Ex-professional player named to coach Vikings

CADET TRACK MEET (Daily News Photos)

Anything you can do, I can do better! To prove the girls can keep up with the guys, both sexes competed the same obstacle course during the Vernon Army Cadet Camp's annual track and field meet on Tuesday at Polson Park. The gruelling obstacle event was the final activity in the six-hour meet.

Vernon Vikings' President Vern Dye announced today Sheldon Bloomer will coach the B.C. Junior Hockey League team during the 1977-78 season.

Bloomer, who moved to Vernon last year from Kelowna, has an extensive background in professional and senior hockey.

He spent six years in the New York Rangers' organization with New Haven and Providence, of the American Hockey League. From there he returned to his hometown of Winnipeg where he spent 10 seasons with the Maroons. He was a member of the 1964 Winnipeg team which captured the Allan Cup.

Dye told the Daily News he feels the club is lucky to get someone with a knowledge of the game like Bloomer.

COMPLETE CONTROL

Dye said, "He's played a lot of hockey and I'm sure he'll be able to teach our players a lot. As far as coaching is concerned, he'll be in complete control of the team."

Bloomer, 48, has never coached at the junior level before but said he is looking forward to his new post as a challenge.

Bloomer said, "I think I'll have a good relationship with my players. I want my club in condition and I will demand respect."

The new coach admits he will have some trouble at training camp because he doesn't know any of the players.

He said, "I'll have to go along with what Vern (Dye) says about most of the kids in camp. It is pretty tough to pick a hockey team in a week when you have no previous knowledge of their ability."

NOT AUTOMATIC

Bloomer made it clear the veterans do not have an automatic spot on the club. He said, "Some of the guys who played here last season may have improved, but on the other hand, some may have gone down the pipe."

SHELDON BLOOMER
...new coach

Bloomer doesn't approve of rough-house tactics on the ice. He said, "I don't want a bunch of pansies, but I don't want my players taking a bunch of stupid penalties either. We'll have a hustling team with the emphasis on skating and passing."

Vikings' training camp opens Sept. 17 at the Civic Arena.

VEES MOVING

Meanwhile, Penticton Vees are busy shuffling players. Vees have traded defenceman Bob Dietterle of Nanaimo Clippers for centre Darcy Listalge.

Penticton also acquired Jerry Boegel, from Langley Lords, for a player to be named later.

However, Vees have lost veteran Shawn Dineen who has accepted a hockey scholarship to University of Denver.

SPORTS ALERT

SENIOR 'C' LADIES

7 p.m., Alexis Park, Kelowna A and W Platters vs. Coldstream Motor Hotel. (Coldstream leads the best-of-three final series 1-0).

BICYCLE MEETING

7:30 p.m., The Bicycle Shop, Vernon Bicycle Club weekly meeting.

Hotelmen pick up extra help

Prince George Canada Hotel Coach Dick Lee announced today his club has picked up two players for the B.C. Senior 'B' Lacrosse Championships this weekend in Vernon.

Al Lawson and John Mouradian have been added from the Prince George Old Stylers.

Lawson, who possesses a wicked shot, was named Most Valuable Player in the 1974 B.C. championships.

Mouradian, who played senior A in Ontario until this year, was named outstanding offensive player in the recent Prince George Invitational tournament. He scored seven goals in a losing cause for Stylers, against Vernon Lodge Tigers.

Meanwhile, the coast representative, Burnaby Klippers, have a full 21-man roster and are not expected to pick up any extra help.

Vernon has added goalie Dan Buchanan and Jack Prokopetz, of Armstrong Shamrocks. Both Armstrong players have looked good in practice with the Tigers this week.

The B.C. tourney gets under way Friday night with Prince George battling defending Canadian champion Vernon.

Regulars dominate auto races

LUMBY — Racing last weekend at Lumby Race Track was dominated by familiar cars.

For the second time, Dave Saunders captured the trophy dash. He later won the first 'A' heat.

Alex Baum captured the second 'A' heat, Rodell Scott won the first 'B' heat, and Art Fleet took the second 'B' heat. Fleet also placed first in the 20-lap main event.

In the sponsor's race, Reg Ross drove Jim Klassen's car from Armstrong across the finish line first.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

AUGUST, 1972

Sung Koreain national volleyball coach Moo Park will headline a guest list which features seven International coaches at this year's Winfield Volleyball Camp in the Okanagan.

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New stadium will be opened

The newly-constructed Lumby ballpark will be officially opened at a ceremony on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The park, built on an area which was once swampland, does not yet have a name.

Lumby Royals Coach Dewey Thompson, who is in charge of the field, told the Daily News he is planning a, "Name the park contest," for Lumby residents.

After the ceremony, Royals will take on Rutland Rovers, of the Kelowna Senior 'B' League, in an exhibition men's softball game.

The game will act as a prep for Royals as they get ready for the Okanagan Senior 'C' championships. Lumby will take on Penticton Kenco, in a best-of-three series, on Aug. 28 in Kelowna.

Winner advances to the provincial playdowns in Richmond.

Royals are favored to beat Penticton because of a superior pitching staff. With games at 12 noon, 2 and 6 p.m., Lumby may call on all three of its starters — Earl Rouck, Gerald Altwasser, and Russ Headington, to make an appearance.

More problems at Canadian Open

TORONTO (CP) — Don Fontana, director of the $160,000 Canadian Open tennis championship, must be wondering what it takes to run a worryfree tournament.

First, Fontana was hit with a flood of weekend cancellations, including news that the tournament's top seed, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, would not take part because of fatigue. Vilas recovered long enough to win a clay-court tournament Monday night in Dublin, Ohio.

Next came heavy rain that reduced Tuesday's program at the York University Tennis Centre to just nine matches—five men's singles and four women's singles.

Play was suspended five times before organizers decided to postpone the remainder of the program until today. And if the weatherman's long-range forecast for rain off and on for the rest of the week is accurate, organizers might be forced to move play indoors.

One of the matches rained out was Evonne Goolagong's match with Kaija Ebbinghaus of West Germany. Goolagong is making her return to tournament play following the birth of her first child.

TOP-SEED WINS

In the featured match of the day, top-seeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico overcame lapses of concentration to defeat Alvero Betancur of Colombia 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

In other men's singles first-round matches, Jaime Fillol of Chile defeated Dale Power of Toronto, 6-2, 6-3, Jim Delaney of the United States beat Harry Fritz of Toronto, 6-4, 6-4, John Picken of Vancouver, the Canadian national under-21 champion, put up a game fight but lost 6-3, 6-4 to India's Sashi Menon, and Andrew Pattison of Rhodesia beat Nikki Spear of Yugoslavia 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In women's play, Brigitte Cuypers of South Africa upset No. 6-seeded Laura Dupont of the United States 6-2, 6-4 and Chris Evert's younger sister, Jeanne, a qualifier, overpowered another qualifier, Michele Gurdal of Belgium 6-1, 6-2.

Zenda Liess of South Africa defeated Kathy Harter of the U.S., 7-6, 7-5 and Ilana Kloss of South Africa beat Wendy Barlow of Vancouver 6-0, 6-3.

WHA planning another season

MONTREAL (CP) — The World Hockey Association's board of trustees met Tuesday night and basically told everybody that they had nothing to reveal about their closed-door sessions.

After a five-hour afternoon session, the WHA magnates met again briefly Tuesday night and will meet again today and likely Thursday as they try to get a plan of action for the 1977-78 season.

"There will be a WHA next season," said Ben Hatskin, chairman of the board of trustees. "It will have seven or eight teams."

But just what teams will participate is anybody's guess at this point although Hatskin said that the six clubs which failed to gain entry into the rival National Hockey League—Quebec Nordiques, New England Whalers, Houston Aeros, Cincinnati Stingers, Edmonton Oilers and Winnipeg Jets—are all likely to be included.

Birmingham Bulls also appear set to operate with either Calgary Cowboys or Indianapolis Racers a possible eighth team.

There has been growing speculation that the Oilers owners would leave the WHA and purchase the ailing Colorado Rockies' NHL concession and transfer it to Edmonton.

But while Oilers' co-owner Nelson Skalbania says his group would like to get the Rockies, it is highly unlikely they will make a move in that direction in time for the 1977-78 season.

BEN HATSKIN
...will operate

CONSENT REQUIRED

"They are certainly available and we are certainly interested, but any such move would require the consent of the teams from both leagues," Skalbania explained. "That's 26 teams. Right now, Edmonton and Colorado are for it."

The Rockies embarked on a massive season-ticket campaign this summer and Skalbania, who has had talks with Colorado owner Jack Vickers, said they had managed to sell about 2,300 tickets.

It is possible the Oilers could fold their WHA franchise and then go after the Rockies. Although Skalbania would not rule out that possibility, he doubted it would happen.

Lacrosse honors 12 men

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — Three box players from British Columbia and two from Ontario are among 12 lacrosse figures newly-elected to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

The hall's board of governors announced Tuesday that Mike Gates of Port Coquitlam, Arnie Dugan of Nanaimo, and Pete Meehan of New Westminster were the three former lacrosse stars selected from B.C.

Other box lacrosse players chosen were Arnold (Onions) Smith of Hamilton, Ont., Thomas (Tank) Teather of St. Catharines, Ont., and Norm Holzberg of Montreal.

Three field lacrosse players— Gordon Ella of Brampton, Ont., Dick Buckingham of Winnipeg and Jake Davis of Richmond, Calif., who used to play in Vancouver—will also be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at a dinner Oct. 14 in New Westminster.

The board of governors also added three new members to the builders' category of the hall. They are Stan Shillington of Coquitlam, B.C., Gord Hammond of London, Ont. and Jack Lubbock of Mississauga, Ont.

Horse Talk

Training & Handling

with Don Fraser

This column is presented as an aid for non-professional horsemen who share common training problems. It serves as the medium for novice and experienced riders to seek advice and for the passing along of training tips that have worked for the author.

If you have a problem with your horse, drop a short note to The Vernon Daily News and Don Fraser will try to answer it.

PONY HAS LEAD PROBLEM

Thirteen-year old Lavington girl writes: "I own a 15-year old pony mare. I show her quite often in gymkhana, but lately I haven't been doing so well as I usually do. My problem is leads. My pony will change leads only on her front legs. I've been stopping her every time she does this and sooner or later she'll do it right. But I can't stop her in the middle of a run."

At 15, your mare should be pretty solid on lead changes, if she has been a good gymkhana horse. There possibly could be something wrong with her legs. Have your veterinarian check her out because she could be hurting. This may cause a horse to not change leads correctly. Since she has been doing well, and she's 15, there might be something wrong with her.

GELDING WON'T TURN SHARP

Vernon girl writes: "I have a 6 year old gelding, and I ride barrels with him. But he won't turn sharp enough around the barrel. When I get him in a lope, he slows to a trot to turn around the barrel. I've tried walking him, so he knows the pattern."

I would try spurs and kicking him while in the turn. Use the inside rein to guide his nose around the barrel. This horse isn't flexible enough yet, so try loping him in small circles both ways, increasing your speed as he does better. Your horse just might not be able to use his legs at a fast rate of speed in small circles yet, and he may never have been taught to follow his nose in a circle. So use plenty of inside rein and pushing him along in the turn to build up his speed.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S TOURNEY

Salmon Arm Senior Men's Softball League will be sponsoring a 16-team invitational tournament on the Labor Day weekend. The teams, from throughout the Interior, will be competing for $1,000 in prize money.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Spallumcheen Golf and Tennis Club will be hosting a junior tennis tournament from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. There will be events for both boys and girls, in 14 and under and 18 and under age groups.

REFS NEEDED

Referees are needed for the Men's Road Hockey League, played on Thursday evenings, beginning Sept. 8. Officials are paid $7.50 per game. For further information phone 545-6035.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Final registrations for the Men's Kickwillie Flag Football League are being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are leagues for both recreation and competitive players. Team entry fee of $100 includes a game football. To register, contact the Recreation Complex.

WESCO WINS

In an exhibition ladies' slowpitch game Tuesday night at Silver Star School, league champion Wesco edged Al's Gals 14-13.

McLAIN OWES $ MILLION

MEMPHIS, Tenn (AP) — Former major league baseball pitcher Denny McLain told a federal bankruptcy judge Tuesday that his salary as an advertising salesman has been garnished by his creditors. McLain, who came to Memphis to head up the now-defunct Memphis Blues of the International League, listed debts of more than $1 million and assets of $900 when he filed for personal bankruptcy last month.

BACKS GAMES BID

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. (CP) — City council has voted to back a bid to bring the 1981 Canada Summer Games to the city. Ron Duquette, co-chairman of the Mississauga Sports Complex Foundation, said the foundation will submit an application by Sept. 15 and a decision on the location of the Games is expected by the end of the year. The estimated cost to build facilities for the Games is $14.5 million, he told city council.

WINNER AT MOSPORT

MOSPORT, Ont. (CP) — Australian Alan Jones, who scored his first Grand Prix victory Sunday in the Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix, will drive a Shadow Can-Am car in Sunday's Molson Diamond Can-Am, sixth round of the SCCA Can-Am challenge auto racing series.

MEXICO HOLDS GAMES

SOFIA, Bulgaria (Reuter) — Mexico will stage the next World Student Games in 1979, it was announced Tuesday. The 1977 edition of the Games begin here today and continue for 12 days. Mexico was the only candidate to submit a bid for the 1979 Games.

SVERIGE WINS

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Australia, a new aluminum-hulled yacht, survived a collision with France I at the start, then sailed to victory Tuesday, eliminating the French yacht from America's Cup competition. Sweden's Sverige evened the score with Gretel II at 2-2 by beating the other Australian 12-metre yacht by 53 seconds in their fourth semi-final meeting in Rhode Island Sound.

13-YEAR-OLD WINS

JONKOPING, Sweden (AP) — Michael Kraus of West Germany and Iulia Bogdanova of the Soviet Union picked up the first titles in the aquatic events of the European swimming championships Tuesday. Kraus, a 21-year-old biology student, won the men's 200-metre butterfly in two minutes and fourtenths of a second for a West German record. Bogdanova, at 13 the youngest competitor in the championships, took the 200-metre breaststroke in 2:35.04.

WINDSOR BACKS OUT

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Windsor will not be in the bidding as the host city for the 1981 Canada Summer Games. City council decided Monday to abandon the bid because of the high cost of the Olympic-sized swimming pool required. The city will consider applying for the 1980 Ontario Games instead.

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