KENDALL'S KORNER



Lottery a good idea

There are some people in sports you can't forget because of their enthusiasm and gung-ho attitude

One of those folks is Gerry Bettison. You can't forget Bettison because he has done a lot for minor sports, and secondly, because he was one of the first people in Vernon to buy yours truly a bit of refreshment in a local establishment.

Bettison was devoted minor soccer supporter for several yea a, but now he has turned his energy in another direction

He has sent a letter to every sports organization and service club in Vernon with the idea of getting a lottery going in the North Okanagan

Purpose of the lottery – to build an arena

HUGE COMPLEX

Gerry tells us Yellowknife, capital of the Northwest Territories, has a sweepstakes in progress which will provide funds for a multi-purpose sportsplex. Included in the project would be a hockey arena, skating and curling rinks, swimming pool, bowling alley, and auditorium.

The plan was started in 1975, and the $13 million complex is expected to be completed in 1979.

Bettison asks, "Yellowknife, with a population of 10,000 people is solving its dilemna, – Can Vernon and surrounding area solve its recreation and leisure needs in a similar manner?"

We have a beautiful curling rink, indoor pool, and a privately-owned bowling alley. So, all we really need is a.other arena.

The idea of a lottery may seem a little far-fetched, but why" If another city can do it, why not Vernon"

For years sports groups, service clubs, the city, and the regional district have been haggling over a new ice facility. Latest word is – the haggling is continuing. Meanwhile, our area is growing and the present arena long ago provided its money's worth.

With a lottery, an arena, surrounded by outdoor playing fields, could be funded. Bettison suggests the complex could be similar to that at McArthur Island Park in Kamloops.

Maybe it is time we looked seriously at this idea, because we aren't getting anywhere right now.

COSTS RISING

Vernon doesn't need a $13 million facility, but if we wait a few more years, property values will continue to rise and the land will cost millions of dollars.

Alderman Frank Williamson, Vernon's representative on the North Okanagan Regional District recreation committee, said he thinks it is fantastic Yellowknife was able to come up with that type of project.

Williamson said, "It is a great idea if you can get people behind it. Lotteries are fine if you can generate the enthusiasm.

"There are so many raffles going right now, it could be tough to muster interest."

Williamson estimates cost of a two-ice-surface facility at about $3 million. However, if the existing outdoor rink was covered and expanded, the cost would be much less.

He said, "I hope the regional district takes the initiative for this area. There has been a report completed, on arena facilities, and it will be turned over to NORD this week. Hopefully a recommendation will be forthcoming soon."

Let us hope something does happen soon.

Lots of programs to get in shape

A variety of activities are offered by the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District, in a wide range of time zones, to offer the broadest possible opportunity for people to become fit and stay fit.

Such programs as Aquacise, Gentle Gym, Slimnastics and Yoga have been scheduled, with registrations now being accepted at the Vernon Recreation Complex Office. Registration times are Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Detailed pamphlets are available at the Recreation Complex and all information is contained in the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District brochure, scheduled for delivery to households during the first week of April.

The fitness programs include Gentle Gym, with instructor Barb Smith, on Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon; Slimnastic programs with Barb Smith and pianists Ruth Stewart or Mary Epp will be held Tuesday mornings 8:45 to 10, Tuesdays 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Tuesdays 7:15 to 8:30, Tuesdays 8:30 to 10:00, Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:30 (limited size of class), or Thursdays from 10:45 to 12:00. Yoga is offered through two programs Mondays 10:45 to 12 noon, or Thursdays 9 to 10:30 a.m. (class size limited).

There are some restrictions on programs such as class size and the lack of availability of the pool for swimming. Adjustments have been made in the fee structure to take the restrictions into account.

Business girls hit the course

Vernon Golf Club business girls' section hits the links for the first time this weekend.

The girls start play Saturday at 10 a.m. There will be no draw however, club pro Ron Wood will arrange tee-off times as golfers arrive.

This week the competition will be nine holes, but anyone wishing to play 18 may do so.

There will also be a nine-hole competition every Tuesday night, starting in May. New golfers are welcome. For further information phone Business Girls Captain Kathleen Sand at 542-3894.

Meanwhile, opening day for the ladies' section will be Tuesday, at 10 a.m.

There will be no advance draw, but Wood will arrange tee-off times.

For further information, phone Ladies' Captain Dorothy Gower at 542-7164.

PIN POINTS

March 10, 1977
Thursday 7-9

Women's high single Donna Desmarais, 281, high triple Donna Desmarais, 716, high average May Turek, 221

Men's high single Chuck Kronbauer 348, high triple Ron Trask 822, high average John Tyrakowich 243

Team high single Sticky Fingers 1147, high triple Sticky Fingers 3098

300 Club Chuck Kronbauer 348, Ron Trask 309, Ron Potts, 308

Team Standings

Sticky Fingers	343
Vernon Fruit Union	308½
South Paws	296
NOCA Sunshine	260

March 10, 1976
Thursday Matinee

High single Elma Dalzer 272, high triple Elma Dalzer 653, high average Willie Wendel, 214, Team high single Drop Outs, 1206, high triple Drop Outs, 3460

Team Standings

Drop Outs	385
Cameos	382½
Keglers	368½
BKers	358½
Happy Gang	357½

March 10, 1977
Thurs. Morn. Coffee Party

High single Alice Kolle, 301, high triple Marie MacKenzie, 742, high average Lil Jamieson, 212, Team high single Intruders, 1283, high triple Intruders, 3628.

300 Club Alice Kolle, 301

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Team Standings

Silver Stars	325
Alley Cracks	304½
The Speedy 'S'	278
F I S H	247½



(Daily News Photo)

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Sue Boyd, 16, of Vernon will be one of the top local competitors skiing this weekend in a freeskiye meet at Silver Star. The meet, to be held in conjunction with Funner Days, is expected to attract some of the top competitors in Western Canada. Boyd recently won a silver medal at the Canadian Amateur championships at Mount Tremblaut, Quebec.

IN THE NHL

Flames Spectrum win just a hollow victory

NHL

Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Phila	43	16	13	286	193	99
Islanders	43	19	10	256	173	96
Atlanta	33	20	11	236	236	73
Rangers	25	32	12	245	278	64
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	29	34	9	205	239	66
Chicago	23	39	10	215	275	56
Minnesota	19	35	17	215	276	55
Vancouver	23	40	9	204	260	55
Colorado	19	39	13	202	264	51
Prince of Wales Conference						
Adams Division						
Buffalo	44	22	6	268	197	94
Boston	43	21	8	277	214	94
Toronto	33	28	12	276	248	76
Cleveland	22	38	10	206	252	54
Norris Division						
Montreal	54	8	11	350	165	119
Pittsburgh	31	29	13	221	230	75
Los Angeles	29	29	14	234	213	72
Washington						
	19	39	14	189	278	52
Detroit	16	46	9	174	271	41

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Atlanta Flames won their first National Hockey League victory in three years on the Philadelphia Flyers' home ice Thursday night, but the 4-1 triumph probably won't make them feel any more optimistic about playing at the Spectrum.

Atlanta coach Fred Creighton predicted the Flames could continue to have problems. And several of the players said the Flyers just weren't playing up to par.

Eric Vail scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the second period when he took a perfect drop pass from centre Tom Lysiak and fired the puck past Philadelphia goalie Wayne Stevenson.

In the next period, Dave Shand and Curt Bennett scored two minutes apart to lock up the victory.

"Getting in and out of the first 20 minutes and not getting our brains blown out helped give us confidence," said Creighton. "It's pretty tough to get in a hole in this building. It's tough to come back."

In other games Thursday night, Boston Bruins beat Buffalo Sabrers 4-2 and Los Angeles Kings downed Detroit Red Wings 4-2.

DEFENCE OFF

Flames centre Bill Clement, a former Flyer, said the Flyers didn't put up much defence.

"You have to have the intensity or legs to force the action for 60 minutes in their end," he explained. "Tonight we did. We contributed to their ragged play."

Philadelphia centre Bobby Clarke added: "I don't know what's wrong, but it's easy to look back over mistakes. We've just been flat three of the last four games."

Edmonton switch tactics

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton Oilers dispensed with intimidation tactics Thursday night and climbed back into a tie for the fourth and final playoff spot with Calgary Cowboys in the Western Division of the World Hockey Association.

WHA

East Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	41	27	7	304	256	84
Cincinnati	36	31	3	315	299	75
Indianap	32	32	7	237	259	71
New Eng	29	37	6	236	263	64
Birming	28	41	3	251	272	59
x-Minn	19	18	5	136	199	43
West Division						
Houston	43	20	8	276	197	92
Winnipeg	39	29	2	317	249	80
San Diego	33	33	4	231	249	70
Calgary	28	35	5	210	231	61
Edmonton	29	40	3	204	271	61
Phoenix	26	40	4	244	326	56

x-folded.

Gavin Kirk emerged from a lengthy slump to score two goals as the Oilers defeated Winnipeg Jets 4-3 before 9,886 fans in Edmonton.

The victory moved the Oilers five points ahead of last-place Phoenix Roadrunners but increased the number of games the Cowyboys have in hand on them to four.

In other games, Quebec Nordiques edged Phoenix 4-3 and Indianapolis Racers downed Birmingham Bulls 5-2.

In tonight's action Calgary visits New England Whalers, Quebec plays the Stingers at Cincinnati, Houston Aeros entertain Phoenix and Winnipeg travels to Indianapolis.

Criticized for rough play at Winnipeg, the Oilers checked thoroughly but cleanly and took only four minor penalties.

The Jets were limited to 22 shots on goaltender Ken Broderick, none by Bobby Hull.

Kirk, who had scored only five goals in 42 games since coming to the Oilers from Calgary early in the season, scored a first-period goal, then added the winner at 14:51 of the third period. The two goals gave him 16 for the season.

The other Oiler merkamen were defenceman Ron Busniuk, with his first of the season, and Bill Flett, with his 25th.

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BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Local women make slow bowling start

The B.C. Interior Five Pin Bowling Championships are well under way at Lincoln Lanes in Vernon today.

Action started at midnight, Thursday, when the women's teams took to the alley.

There are 24 Interior centres represented in the championships, with a men's, women's and mixed bowling team from each centre.

In all, about 360 bowlers are involved in the two-day affair, which will wrap up late Saturday afternoon.

The mixed bowling playdowns began at 6:30 a.m. today, while the men's competitions were due to begin this afternoon.

The various teams are placed into either "A" or "B" division roll offs, depending on their bowling averages.

In early results, in the women's "A" division: Beaver Valley were leading at the half way point with 4,377 pins. Valleyview followed in second place with 4,366, Salmon Arm had 4,299, and Vernon's women stood in fourth place with 4,298 pins.

In the "B" division of the women's championship, Golden led the pack with 4,270 pins, Osoyoos were second with 4,238, Penticton stood third with 4,145 and Merritt held fourth place at 4,127 pins.

Kamloops may move hockey club

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) – A former shareholder of Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada Hockey League, who now has control of the Chiefs and its British Columbia Junior Hockey League farm team, says one of the two teams may move from Kamloops.

Ephram Steinke now has 90-per-cent control of the Chiefs, and 65-per-cent control of Kamloops Braves of the BCJHL. Remaining shares in the two teams are owned by lawyer Andy Berna.

Lefly named most valuable

Twenty-year old Jack Lefley has been named the Most Valuable Player on the 1976-77 Vernon Vikings.

Lefley, a three-year veteran, scored 92 points this year and was one of the most respected policemen in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

As MVP, the big winger inherits the Pat Reilly Memorial Trophy, won last year by goalie Keith Ferner.

Vikings' General Manager and Coach Vern Dye also announced today that 18-year-old Brian Maser has been selected as the club's top defenceman.

Maser scored more goals (23) than any other rearguard in the BCJHL this season. Last year the award was shared by Terry Anaka and Brian Griese.

Gary Huth picked up the 1 and 2 Electric Trophy, for the second consecutive year, as the Vikings' top scorer. Huth, 20, finished out his junior career in fine style with 109 points.

Rookie of the year is centre Cam Torgeson. Torgeson, a Penticton native, was Vernon's top scorer in playoffs. He wins the Ernie's Esso Trophy, captured last season by Steve Danahin.

Darcy Wilkinson was named Most Gentlemanly Player and wins the Vern Dye Trophy. Most Popular Player, and recipient of the OK Plumbing Trophy, is captain Gary Gassoff.



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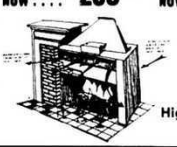
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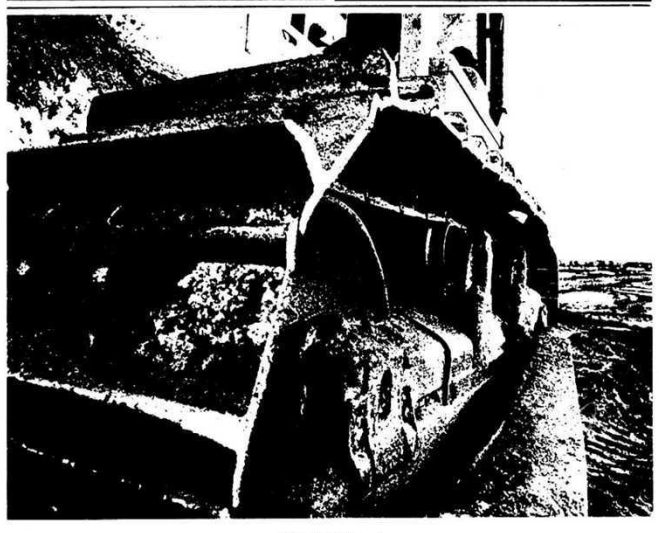
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