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TOPS IN VALLEY

Randy Novakowski of Vernon Senior Secondary School won the senior boys' 100 metre dash in the Okanagan Valley Senior Track and Field championships this week at City Park Oval in Kelowna.

Novakowski covered this distance in 11.5 seconds to edge team-mate Ross Ohashi. First and second place finishers in each event qualified for the B.C finals to be held in Vancouver June 3 and 4.

Quebec captures WHA playoff title

QUEBEC (CP) — Marc Bolleau was still dripping from the traditional trip to the showers after his Quebec Nordiques whipped Winnipeg Jets 8-2 in the seventh game of the World Hockey Association final Thursday night to capture their first Avco World Trophy.

"I think this will prove to people in the National Hockey League that I wasn't such a bad coach after all," said Bolleau, puffing on a cigar.

Bolleau was fired as coach of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins before the end of the 1975-76 season but now has taken Quebec to a league championship in his first attempt.

"Maurice Filion, the general manager who gave me the job, leaves me alone to do it," said Bolleau. "And he always backs me up."

A solid team effort also backed up Bolleau in the decisive game as eight Nordiques — Bob Fitchner, Marc Tardif, Real Cloutier, Jean-Claude Tremblay, Normand Dube, Paulin Bordeleau, Christian Bordeleau and Serge Bernier — shared the scoring.

Dan Labraaten and Perry Miller replied for the Jets.

EARLY GOING CRUCIAL

But Bolleau said the game may have been decided before the Nordiques' six-goal second-period outburst that shocked Winnipeg.

"The important thing as far as we were concerned was the first period," Bolleau said. "I thought if the Jets scored one or two goals in the first period it would have been a very different game. But the floodgates opened — we have a very explosive hockey team."

The Jets, who had a 12-7 edge in shots in the first 20 minutes, did not lack for scoring chances, but Nordiques' goaltender Richard Brodeur stopped everything.

The Nordiques then jumped on Jets netminder Joe Daley in the second period, with Fitchner and Tardif scoring goals within 1:10 of the start of the frame.

"The first goal was a big mistake," said Winnipeg coach Bobby Kromm. "We had control of the game to that point. Then the Nordiques capitalized on that first mistake just 1:10 of the second period and got another goal 59 seconds later. We were down too far too fast."

Kromm said the Jets might still have had a chance after Cloutier score1 for Quebec and Labraaten pulled the Jets within 3-1.

FOURTH GOAL KEY

"I couldn't believe what happened, but the capper was Quebec's fourth goal, which really took the wind out of our sails."

It was a drop shot by Tremblay from outside the blueline that eluded Daley.

The Nordiques ran the count to 6-1 by the end of the period on goals by Dube and Paulin Bordeleau and cruised home in the third period.

Bernier, whose goal was his 14th of the playoffs to tie a record set by Cloutier earlier in the game, added two assists for a record total of 22 assists and 36 points, another mark. He was accorded a standing ovation from 11,461 fans at the Colisuem when it was announced, three minutes before the game ended, that he had been awarded the most valuable player award for the playoffs.



(Daily News Photo)

TO ATTEND CAMP

Seven W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School students will be attending the B.C. High School Athletic Camp this summer at Jericho Hill, in Vancouver. Each student will receive expert instruction, in their particular sport, for one week. The athletes are, from left, Dave Herzig (wrestling), Bruce Weltzel (basketball), Wilf Haak (basketball), and Ron Krause (bowling); June Turek (bowling) and Wanda Ehalt (track and field). Missing is wrestler Dale St. Jean. To be eligible for the camp, they had to show a degree of excellence in their event.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

TONIGHT

MAJOR MEN'S SOFTBALL
6:30 p.m., Alexis Park, Price and Markle vs. Lumby Royals.

SENIOR LACROSSE
8:30 p.m., Armstrong Arena, Vernon Lodge Tigers vs. Armstrong Shamrocks

CHURCH SLOWPITCH (All games 6:30 p.m.)
West Vernon No. 1, Alleycats vs. Church of Christ
West Vernon No. 2, Church of God vs. Trinity United.
Hillview No. 1, Elim Tabernacle vs. Swinging Saints.
Hillview No. 2, All Saints vs. Vernon A's

HONEYMOONERS (All games 6:30 p.m.)
VSSS No. 1, Precision Cut vs. Dingbats
VSSS No. 2, Livewires vs. Bank of B.C.
Alexis No. 1, Happy Gang vs. Glumps
Alexis No. 2, Team Cannabis vs. Blue Mtn. Gang
Bearisto No. 1, OK Tire vs. Orangatangs
Armoury Park, Zodiacs vs. Block Brothers

MINOR SOCCER
5:30 p.m., McDonald Park, Kinsmen vs. Columbus (Div. 8)
5:30 p.m., McDonald Park, Firecraft vs. Vernon Sport (Div. 8)
5:30 p.m., McDonald Park, OK Builders vs. Terry Dyck (Div. 9)
5:30 p.m., McDonald Park, 1 & 2 Electric vs. Lumby No. 1 (Div. 9)
5:30 p.m., Lumby, Roy's Tire vs. Lumby No. 2 (Div. 9)

SATURDAY

TRACK AND FIELD
12 noon, Lumby, Okanagan track championships

GOLFING
Vernon Golf Club, Dolly Bertelson Cup (business ladies)
Spallumcheen Golf Club, Junior Open

MINOR LACROSSE
12 noon, Vernon Arena, Kal Lake Carland vs. Smittys (tyke)
1:30 p.m., Vernon Arena, Brownies vs. Bi-Rite (novice)
9:45 a.m., Vernon Arena, Armstrong vs. Vernon Kinsmen (pee wee)
3 p.m., Vernon Arena, Village Green Inn vs. Westbank (bantam)

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KENDALL'S KORNER



Canucks lack class

Vancouver Canucks will never be accused of running a classy organization.

For most of their short National Hockey League history, Canucks have had trouble winning more than one game in a row. But the club's biggest problem always seems to be in the front office.

Vancouver was plagued with problems from the word — go. When the owners decided changing coaches as often as underwear wasn't healthy, they hired Phil Maloney to clean house.

Maloney got rid of all the so-called troublemakers — Andre Boudrias, Gary Smith, and Dale Tallon. Now, Maloney may be the next to go.

Coach Orland Kurtenbach announced last week that he was tired of sitting around waiting to hear from the Canucks, so he resigned. If Kurtenbach had been responsible for the club's ruin, then the treatment he received might have been justified. But, he has always been a class-guy and is one person who has helped the Canucks.

He was the team's first captain and one of the few leaders Canucks have ever had. He then groomed several top prospects with Vancouver's farm team in Tulsa and had the Canucks playing almost .500 hockey from the time he took over last season.

Yet, he didn't even rate a phone call to tell him what was happening. He read in the paper that Scotty Bowman had been offered the coach and general manager job in Vancouver.

WORDS OF PRAISE

Canucks' goaltender Cesare Maniago was recently in Vernon and had this to say about Kurtenbach: "Orland did one heckuva job with the team after he took over. He will let a guy go so far on his own — trying to work out a problem, before he steps in. He gets along well and can communicate with all the guys. As far as I'm concerned, I hope he comes back."

Next on the hatchet list could be Maloney. Canucks' Director Coley Hall said Maloney left himself in the dual job of coach and GM for too long. Hall said, "When you're charging people $10 per seat, they want to see you are trying to improve. If we make a move, it may not be an improvement, but at least it will show we're trying."

Hockey fans in Vancouver love Kurtenbach and still remember Maloney leading the Canucks for years in the Western Hockey League. The people will not be impressed with the treatment their former heroes are receiving.

However, it appears Maloney won't be back. Bowman has been offered the job. Winnipeg Jets' Coach Bobby Kromm says he would take it if offered it. New Westminster Bruins' boss Ernie McLean said he would like a post with any NHL club. L.A. Kings' Coach Bob Pulford has been approached about taking the job, and Washington Capitals' GM Max McNab wouldn't mind moving back to the Pacific Coast.

Maloney still has a year to go on his contract, but Canucks are apparently willing to buy him out. It is hard to say if the move is justified, or necessary, but one thing is certain — the Vancouver brass could have made its moves with a little more class.

Rocks record impressive win

Armstrong Shamrocks recorded their first victory of the season when they dumped Kelowna Bruins 12-8 in Interior Lacrosse Association action Thursday night at the Kelowna Memorial Arena.

Shamrocks, who had lost their first thee games, came up with a solid team effort to beat the second-place Bruins. Vernon Lodge Tigers lead the pack with eight points, while Kelowna has four, and Armstrong two.

Jim Maundrell scored three times for the winners while Ken McGregor added a pair and brother Lance picked up five assists.

Bob Webber, Jeff Shirley, and Graydon Brown replied with two goals apiece for Kelowna.

Armstrong outshot the Bruins 61-52.

ILA action resumes tonight with the Tigers travelling to Armstrong to battle the Rocks.

Vernon will be without veterans Rick Horsley (wrist) and Marty Stein (shoulder). However, defenceman Bruce Townsend, who started the season with Victoria McDonalds junior A team, has returned to the Tigers.

THREE SUSPENDED

Chiefs moving south of border

KAMLOOPS (Special) — Kamloops Chiefs' Owner Ephram Steinke announced this week his club will move to Seattle, Wash. for the 1977-78 Western Canada Hockey League season.

Chiefs, which have been plagued by financial problems since moving to Kamloops, from Vancouver, five years ago, will undergo a name change. However, the club's tier two affiliate, Kamloops Braves of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, will remain in the Interior City and be renamed the Chiefs.

Steinke's son Don will run the tier two club, but no coach or manager has been hired to run the Seattle team.

LAID OFF

Chiefs' General Manager Harvey Roy was laid off at the end of April. However, he has one year remaining on a contract and may contest the dismissal in court.

Roy and the Braves have more problems on their hands.

B.C. Amateur Hockey Association went to war last January against Braves and the B.C. Junior Hockey League and lost a court decision, but not the war.

The BCAHA has suspended defenceman Lawrence Angus, Braves' Coach Craig Sturgeon, and Roy until midnight of May 15, 1978. secretary-registrar Don Freer said from Ottawa Thursday.

Freer said the trio had been suspended for contravening CAHA rule H203, failing to register a player. It is the same point on which BCAHA had suspended Angus, an 18-year old defenceman with the Braves, in January. But, Angus' father Don of Lillooet, brought an injunction against the BCAHA, Freer, and Sandy Michie of Coquitlam Comets, (Pacific Coast Junior League). Kamloops County Court Judge Pat Bohm ruled in favor of the injunction and handed down his decision Feb. 11, ordering the BCAHA and Freer to register Angus to play with Braves.

But, the injunction expired March 31 conveniently clearing the way for a further suspension. It appears likely it will end up back in court with Kamloops lawyer Dennis Oates, who handled the case saying, "There is no doubt in my mind that any action against Angus would constitute contempt of court."

The case revolves around Angus making a mid-season decision to leave the Braves for personal reasons. He joined Comets and played a couple of games and was signed to a card by Michie. Then he decided to rejoin Braves.

Business ladies' draw

9:30 a.m. — Vernon Golf Club
M. Orcutt, P. Wheatley, E. Bawtree.
K. Sand, G. Hollund, F. Boyd.
A. Conley, F. Guenther, I. Marsland.
P. Pitman, J. Andrews, R. Larswon, E. Kirstensen
C. Mattock, B. Silvester, S. MacDonald.
N. Rebkowich, J. Balestra.

15 home runs in men's loop

Sluggers are having a field day at Alexis Park.

To date, there have been 15 home runs hit in 15 Major Men's Softball League games this season.

The pitchers are blaming their problem on the cool weather and livelier balls, however, the hitters are crediting their keen eyes and quick bats.

REAL DOGFIGHT

Due to the long weekend, there were only three games played this week and the standings couldn't be closer. If play to date is any indication, it could be a real dogfight for the pennant.

There is plenty of action this weekend with three games on the schedule. Lumby Royals take on Kal Hotel at 6 p.m. on Saturday, with a doubleheader slated for Sunday. Kal Tire meets Kal Hotel in the first game at 4 p.m., with the nightcap at 6 p.m., between Tradeland Realty and Price and Markle.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pts
Kal Tire	4	3	8
Lumby	3	3	6
P and M	3	3	6
Tradeland	3	3	6
Kal Hotel	2	3	4

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