KENDALL'S KORNER

October is too busy



This week's announcement that the Super Draw Curling event is being postponed to October, caught a lot of people by surprise. But, the rumor of cancellation or postponement had been circulating for several weeks.

Super Draw has experienced problems since it was first dreamed up in 1975. The first annual event, slated to be held in Calgary, never did take place.

Last year's Super Draw was held, in Edmonton, but organizer Mike McGrath admits the principles lost money on the project. With curling booming in Vernon, this was the ideal place to hold the event this year. However, things didn't work out that way.

Entries weren't up to expectations and McGrath said if they had gone ahead and held the event at the end of March, the organizers would have lost about $28,000.

The concept of Super Draw is interesting, but it does have flaws. Curlers send in an entry fee with the chance of having their name drawn to curl on a team with one of the best skips in Canada. Winners pick-up a tody sum of money.

The drawback is curling is designed to be a team sport. Many curlers are not interested in taking part in a bonspiel without their regular foursome.

If Newcombe North Tennis Ranch does get completed this summer, and the curling facility is ready for Super Draw in October, holding the event there would certainly save McGrath and his partners a bundle of money. Mainly because they also own Newcombe North.

Which brings us to the next problem. McGrath said it would make sense to hold Super Draw in October, the week before or the week after the huge Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel. He said, "The skips that come out from Eastern Canada can just stay over for an extra week and take in both events."

SOME OBJECTIONS

However, the car spiel organizers may have some objections to that proposal.

Firstly, in three years, the Vernon Car Spiel has become one of the most respected curling events in the country. The organizers may not appreciate competition for the advance publicity which they are used to receiving.

With two events, in one city, within two weeks, the publicity would certainly be split.

Car Spiel Director John Taporowski told us he couldn't speak for the spiel executive, but said he personally does not like the idea of having Super Draw in October.

Taporowski said, "I don't feel anytime in October is feasible. There is already an extremely busy bonspiel schedule in B.C. at that time of year."

In the three weeks following the car spiel is the Evergreen Spiel in Vancouver, the Kamloops Cash Spiel, and a money spiel in Prince George.

Taporowski said, "For any of the skips to come from the East, and stay two weeks in Vernon, doesn't make sense to me. I just don't think it is the best time of the year."

The best teams in the province will be competing in the four big B.C. bonspiels. So, if Super Draw hopes to attract skips like Kevin Smale, Jack Tucker, Jim Armstrong, Roy Vinthers, Tony Eberts, and Bernie Sparkes, another time of the year would probably be advisable.

FOR BUCKAROOS

Power plays pay off

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A goalie with a hot hand and the ability to capitalize on power-play chances gave Kelowna Buckaroos and Langley Lords away-from-home British Columbia Junior Hockey League semi-final playoff victories Friday night.

Outstanding goaltending by Al Wiebe and a three-goal performance by Brian Henderson helped the Lords nip the Clippers 6-5 while Kelowna scored three power-play goals to beat Penticton Vees 6-3.

Both best-of-seven series are tied 2-2 and fifth games go tonight in Nanaimo and Kelowna.

The Clippers were leading 4-2 mid-way in the third period before Langley tied the game with two goals in 43 seconds. Then the Lords scored twice in five seconds to take the lead with just over three minutes left in the game.

The Clippers lifted goalie Steve Hanna and narrowed the gap to one goal but couldn't force overtime.

Besides Henderson's three goals, Gerry Bogle, Steve McDonald and Gordie Brandt scored for Langley.

Mike Shields scored three times for Nanaimo with singles coming from George Fritz and Torri Robertson.

The Clippers took seven of 11 minor penalties.

A Penticton crowd of 2,123 saw the Bucks take period leads of 3-0 and 4-1.

Scott MacLeod scored two goals for Kelowna while Brad Palmer scored a short-handed marker which turned out to be the winner. Also scoring for the Bucks were Doug Davis, John Oliver and Rod Danchuk.

Craig Berezowsky led Penticton with two goals while Shawn Dineen added the third marker.

Randy Strutch stopped 24 shots in the Bucks net while Jim Scammell and Pat Murphy combined for 27 saves in the Penticton goal.

The Vees took 14 of 26 minors and each team had a fighting major.



WVHL CHAMPIONS

LCB Braves defeated Village Green Merchants this week to capture the White Valley Hockey League championship. The Braves are, from left, back row, Ken Henczel, Doug Paulik, Scott McKinley, Dennis Hamaguchi, Al Rogan, Dan Horochuk, Lester Ouchi, and Ray Horochuk. Front row, Hugh Mori, Rick Monahan, Al Schuck, Jock Worth, Mike Kirk, and Paul Worth. (Daily News Photo by Alleyne Tull)

Raiders hope to end series

It is do or die tonight for Price and Markle when it travels to Winfield tonight to tangle with the Raiders in the second game of the best-of-three North Okanagan Hockey League finals.

Raiders won the first game of the series 3-0 last Sunday, in Vernon.

P and M, which had not lost in its 10 previous games, will be short-handed for tonight's match-up. Captain Bob McCallum is holidaying in Hawaii, winger Gerry Zaichowsky is scheduled to work, and centre Stan Hunt is still feeling the effects of stretched ligaments in the ankle.

Zaichowsky may be able to get a shift change and Hunt might try skating on his ankle, but McCallum, a defensive stalwart, will leave a big hole on the blue line.

Meanwhile, Raiders are playing their best hockey of the season and getting great goaltending from Bernie Feedham. Feedham was brilliant last Sunday making 44 saves and earning his first shutout of the year.

Game time tonight is 8:30 p.m. If a third game is necessary, it will be played Sunday night at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Bruins hustle to tie Broncos

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defenceman Miles Zaharko scored with 18 seconds remaining Friday night as New Westminster Bruins rallied at home for a 5-5 tie with Lethbridge Broncos in one of two Western Canada Hockey League games.

The point meant little to the Bruins, who have clinched first place in the Western Division, but it was important for the Broncos, who still have a chance to overhaul the idle Winnipeg Monarchs for second place in the Central Division.

Lethbridge is three points behind the Monarcs but has played one more game.

In the only other game, Saskatoon Blades struck for four goals in the second period of a 6-1 triumph over the hapless Regina Pats, who stretched their winless streak of games on the road to 31.

Rod Guimont paced the Broncos with two goals. Grant Eakin, Rocky Saganiuk and Willie Desjardins shared the others.

Randy Betty, John Paul Kelly, Doug Derkson and Stan Smyl scored for the Bruins.

At Saskatoon, Darryl Erickson scored two goals to spark the victory. Brent Ashton, Dan Bent, Dell Chapman and Brian Law had a goal each while Greg Ing scored unassisted on a power play for the only Regina goal.

Lethbridge continues its tour of British Columbia points tonight with a game against Victoria Cougars. In other games, Regina visits Flin Flon Bombers, Saskatoon faces Medicine Hat Tigers and Winnipeg travels to Portland.

The Sunday schedule has Regina meeting Flin Flon again while Lethbridge is at Portland, Medicine Hat at Saskatoon and Winnipeg at New Westminster.

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Crozier in form against Colorado

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roger Crozier retired from hockey in 1975 but he's back again in fighting form.

Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Philadelphia	43	16	13	286	193	99
Islanders	43	19	10	256	173	96
Atlanta	31	30	11	256	236	73
Rangers	25	33	14	245	278	64
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	39	24	8	205	229	66
Chicago	33	29	10	215	272	56
Minnesota	19	35	18	217	278	56
Vancouver	23	40	9	204	260	55
Colorado	19	40	13	202	269	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	11	208	254	55
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	20	39	14	194	278	54
Detroit	16	46	9	174	271	41

In his second appearance as goaltender with Washington Capitals, Crozier stopped 14 shots in two periods of play to lead his team to 5-0 win over Colorado Rockies in a National Hockey League game Friday night.

"It felt great to get back into the thick of things again," Crozier said. "I never doubted it I could play in the league again. It was just a matter of if I wanted to or not."

Crozier retired from the game in December, 1975, following a hitch with Buffalo Sabres. But the time span has not apparently affected his condition.

"I felt fairly sharp tonight," the 36-year-old goalie said. "When you come back after being out as long as I've been, it's more a matter of conditioning than anything else."

In the only other game Friday night, Minnesota North Stars and Cleveland Barons played to a 2-2 tie.

LOW RELIEVES

Ron Low relieved Crozier in the third period of the game.

"I thought two periods was enough tonight," Capitals coach Tom McVie said of removing Crozier. "I didn't think he was challenging the shooters and he wasn't coming behind the net to clear the puck."

JUNIOR MEN'S CURLING

Champs missed feeling

WINNIPEG (CP) — Paul Gowsell didn't like the way he won the Canadian junior men's curling championship Friday but the Calgary skip couldn't quarrel with the results.

"It bothered us to be one game behind almost the entire week," said the 19-year-old Mount Royal College student. "Waiting isn't a very good feeling but when you win in the end, I guess it's okay."

The Alberta skip won the title for the second time in three years when he defeated Nova Scotia 10-5 in the final round while British Columbia was upset 8-5 by Newfoundland.

Alberta, which lost to Gary Smart of North Vancouver in the fourth round Monday, finished with a 10-1 record and B.C. was 9-2 after losing its last two games.

Lead Kelly Stearne is the only holdover from Gowsell's rink which won the Canadian junior title in 1975 at Edmonton and the world junior championship last year in Aviemore, Scotland. Stearne, like Gowsell, uses the push broom.

Gowsell added third John Ferguson and second Doug McFarlane to his rink this season after he won the Calgary superleague.

Alberta defeated Nova Scotia by stealing two in the second end and springing four in the fourth against Scott Saunders of Lunenburg. The Lunenburg foursome finished with a 5-8 record.



EIGHT-ENDER IN LUMBY

The first eight ender ever thrown at the Lumby Curling Rink was recorded during the recent St. Patrick Open Mixed Bonspiel. It is understood Josie Martin and her rink had an eight-ender shortly after the rink opened in 1961, but it was not submitted. Last Saturday, Lucy Rouck was skipping and it was in C Event. Here with their rocks are skip Rouchk, third George Major, second Jack Rouck and lead Linda Vlaeveld. (News photo by Alleyne Tull).

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Stingers blast Nordiques 7-3

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

It seems everybody has conceded first place in the World Hockey Association Eastern Division to Quebec Nordiques except Cincinnati Stingers.

East Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	41	28	2	307	263	84
Cincinnati	37	31	3	322	262	77
Indianapolis	32	33	7	242	266	71
New England	30	37	6	239	264	66
Birmingham	28	41	3	251	272	59
Minnesota	19	48	5	136	329	43
West Division						
Houston	44	20	6	282	200	94
Winnipeg	40	29	2	324	254	82
San Diego	33	33	4	231	249	70
Calgary	28	36	5	211	234	61
Edmonton	29	40	3	204	271	61
Phoenix	26	41	4	247	332	56

x-folded

A check of the WHA schedule shows that the second-place Stingers are in control of their own destiny although they have only 10 remaining games to make up seven points on the Nordiques.

The Stingers blasted the Nordiques 7-3 Friday night at Cincinnati in the first of five games against the division leaders during the final three weeks of the schedule.

In other games, New England Whalers defeated Calgary Cowboys 3-1, Houston Aeros dumped Phoenix Roadrunners 8-3 and Winnipeg Jets outlasted Indianapolis Racers 7-5.

Right winger Blaine Stoughton scored two goals in a game that saw the Stingers wipe out a 3-1 disadvantage following a brawl in the second period.

Cincinnati's Bryan Maxwell and Quebec's Jean Bernier stared the brawl at 3:27 of the period. As soon as they were pulled apart, Stinger captain Rick Dudley and the Nordiques' Jim Dorey squared off.

CHANGED GAME

"The big change in the game for us was the fight," said Cincinnati coach Terry Slater. "They started thinking and we started doing most of the playing."

Claude Larose, Gregg Carroll, Richie Leduc and Ron Plumb scored in a span of two minutes and 22 seconds later in the period to give the Stingers a 5-3 lead going into the final period.

League-leading scorer Real Cloutier fired all three Quebec goals, giving him 59 for the season.

Veteran centre Dave Keon scored a power-play goal with 10 seconds left in the second period for the game's final goal as New England beat the Cowboys at Hartford, Conn.

The victory enhanced the Whalers chances of nailing down the fourth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Division. They lead Birmingham Bulls by seven points and the Bulls have only nine games remaining.

Girls' golf starts April

Vernon Golf Club business girls' section will tee off for the first time early next month.

The girls start play on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. There will be no draw, however. Club pro Ron Wood will arrange tee-off times as players arrive.

Opening day for the ladies section will be Tuesday, April 5 at 10 a.m. Wood will also arrange tee-off times.

It was incorrectly stated in Friday's paper that competitions would begin this weekend.

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

Kelowna skiers win Pontiac cup

MONT SUTTON, Que. (CP) — British Columbia skiers Lori Dirk of Coquitlam and Tim Gilhooley of Kelowna have won the women's and men's Pontiac Cup ski trophies for 1977.

Laurie Graham of Toronto won the last women's race of the season, Friday's giant slalom, to boost her points total to 131 with Dirk finishing fourth for 11 points in the race and 136 on the season.

Calgary's Dianne Lehoodey was third in the women's standings with 99 points.

Gilhooley won the men's cup in spite of a disastrous series in which he failed to finish in Thursday's slalom and again in Friday's giant slalom.

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