

Vernon evens record with lopsided victory

Vernon evened its record at 1-1 with a 9-4 victory over Terrace during opening day play in the provincial Pee Wee Hockey championships in Enderby.

In the tournament opener Tuesday, Fort St. John drubbed the locals 7-2.

Terrace and Vernon were tied 2-2 after the first period, but the host team took a 5-3 second period lead and skated away from the visitors in the final 20 minutes.

Rod Duchscherer led the winners' attack with three goals while Tom Day added a pair. Singles went to Greg Kowal, Gordon Olson, Jeff Wejr, and Nick Kapicki. Wejr also had four assists.

Glen Palahicky, with two, Warren Riding, and Colin Parr replied for Terrace.

Vernon netminder Norm Schwing made 23 saves while Terrace goalie Ross Smith blocked 32 shots.

Vernon picked up three of five minor penalties.

SECOND WIN

Burnaby became the first double-winner with a 9-6 victory over Trail in today's first game.

After losing to Okanagan champion Penticton 8-5, Burnaby bounced back to thump Cranbrook 8-4.

Only unbeaten team at press time was Penticton, however, it had played just once.

Sannich outlasted Terrace 9-7 in Tuesday's last game. Other first day scores were Trail 4, Fort St. John 0; and Cranbrook 6, Saanich 4.

Play continues all day with Vernon slated to be back on the ice, at 7 p.m., against Cranbrook. Final game of the day has Penticton against Fort St. John at 9:30 p.m.

ON THURSDAY

The five-day tournament continues Thursday with Trail vs. Vernon at 6:30 a.m., Saanich vs. Penticton at 9 a.m., Fort St. John vs. Cranbrook at 11:30 a.m., and Terrace vs. Burnaby at 9:15 p.m.

The round-robin affair winds-up on Saturday night.

CURLING CLUB NEWS



By RON HOUSTON
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The ice plant was turned off Tuesday night and the curling season is over for another year. There have been many highlights in each league and I would like to recap some of them.

LADIES' AFTERNOON LEAGUE

The Silver Star Spiel was run extremely well and a lot of hard work was done by the spiel committee. Some of the teams that did well in the spiel were skipped by Thelma Trickett, Mabel French, Ina Pee, Betty Pierce, Joyce Hartman, Bert Morgan, and Carol Watson.

Last weekend in Kelowna, a team with Morgan, Tilly Elberts, M. Holloway, and Roni Murray captured the 'C' event in the Granny Spiel.

In regular league play the team of Trickett, Elberts, Diane LaChance, and G. McLane won the aggregate and LeBlond Trophies. The Granny Morris Trophy went to Morgan, Helen Turik, M. Kerr, and M. MacDonald. Vernon Ladies' Club Trophy went to Marj Balcombe, Mary Burgess, Ev Wilson, and A. Reid.

BUSINESS GIRLS

This year there were 17 teams curling and the big winner was the rink of Maureen Weir, Carol Prentice, Abby Bridgeman, Nellie Van Grootel, and Meg Anderson. They won the aggregate trophy and scored an eight-ender.

'B' trophy went to L. Stephens, V. Finnimore, S. Ryson, and J. Ketelaars. 'C' trophy was won by Jean Skobalski, E. Dunn, D. Grams, and L. Gloschenko.

LADIES WEDNESDAY

First round winners were Margaret-Anne Stroh, R. McCadden, G. Maeland, and K. Day. Second round champs were M. Morris, M. Wood, D. Willows and S. Newcombe.

MIXED LEAGUE

The league expanded from 32, to 48, teams this year.

The wind-up spiel was a great success and the league championship went right down to the wire. Ken Curtis edged Glen Bridgeman in the final game. Curling with Curtis were wife Flo, and Ron and Phil Corbett.

SENIOR MEN

This league had more than 80 curlers and plans to expand next year.

In competitive play, the rink of Ralph Dangerfield, Joe Mullen, Hal Thompson, and Jack Shetler walked away with most of the marbles. Besides winning several awards, the Dangerfield foursome also scored an eight-ender.

Other trophy winning teams were skipped by Horace Webb, Bill Snowball, and Eric Ganzeveld.

MEN'S LEAGUE

Forty-eight teams curled in this loop and there will be more teams wanting to get in next season.

The aggregate race was won by Bob Noble, Mario Mondin, Gord Henschke, and Brian Willows. Close behind were teams skipped by Ted Kenny, Ron Reinertson, Dave LaChance, Doug Smith, Ben Bekker, Wayne Laface, and Ken French.

Our group trophies were won by Laface, John Omelchuk, Mondin, Kenny, Bekker, and Murray Crockett.

The club championship was decided Tuesday as Noble beat Laface.

Members of the Laface foursome were Chris Pieper, Bob Welsh, and Bill Whitton.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank: Vi Maddex, Myron Nymchuk, Ev Wilson, Ruth Poschner, Joan Morrison, Tom Wright, Ab Green, Ted Lummerding, Joanne Georgeson, M-A Stroh, Shirley Lemeski, Beth Houston, Phyllis Rintoul, Don Watson, Cecil Schmidt, Basil Edwards, Muriel Wynn, Marj Balcombe, Gladys Leek, Joe Mullen, Rae Scott, Gord Millar, Al McCallum, Larry Wynn, and Ron Townley.

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Have a great summer!

TEACHERS DUMP KIDS

Even in a friendly teacher-student game, there is some pretty fair body contact. Teacher Michael French (17) gets ready to ride student Neil Farlett into the boards in a recent Clarence Fulton School fun game at the Civic Arena. The Teachers emerged triumphant, from the spirited contest, with a 7-5 victory. (Photo by Walter Townsend)

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IN CURLING FINALS

Canada wins fourth

KARLSTAD, Sweden (CP) — Canada defeated Denmark 7-3 in a fourth-round game at the World curling championship today to continue to lead the standings with a perfect record.

Jim Ursel's Montreal rink had a 4-0 won-lost mark after the game against Denmark's Tommy Stjerne, who suffered a fourth consecutive loss.

In other fourth-round games today, Bruce Roberts of the U.S. defeated Italy's Giuseppe Dal Molin 7-3; Sweden's Ragnar Kamp whipped Ken Horton of Scotland, 12-1; Switzerland's Jon Carl Rizzi crushed Pierre Boan of France, 12-3, and Norway's Kristian Sorum picked up his first victory, a 6-5 verdict over winless West Germany's Mickey Kanz.

Sweden, Switzerland and the defending world champion U.S. rink from Hibbing, Minn., were tied for second place behind Canada with 3-1 records, while France, Italy and Scotland were 2-2. Norway was in eighth place at 1-3 and Denmark and West Germany rounded out the 10-country standings with 0-4 slates.

In fifth-round games today, Canada went against Sweden while the U.S. played West Germany, Italy faced Norway, France met Scotland and Denmark opposed Switzerland.

In third-round action Tuesday night, Ursel's Canadians turned back the U.S. 8-5 in a critical early round-robin meeting, while Sweden downed Norway 6-5. Switzerland bounced Scotland 6-3, France edged Denmark 8-7 and Italy clipped West Germany 8-6.

DENMARK CLOSE

Canada took two points in the third end against Denmark for a 3-1 lead but the Danes stayed within range and trailed 4-3 after picking up a point in the eighth before Ursel scored three in the ninth to finish the game.

The Canadian skip was magnificent against the U.S. in their third-round clash Tuesday night, shooting at 90 per cent effectiveness.

In other third-round action, Switzerland's Jon Carl Rizzi dumped Ken Horton of Scotland 6-3, France's Pierre Boan beat Denmark's Tommy Stjerne 8-7, Ragnar Kamp of Sweden edged Norway's Kristian Sorum 6-5 and Giuseppe Dal Molin skipped Italy to an 8-5 decision over West Germany's Mickey Kanz.

THREE WINLESS

Denmark, Norway and West Germany trailed the 10-country standings with 0-3 records. Second-round action earlier Tuesday saw Canada clip Switzerland 8-6, the U.S. down Norway 8-5, Italy take Denmark 6-5, France top Sweden 8-6 and Scotland get past West Germany 6-3 in an extra end.

Roberts dismissed the defeat to Canada as only one loss and vowed the U.S. will be around Saturday when the top four teams meet in semi-final action—unless Canada goes unbeaten through the round-robin and gains a bye to the final Sunday.

Clippers even BCJHL series

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers, despite being outshot by Penticton Vees, managed a close 6-5 win to tie the British Columbia Junior Hockey League final series at 2-2 Tuesday night.

Nanaimo led throughout, taking a 3-1 lead after the first period and a 6-4 edge after 40 minutes.

Mickey Willgress led the Clippers with two goals while singles were added by George Fritz, Sid Giroux, Jim Slater and Randy Keller.

Cary Eades, Mike Bracko, Kevin Callaghan, Craig Berezowsky and Gord McKay scored for Penticton.

Steve Hanna started in goal for Nanaimo and gave up four goals before being replaced at 11:01 of the second period by Andy Gourlay, who stopped 18 shots in the third period. The two goalies combined for a total of 36 saves.

Jim Scammell stopped 19 of 25 shots in the Penticton net.

The Clippers took seven of nine minor penalties and each team had a fighting major.

Attendance was 2,059.

The fifth game of the series is tonight in Penticton.

Players needed for ball

Vernon Minor Baseball Association will hold its third registration Friday, from 6-9 p.m., at Village Green Mall.

Baseball President Art Block told the Daily News a third session is necessary because of the poor turnout at the previous two.

Block said, "We need more boys for every league. To function properly we will need at least 40 more players."

Only 120 boys have registered to date, about 100 less than last year.

Block said, "If we get another 40 players we will have less teams than last season, but at least we'll be able to operate."

Free unpires clinic gets under way tonight

A series of four umpires clinics gets under way tonight, at 7:30 p.m., in the Vernon Recreation Complex.

The clinics, being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, will be conducted by Jim Sanderson, umpire-in-chief of the Men's Commercial Fastball League, and Don Myler, past-president of the Alberta Softball Association.

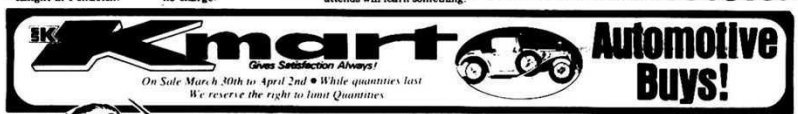
Other sessions will be held April 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and April 24 at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge.

A spokesman for the recreation department said the instructors will be discussing rule interpretations as well as the mechanics and duties of umpires.

He said, "Anyone interested in taking part is welcome. We will be paying umps anywhere between $5 and $10 per game this year, depending upon the level of league being officiated. The only cost for the clinic is the time it takes to attend. I'm sure everyone who attends will learn something."



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AWARD WINNERS

Proudly holding the Vernon Winter Carnival trophies awarded at the Carnival Society's annual meeting here Tuesday are two recipients Jim Alveberg, left, Pee Wee Hockey Tournament Chairman, with trophy awarded for best sporting event during the 1977 Carnival; and Peter York, organizer of the Winter Carnival Hang Gliding Tournament, with the plaque awarded to the runner-up to the best sporting event. Trophies were presented by Carnival Chairman Sharon Shaw, assisted by Harold McDonald, vice-chairman. (Daily News Photo)



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