

BASKETBALL CHAMPS (Daily News Photo)

Vernon Blues upset Armstrong to capture the Vernon Men's Commercial Basketball League championship this week at VSS. Team members are from left, back row, Coach Al Rosman, Bob Herring, Sandy Steinley, Geoff White, and Jon Rosman. Front row, Dave Smith, Mike Sorba, and Vince Mikuska. Armstrong was unbeaten until the final game when Blues won a 95-88 overtime thriller.

AT NEWCOMBE NORTH

Super Draw Curling postponed to October

By LON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Super Draw Curling, which was slated to be held at the Vernon Curling Club from March 30 to April 3, has been postponed.

Super Draw Organizer Mike McGrath told the Daily News the event is not being cancelled, just postponed until late-October.

McGrath said there are two main reasons for the postponement. He said, "Firstly, we would like to hold the event at Newcombe North Tennis Ranch and that facility should be in operation by October.

"Secondly, it is a matter of economics. If we run the event right now, we'd probably lose about $25,000."

Super Draw is a concept started in 1976. First year it was scheduled in Calgary, however, the spiel was never held. Last year's Super Draw was played in the Edmonton Gardens.

32 SKIPS

Curlers pay an entry fee, with the chance of having their name drawn to compete in the spiel. Thirty-two of the best skips in Canada head the teams, with three entrants filling out the squads.

McGrath said, "Anyone wishing to get their entry fee back will certainly be entitled to it. However, I don't think we will be asked to give too many refunds."

Newcombe North is a huge recreation complex proposed for Tiilicum Valley. Work has started on the project, but it is running more than a year behind schedule due to financial problems. However, McGrath, who is also one of the principles of Newcombe North, says all the red tape has finally been cleared up.

McGrath said, "Some work has already started and we expect our funds to arrive from Europe any day. We are still hopeful we will have the tennis school open for business in early-July."

The curling rink, at the ranch, is tentatively slated to be 80 feet wide, capable of housing five or six sheets of ice.

McGrath said, "Newcombe North would be a perfect spot to hold Super Draw. Not only would it save us a great deal of money on ice rental, but the facility will also be ideal for curlers.

FROM EAST

"There is a good chance we might hold it the week prior to, or after the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel. That way the curlers coming from the East could take in both events at once."

Toronto upsets champion Reds

DUNEDIN, Fla. (CP) — When the dust had settled Tuesday and Toronto Blue Jays had defeated Cincinnati Reds 9-8 in an 11 inning, 32-hit game, Jays manager Roy Hartsfield pointed to the little things that had given his club the victory.

"The most successful clubs start with the basic fundamental plays and learn to execute them well," he said. "That's what we did today in several key situations."

Gary Woods, Doug Ault and Dave Hilton were all credited with sacrifices, two of them leading directly to runs.

First baseman Ron Fairly led off the Toronto 11th by hitting reliever Joe Henderson's first pitch to right for a single. Jays right fielder Sam Ewing then grounded to second baseman Joel Youngblood who attempted to tag Fairly coming down the line. But the Toronto veteran pulled up short and Youngblood then threw on to first, too late to get Ewing.

Steve Staggs then came in to run for Fairly at second. Hilton followed by pushing a bunt down the third base line which third baseman Bob Bailey fielded. Youngblood, covering at first on the play, couldn't handle his throw and Staggs raced home.

Chuck Hartenstein, the fourth Toronto pitcher, got credit for the win.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS



By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Thirty-two teams took part in the Friday night-Sunday afternoon mixed leagues annual wind-up spiel last weekend.

A event was won by the Blu Whitton foursome which edged Larry Guenther in a thrilling final.

Final standings were — A event: Bill Whitton, 2. Larry Guenther, 3. George Morrison, and 4. Ken Curtis; B event: Alf Deanoyer, 2. A. Humphrys, 3. Gord Hutchinson, 4. R. Lyons; C event: Bill Horning, 2. Wally Tutkaluke, 3. R. Robertson, and 4. Scott Thompson.

Mixed league executive would like to thank all the ladies who supplied the salads that made the meal such a success.

IN LUMBY

In the Lumby mixed spiel Bob Noble, curling with Meg Andersson, Nick Turik, and Joan Chyrski captured the B event. Another highlight of the spiel was an eight-ender thrown by Lucy Rouk of Lumby.

Blake Kimura rink captured the second annual Logan Lake Cash Spiel last weekend. It is the second straight win for Kimura in Logan Lake.

Final game was against Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel winner Tony Eberts of Williams Lake. The match went an extra end before the Vernon rink won. Another local foursome, skipped by Wayne Lafave, placed third.

Men's evening league held its spring meeting this week and elected a new slate of officers. On March 29, the men's league will hold its wind-up banquet and trophy presentations, at 8 p.m., in the club room.

LADIES' SPIEL

The ladies' Silver Star Open Bonspiel is scheduled this weekend. Curling starts Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Sixty-four teams, from throughout the province, are entered.

Vernon Curling and Athletic Club's general membership meeting will be held next Monday, at 8 p.m., in the club room. Elections of officers, committee reports, and plans for next year highlight the agenda. All members are urged to attend.

On March 26 the curling club is holding a wind-up dance in the Recreation Complex. All curlers and friends are invited to attend. Admission is $5 per couple and music will be supplied by Sundcastle.

Kirk terrific as Braves win

LCB Braves captured the White Valley Hockey League championship Tuesday with a 4-1 victory over Village Green Merchants at the Lumby Arena.

Merchants were favored to win the title after three consecutive playoff victories.

However, the outstanding netminding of LCB's Mike Kirk kept Village Green off the scoreboard until late in the third period.

Scott McKinley, Lester Ouchi, Al Rogan, and Ray Horochuk scored for the winners.

Brian Sherk was the only player able to beat Kirk.

Merchants' goalie Bruce Watkins, a standout throughout the playoffs, was unanimously selected as Most Valuable Player.

A spokesman for Village Green said, "We owe a lot of thanks to league president Vern Smith. The WVHL had its best season ever and Vern deserves the credit."

Outdoor groups to meet

Robin Draper, of the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C., will be the guest speaker at a meeting of local outdoor recreation groups tonight, at 7:30 p.m., in the Recreation Complex.

Draper requested a meeting of all interested groups so he could present a report on the Trail Survey, conducted during 1978, by the Outdoor Council. He will also be commenting on a regional meeting, to be held in Kelowna, in the spring.

Any individual interested in attending the meeting, as a representative of an outdoor group, is invited.

The group will also have the chance to see a slide and talk show by Jenny Feick of Great Divide Trails Association.

For further information phone 545-6085.

Lords dump Clippers in overtime marathon

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A goal by Gordie Brandt early in the second overtime period gave Langley Lords a 7-6 win over Nanaimo Clippers in one of two British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoff games Tuesday night.

In the other game, Penticton Vees fired in seven goals in the final period to take a 9-7 come-from-behind win over Kelowna Buckaroos.

Both best-of-seven semi-final series are tied 1-1.

In Langley the teams played a scoreless 10-minute suddendeath overtime period before Brandt notched his goal, his second of the night, at 2:13 of the second overtime period.

Eddie Lister scored two goals and Chris Tucker, Lane Lavik and Terry Jackson rounded out the Vees' scoring effort.

SCORES THREE

Mike Shields scored three goals for the Clippers, including the tying marker at 11:58 of the third period, and singles came from Mickey Willigreas, Sid Giroux and Kelly Short.

Langley led 3-1 after the first period and 5-3 after 40 minutes.

At Penticton, the Vees played catch-up hockey as Kelowna led 3-1 after one period and 4-2 after two.

Craig Berezowsky led the Vees with three goals, including the winner at 18:08 of the final period and then a goal into an open net with 31 seconds left.

Cary Eades scored two goals. Singles came from Ken Pedersen, Mike Bracko, Kevin Maxwell and Shawn Dineen.

John Oliver led the Bucks with two goals. Bill Audyckl, Scott Lang, Scott MacLeod, Mike Wills and Doug Davis scored singles.

PIN POINTS

March 15

Tues. Evening Ladies (9-11)
Women's high single — Linda Gerbutt 266, high triple — Linda Gerbutt 644, high average — Ruth Christiansen 205
Team high single — Left Overs 1258, high triple — Whoozits 3410

TEAM STANDINGS

Pin Power	521
Whiz Kids	491½
Try Hards	489½
Short Steps	481

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Team high single — Maypo 1339, high triple — Maypo 3653
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