals, must defeat Abby to qualify for next week's provincial tourney. Abbotsford placed third in the Fraser Valley.

Vernon Coach Deloy Routley said, "We shouldn't have too much trouble with Abby, but after losing to Kamloops in the valley tourney, I'm not counting on anything."

Royals, who were heavily favored to finish second in the Okanagan, behind unbeaten Salmon Arm Jewels, were upset in the semi-finals, by Kamloops, 49-48.

The provincial tourney will be held in Penticton.

In Kelowna, Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News he is a little concerned about his club being over-confident against the Cougars.

Inrig said, "I hope our guys aren't looking past KLO — and on to the next game. We have to take them one at a time."

Two of the eight teams competing will advance to the B.C. finals, March 16-19, in Vancouver.

First round games today have Panthers vs. KLO at 4:30 p.m., Penticton vs. NorKam at 6 p.m., Salmon Arm vs. Rutland at 7:30 p.m., and Kamloops vs. Kelowna at 9 p.m.

Braves capture top spot in WVHL

White Valley Hockey League wound up its 1976-77 regular season schedule this week with three games.

LCB Braves captured first-place with 33 points followed by Sabres 29, Blades 19, Village Green Merchants 19, Royals 19, and Burger Barons 1.

Blades were awarded third-place because of most games won, while Village Green took fourth spot because of a better goals-for percentage than Royals.

Braves won their final game, 5-3, over Blades. Dan Horochuk and Scott McKinnley scored two goals each for the winners while Rick Monahan added a solo.

Terry Sammartino, with two, and Larry Fischer replied for Blades.

THREE GOALS

Wayne Nuyens scored three goals to lead Merchants to a 9-2 victory over Barons.

Ted Palm added a pair for Merchants while Tony Shea, Brian Sherk, Wayne Yasko, and Brian Litzenberger notched singles.

Despite a two-goal performance by Bill May, Sabres dropped a 5-3 decision to Royals.

PLAYOFFS START

WVHL playoffs get under way Sunday, in Lumby, with Blades battling Royals at 7 p.m. and Merchants taking on Barons at 9 p.m. Sabres and Braves will play the winners of Sunday's games, on Monday night.

The league will be holding its wind-up dance on Friday, at 9 p.m., at Lumby Community Hall.

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THE OUTDOORS

Tub Love starts again

By NONIE FRISBY

Towards the end of March, car top boats begin appearing like spring flowers. So, when Alan arrived home one evening with a car top boat on his truck, I wondered if he knew something I didn't.

No, it is still too early for any of the high lakes to have opened up, but not too early for spring cleaning goose tubs at Enderby. It is time for "Love in a Tub," to go into operation again. This is a project of the Enderby Fish and Game Club started many years ago and faithfully worked on every year since. They started by putting up a few old wash tubs for the Canada Geese to nest in, up high and out of the reach of most predators. They have increased the number of goose tub nests to about 115.

SPRING CLEANING

Each year they give them a good spring cleaning, make sure they are solid, take out the old nesting material, and replace it with new fresh straw.

The geese are looking over the apartment situation already, and today there was a goose warming up the tub for future egg laying. They usually lay from four to eight eggs. The female incubates them while the male stands guard.

The eggs hatch in about 24 to 28 days in less than 24 hours after hatching the whole family is gliding off across the waters. Both parents protect the young. The family ties of the Canada Goose are very strong and they usually pair off for life. Only if one dies will the other take a new mate — humans could perhaps learn a lesson from the goose.

Young geese do not leave their parents until the following spring when nesting time comes around again. To me there is nothing so thrilling and moving than a V formation of geese passing overhead. I wonder if they have as much trouble settling on their lead goose as we do settling on a premier or prime minister.

WOOD DUCKS

The wood ducks have whittered in fine shape, thanks to the very generous donations of feed. This week they will be banded and then very shortly released back into the wilds, to nest and raise their young. It seems it is about time for nature to begin reproducing herself again.

It does't take too much to make folks think it is spring. Last weekend I saw two parties of small boys trecking up Vernon Mountain. Parents teach your children to tell you where they are going, what time they should be home and no firearms, please.

ICE MELTING

Ice fishing won't be holding up much longer with our present weather conditions. A few days ago Swan Lake looked like a very wet skating rink and I wouldn't suggest venturing onto it. Echo Lake has been very good. I hear many limit catches have been taken — a few nice size ones too. Pinaus and Little Pinaus have both been producing some nice fish. I hesitate to mention a few lakes that haven't been producing fish, just fishermen.

Report of Grey trout from Kal Lake are quite good. Not as big as last year, but still very nice fish.

Thank you to the Armstrong Fish and Game Club — your banquet was excellent and the presentation of the original Horned Owl to Alan will be much appreciated for years to come.

PIN POINTS

Feb. 23—9-11 p.m.

Women's high single Rachelle Toews 276, high triple Sue Suiel 618, high average Lori Kupryk 199.

Men's high single Pete Brooks 286, high triple Joe Goldenthal 788, high average Shig Tabata 231.

Team high single Assassins 1300, high triple Assassins 3568

TEAM STANDINGS

Assassins	246
Family Affair	229
Vikings	213½
McRichards	212

March 2—7-9 p.m.

Women's high single Myrne Phillips 313, high triple Myrne Phillips 814, high average Donna Desmarais 209.

Men's high single Rick Hamelin 328, high triple Ric Hamelin 749, high average Joe Goldenthal 222.

Team high single Screwballs 1339, high triple Screwballs 3741.

"300" Club Myrne Phillips 313.

TEAM STANDINGS

Opopogos	233½
Vernon 5 O	213
Barons	203
Short Circuits	184

Feb. 23—Matinee

High single Carole Hartwig 297, high triple Marci Koenig 749, high average Gloria Bamford 206.

Team high single Lane Loons 1342, high triple Ball Points 3691.

"700" Club Marci Koenig 749, Mary Viala 747.

TEAM STANDINGS

Blanks	290½
Cow Girls	273
Ball Points	268
Odds 'n' Ends	261½

Feb. 23—Early Birds

High single Linda Hollins 376, high triple Linda Hollins 713, high average Linda Flanders 195.

"300" Club Linda Hollins 328.

"700" Club Linda Hollins 713, Linda Flanders 704.

TEAM STANDINGS

Woodpeckers	183
Loons	177
Lovebirds	176

Blues and Armstrong to tangle in hoop final

Armstrong and Vernon Blues have advanced to the Vernon Men's Commercial Basketball League finals.

Both clubs recorded easy victories in two-game, total-point, semi-final series.

Blues trounced Lumby 90-54 this week to win their series 184-104. In the other semi-final, Armstrong blasted Art's Gulf 74-56 to capture the series 177-108.

19 POINTS

Geoff White led the Blues' attack with 19 points while Vince Mikuska sunk 16 and Bob Herring added 14.

Jack Yamoaka was top sniper for Lumby with 18 points while Allan Lafontaine added 12.

Blues led 41-32 at half-time.

In the other game, undefeated Armstrong built up a 37-25 half-time lead and coasted to victory.

LED ATTACK

League scoring champion Tony Wolcott was top scorer for the Cheese City boys with 18 points while Pete Boshard scored 16 and Ian Houchin dropped in 11.

Gary Pruden scored 13 points for Gulf, before fouling out, and Rick Korhorst added 11.

The two-game, total-point, final series gets under way next Monday at Vernon Senior Secondary School. The second game will be played March 14 at VSSS.

Blues are a much-improved club since the season started, but have enjoyed little success against Armstrong. A spokesman for Blues said, "If we hope to beat Armstrong, we're going to have to stop Tony (Wolcott)."

Wolcott averages more than 20 points per game.

Remember when

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the National Football League in the United States, 16 years ago today—in 1961—officially ratified the contract that Sam Etcheverry had signed with St. Louis Cardinals. The nine-year veteran of Montreal Alouettes had refused to go to Hamilton in a trade for Hamilton quarterback Bernie Faloney, claiming he had a no-cut contract with Montreal. Etcheverry had played more than 150 consecutive games, completing 1,944 passes for 30,435 yards.

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