SPORTS ALERT

SENIOR LACROSSE
8:30 p.m., Kelowna Arena, Armstrong Shamrocks vs. Kelowna Bruins (first game in best-of-three semi-final series)

MEN'S BASKETBALL
7 p.m., Rec Centre, Blue Moons vs. Golden Eagles
8 p.m., Rec Centre, Red Barons vs. Purple Power
9 p.m., Rec Centre, Royal Falcons vs. Green Dragons

Zodiacs hammer Nationals

National Hotel suffered an embarassing 10-0 loss to Kelowna Zodiacs in Okanagan Senior Soccer League action on Sunday in the Regatta City.

The Hotelmen had only seven players, and in the severe heat, could not keep up with the speedy Zodiacs.

National spokesman Erwin Mueller said, "We were missing all our younger players. I guess they'd rather go to the beach than to a soccer game. It was very disappointing."

In other games, Vernon Longhorn United fought to a 1-1 tie with Kelowna Kickers and Vernon Spartans edged Vernon Rovers 2-1.

Stacy withstands challenge

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Tenacious Hollis Stacy withstood an early charge by newly-turned professional Nancy Lopez to capture the 1977 U.S. Women's Open golf tournament Sunday.

Stacy, 23, who held the lead throughout four rounds at the 6,313-yard Hazeltine National Golf Club course, shot a final-round 74 to finish with a four-over two strokes ahead of Lopez.

Playing in her first tournament as a pro, the 20-year-old Lopez moved into a share of the lead on the sixth hole with a birdie after Stacy had bogeyed No. 5.

They remained tied until Lopez took a double-bogey six on the 12th hole when she hit a tree on her second shot, went over the green on the approach shot, chipped back on and then two putted.

Stacy, who had never finished higher than 18th in eight previous Open appearances, increased her season's earnings to over $45,000 on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour with Sunday's $11,000 winner's cheque.

WON $7,000

Lopez, who finished in a three-way tie for second as an amateur at the Women's Open in Atlantic City two years ago, pocketed $7,000.

Stacy strung together rounds of 72, 73, 75 and 74 on the rugged Hazeltine layout, which surrended only five sub-par rounds in the tournament.

The victory was Stacy's second during her four-year LPGA career.

Defending champion JoAnne Carner finished in third place, three strokes back at 295, while Jan Stephenson, who began the final round just one shot off the lead, fell into a three-way tie for fourth at 298 following a disastrous 79.

Amy Alcott and Pat Bradley who fired a 70 Sunday to match the best round of the tournament, also finished at 298.

Suzie McAllister, who also turned in a final-round 70, finished at 299 while Donna Caponi Young was at 300.

Vernon club ladies' draw

Competition: Putting July 25
8 a.m. — B. Pierce, J. Stowell, D. Garner
8:06 a.m. — E. Desnoyer, V. Wallington, R. Macaskill
8:12 a.m. — M. Shea, J. Wetherill, D. Davidson
8:18 a.m. — J. Kuchel, K. Blomson, M. Montgomery
8:24 a.m. — D. Gower, D. Blois, I. Aasman
8:30 a.m. — A. Haber, F. Blankley, J. Harris
8:36 a.m. — T. Kirk, E. Stubbs, J. Wirth
8:42 a.m. — F. Whiting, I. Billinski, G. Holland
8:48 a.m. — B. Clarke, J. Balestrini, C. Buttord
8:54 a.m. — V. Keenan, S. Ogasawara, T. Chapman
9 a.m. — C. Matheson, T. Tricker, E. Buchanan, S. Pethick
9:06 a.m. — P. Corbett, K. Kindrachuk, R. Wadsworth, A. Matlock

Last weeks winners: 1st F. Whiting, 2nd T. Kirk, 3rd S. Ogasawara

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JULY, 1972

Vernon golfer Al Goldie must be looking over his shoulder these days wondering where all the gremlins are. In consecutive weekends of golf play, Al found himself in position to be club champion of two local golf groups and finished as runner up in both.

NORTH OKANAGAN All-star catcher Willy Prude of Sorrento makes a dive for Vernon runner Gary Edwards during Saturday's Senior Babe Ruth playoff game at Polson Park. Edwards beat Prude to the plate, but All-stars came from behind to win 9-8. Below, Vernon catcher Larry Gauthier makes contact with the ball for one of his two singles. (Daily News Photos)

TRAIL WINS TOURNEY

Vernon knocked out in two straight games

Trail will be representing the interior in the B.C. Senior Babe Ruth baseball championship next weekend in Kelowna.

Trail captured the four-team district playdowns over the weekend at Polson Park. In the final game, the Kootenay champs edged Quesnel 8-4.

Vernon was eliminated after a 5-1 loss to Trail and a 9-8 setback to the North Okanagan All-stars.

The loss to All-stars, on Saturday, was a heart-breaker. Vernon Coach Leo Gauthier told the Daily News there is no way his club should have lost that game.

GOT NERVOUS

Gauthier said, "We got up five runs and I could see our boys were getting nervous — I don't know why other than we have a young club. I told them to take it easy and take the batters one at a time, but we started making mistakes. You should never blow a five-run lead."

All-stars jumped to a 2-0 first inning lead when pitcher Bob Murphy ran into control trouble and walked in two runs. Vernon came back with four runs in the second and led 8-3 after five innings. That is when the roof fell in.

All-stars struck for five runs in the sixth, only two of them earned. Shortstop Gary Redman made a costly two-run error, second baseman Mike Halero overthrew first, and Gary Edwards committed an error in right field.

OUT-OF-BOUNDS

The game was only scheduled to go seven innings, but All-stars needed eight to win. With a runner on second base, Vernon first baseman Jim Harding knocked down a hard grounder with his knee. But, the ball bounced out-of-bounds and the runner was allowed to score.

After that game, Quesnel thumped All-stars 12-0 in the semi-finals.

Gauthier said, "It bothered us to lose to the All-stars and see them play the way they did against Quesnel. They didn't put any effort into that game. I guess they just wanted to beat us."

MISSING TWO

Vernon was without outfielders Gerry Fester and Doug Aelchele, who were attending hockey school in Vancouver, for the entire weekend.

The Vernon coach blames age on much of his club's trouble.

Gauthier said, "If we had an older, more experienced team, we probably wouldn't have run into those problems. But, now we have to look ahead to next year. I only lose four players out of 15, so we'll have one heckuva team."

The B.C. Championships gets under way Friday, at 5 p.m., with the host Kelowna team taking on the Lower Mainland champ. At 8 p.m., Victoria tangles with Trail.

Play continues Saturday and Sunday.

FOUL BALLS: Halero, who relieved Morphy in the sixth, was tagged with the loss . . . the All-star squad was made up mostly of Sorrento players . . . the teams paid tribute to the parks crew by commenting on how good the field was . . . the players Vernon loses are Harding, Aelchele, Dave Schneider, and Ken James.

Rocks favored to win ILA semi-final series

Interior Lacrosse Association semi-finals open tonight, at 8:30 p.m., with Armstrong Shamrocks travelling to Kelowna to tangle with the Bruins.

Although Kelowna finished second in the ILA, the third-place Rocks are being favored to win the best-of-three series Armstrong won the last three meetings between the teams and since then, five Vernon players on loan to Bruins have been recalled.

Vernon Lodge Tigers' Coach Bill Roth expects his club to meet Shamrocks in the best-of-five final series.

ROCKS PEAKING

Roth said, "I don't think Armstrong should have too much trouble. Shamrocks are getting everything together and appear to be peaking for playoffs. We could have one heckuva series against them."

Roth told the Daily News he doesn't anticipate any problem with the five players returning from Kelowna.

He said, "It will take two or three practices to get the guys back together. But, with playoffs coming up, everyone is psyched and ready to work."

After winning their sixth straight league title, Roth gave his team 10 days rest. But, tonight at 8 p.m., the Tigers start training for playoffs.

The Vernon coach said, "I think it was important for our guys to have a break. It is going to be tough going from now on. We'll be practicing or playing a game almost every night for a month."

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Volleyball camp extends deadline

Registration deadline for Vernon's Summer Volleyball Camp has been extended to Wednesday.

The camp is designed to introduce the basic knowledge of the game. Some of the areas covered will include ball handling, the smash, blocking, positional play, sequence of hits, serving, and scoring.

Girls' session will run from Aug. 1 to 5. Grade 7-9 players will be on the court, at W. L. Seaton School, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Grade 5-7 girls hit the floor from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Boys' session runs from Aug. 8 to 12, with the same instruction times as the girls.

Camp Director will be Denis Murdoch, assistant coach of the provincial Gold Team, which recently placed first in the Can-Am Trials in Calgary.

Murdoch will be aided by Sue Zelany and Lauren Lypchuk.

Registrations are being accepted at the Recreation Complex. For further information phone 545-6035.

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No word yet on new coach

Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, are still searching for a coach for the 1977-78 season.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News three men are being considered for the post.

Dye said, "I don't expect to make a decision this week, probably next week. Two of the candidates are in Vernon and the other one is out-of-town."

An unconfirmed report states Peter Poeschek could be one of the trio. Poeschek captained Vikings two years ago and last season was coach of the Grand Forks Border Bruins junior B team.

30 PLAYERS

Vikings' training camp is scheduled to open, in Vernon, on Sept. 17. Dye expects only about 30 players to attend camp.

The Vernon GM said, "It is just a waste of time and money to have a huge camp. I suspect we'll have about 10 players back from last season. We need a good right winger, a centre who can put the puck in the net, a couple left wingers, and maybe two defencemen."

Seattle, of the Western Canada Hockey League, is expected to send up to nine players to Vikings while Medicine Hat Tigers and New Westminster Bruins have indicated they will each ship a couple players to Vernon.

VERN DYE
. . . three candidates

LOCAL PROSPECTS

Dye said, "We're hoping local kids can fill a few holes. There are some excellent juveniles and midgets coming up."

Among the juvenile prospects are Jim Harding, Rich Creelman, Gary Edwards, Tom Ouchi, and Kelly Kaneda.

Big defenceman Brian Maser, the outstanding blueliner on Vikings last season, has indicated he will play here again.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NO GAMES

There will be no games in the Okanagan Senior Soccer League on the B.C. Day Holiday weekend. However, some teams will be travelling to Prince George to take part in a tournament.

SWIM COACH

Vernon Kokanees Swim Club is looking for a coach to work from Sept. 1 1977 to June, 1978. Anyone qualified for the job is asked to phone Gus Vander Meulen at 542-9266 or Gordon Schnare at 546-4591.

TOP SCORER

Statistics released this week show Morris Verdabasso is leading the Men's Summer Basketball League scoring race. Verdabasso, who plays for Royal Falcons, has 168 points — for an average of 28 per game. In second spot with 128 points is Hugh Seaton of Blue Moons while Glen Wheelhouse of Green Dragons is third with 117.

PONY RACES

Okanagan Valley Pony Association is hosting the fifth annual Falkland Race meet, from Saturday to Monday, at the Stampede Grounds. More than 100 entries, from throughout B.C., are expected to be on hand. Action starts each day at 1 p.m.

HAS NEW CONTRACT

SMITHFIELD, R.I. (AP) — Coach Chuck Fairbanks of New England Patriots has signed a new, long-term contract with the National Football League club, president Bill Sullivan said Monday. Neither Sullivan nor Fairbanks would divulge the length of the contract and would say only that it included a pay raise with which both parties were satisfied. Fairbanks is in his fifth year as the Patriots' coach.

SAINTS TRIM SQUAD

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints said Monday they had cut 11 players from their National Football League squad, but that four quarterbacks still are fighting for the starting job at that position. Among those dropped was freeagent quarterback Larry Lawrence, a former member of Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League. Quarterbacks still on the squad are veterans Archie Manning, Joe Gilliam, Bobby Scott and Bobby Douglass.

METCALF SETTLES

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Running back Terry Metcalf signed a one-year contract Saturday with St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League, cancelling a multi-year pact signed after the 1976 season. Last season Metcalf refused to return punts and kickoffs for several games unless he got more money.

WINS FINN EVENT

ORILLIA, Ont. (CP) — Sandy Riley of Winnipeg, eighth last year at the Montreal Olympics won the Ontario finn sailing championship Sunday with 20.4 points. Volkmar Neudoerffer of New York City was second with 47.7 points followed by Peter Higgins of Toronto with 49.4 points.

Bristol says his job safe for another year

ANDREWS, N.C. (AP) — Atlanta Braves manager Dave Bristol says even though his team is 24 games out of first place in the West Division of baseball's National League, he's still sure of his aolilities and not worried about losing his job.

"My job is not in jeapordy," Bristol said. "I'm on the first year of a two-year contract, so I've already got a contract for next year. I'm not getting any harassment from the front office or the board of directors."

Bristol, who has had earlier managerial stints with Cincinnati Reds and Milwaukee Brewers and coaching duties with Montreal Expos, evaluates himse as "the right man in the right place" and says the board and front office are getting their money's worth."

"The fans have been just great and they know what is going on. I told owner Ted Turner that you can't fool them."

Hopsiessly out of the pennant running, Bristol rested at his farm here during the all-star break and pondered the rash of injuries, poor pitching, lack of hitting and actions of the maverick owner that have dominated the Braves season so far.

Earlier in the season, the Braves hit a 17-game skid and Turner sent Bristol home for a few days while he tried to run the club himself—until he was stopped by commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

MAINTAIN SANITY

"The main thing was to maintain your sanity," Bristol said of that period. "I felt like it was a good thing that they had somebody like me that knew what was going on and kept everything under control."

But he admitted being sidelined by Turner hurt.

"I had to be a good person to take that from Turner. It had an effect on the ball team because it scared them, and when I came back I had to regroup the team and start all over again."

"I told Ted, 'you've got a pretty good ballman running the team for you, so why don't you let him run it and listen to him once in awhile. I've put 27 years into it. I must know a little something about it.'"

Bristol said pitching has been a disappointment, with Phil Nierko failing to win consistently.

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