

All three acrossse teams confident

The 1977 British Columbia Senior B Lacrosse Championships get under way tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Vernon Civic Arena.

First game in the three-team, round-robin series will have North Central Lacrosse Association champion Prince George Canada Hotel against Interior Lacrosse Association champion Vernon Lodge Tigers.

Play resumes Saturday night with Prince George taking on Coast League winner Burnaby Klippers on Sunday. Tigers and Klippers do battle at 2 p.m.

Winner of the series will represent B.C. at the Canadian championships in Edmonton, Sept. 2 to 5.

It is almost impossible to pick a pre-tournament favorite and all three teams

appear confident.

Canada Hotel upset North Central regular season champion Prince George Old Stylers in four straight playoff games.

Coach of the Hotmen, Dick Lee, isn't concerned about Burnaby and confident his club can beat Vernon.

HITTING GAME. Lee said, "Tigers are a lot like the Old Stylers. They're quick and use a lot of finesse. But nobody hits them all year and they're going to get hit by us."

"We're in shape now and you have to be playing a hitting game when I took over this team, they weren't in shape. But we worked hard and conditioned ourselves. We'll be in Edmonton on Labor Day."



RAY MASSON ... the key team is goaltender Ray Masson

Lee said, "When you have a real team like this, it's hard to pick just one player. But Ray has been doing it for us all year. He started coming on last year and in the playoffs when one of their players got past our defence, he was there to make the stop."

NOT COCKY. Tigers, the defending Canadian champs, are confident, but certainly not cocky.

Vernon Coach Bill Roth said, "To nit us, they'll have to catch us."

"And as far as hitting goes, we may have a small team, but I think we can hit with anybody in this series. Our guys are psyched up."

Tigers have played 29 games this season and are in top physical condition. However, team President Art Horsley questions if the club is



ART HORSLEY ... had problems as well as last season. Horsley said, "On paper,

we've got a better team than last season. But, we've had a lot of problems this year and I'm not sure if we are as good on the floor. I hope we are."

FASTBREAK Key to the Vernon team is also a goaltender, Rich Zechel. Besides stopping balls, Zechel starts "Tigers' potent fastbreak. To be successful, Vernon will have to be running."

Klippers cawekaled to the coast title and could be the strongest club to come out of the Lower Mainland in several years.

Burnaby General Manager Frank Kirby told the Daily News his club is 50 per cent stronger than last season if that is true.

Klippers and Vernon could be in for a tough weekend. Klippers lost two games in the B.C. final



BRIAN DAVIDSON ... ex-senior

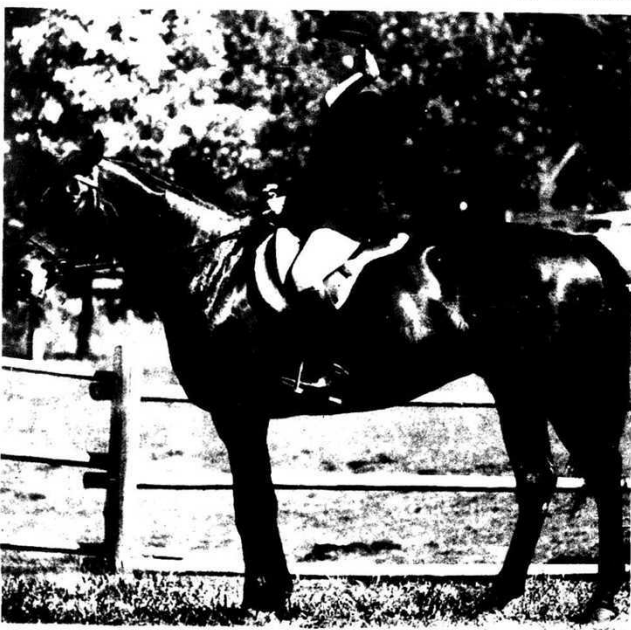
last year, by a total of only four goals.

WELL-BALANCED Most of the key Burnaby players are back this season. And with the addition of several excellent players (most notably Brian Davidson), they have a well-balanced club.

Klippers have lost netminder Bill Scriver, most dependable defender in last year's series. However, his place has been taken by ex-senior A goalie Pat Salafuku.

Kirby said, "With guys like Gil Terault, Dave St. Jean, and ex-senior A. Davidson, we've got a pretty big team that will live to it."

No advance tickets are available and tournament organizers advise fans to arrive early to avoid long lines.



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am. will be judged by Charles deKunffy, international judge and teacher. The show will be at the Vernon Riding Club grounds on Aberdeen Road and spectators are welcome. Admission free. (Daily News Photo)

KENDALL'S KORNER

This week in review

Talk of the town this weekend is the B.C. Senior B Lacrosse Championships at the Vernon Civic Arena. Large crowds are expected for the games on all three days. However, it is still amazing how many people live in the North Okanagan and have never seen a lacrosse game.

It may be several years before Vernon gets to host the provincial final again so if you want to get your first look at lacrosse - and be impressed - better get out this weekend.

Speaking of talk around town, Don Murdoch stole the limelight on Thursday.

Murdoch has been charged in Ontario with possession of cocaine.

Numerous football players, in both the U.S. and Canada, have faced drug related charges in recent years. However, no hockey players, in recent memory, have found themselves in such hot water.

The National Hockey League is very proud of its image and if convicted, Murdoch could have trouble obtaining New York Rangers he is worth the negative publicity - even if he is one of the most promising young stars in the game.

Also with hockey, Sheldon Bloomer looks like he might be just what the doctor ordered for the Vernon Vikings.

Bloomer, an ex-pro, is making it clear he will put up with no nonsense on his club. He said, "I demand respect from my players and in return I think we will have a good relationship."

Visions have a lot of good players returning this season and with the proper guidance, could be a contender.

Joe Tennant confirmed this week he will be heading the first annual Enderby Midsummer Hockey game on Aug. 29.

Although final rosters have not been established, Tennant expects at least a dozen pros to compete.

Meanwhile, out at the Enderby Hockey School, we've pros are raising their eyebrows at the size of the Merritt Centennials, acting as assistant instructors.

Tennant, coach of the Centa, has his entire club in Merritt and they are huge.

Jerry Tague has already established himself as a Canadian Football League quarterback in just six games. Vancouver fans aren't ready to forget Joe Kapp yet. But Tague is certainly a favorite.

However, the latest hero on the Lions has to be wide receiver New Leon Bright. Bright showed amazing speed during two touchdown romps this week against Winnipeg. He appears to have the speed the Lions have been missing.

The ironic thing is Bright probably wouldn't have made the team if John Scarra hadn't been injured early in the campaign. Scarra will be back soon but where is he going to play?

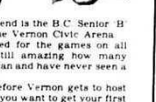
Anyone who turned on their television Wednesday night and watched the Montreal Expos Philadelphia Phillies game is accused if they thought they were hallucinating.

No one in their right mind would believe Expos could hammer the night flying Phillies 13 to 0. But it happened.

The strange event occurred in the sixth inning when Tony Perez and Gary Carter hit back to back home runs. Larry Parrish stepped and Phillies Manager Danny Ozark left his pitcher in the game.

DRESSAGE SHOW

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DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT TODAY

SENIOR BASEBALL Enderby Legionnaires competing in the Western Canada Intermediate Baseball championships in Coar, Alta. Five-team tournament continues to Sunday.

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GOLFING Kelowna Open Golf Tournament continues to Sunday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

VOTED BEST PLAYER NEW YORK (AP) - Sam Patrick, managing director of the New York Cosmos has been voted the most valuable player in the North American Soccer League season and outstanding performer for the West German World Cup champions in 1974. Over 282 votes to narrowly top teammate Felix, who won the award last season.

METROS LOST \$50,000 TORONTO (CP) - Sam Part, managing director of Toronto Metro Cosmos, said the team lost about \$50,000 for the North American Soccer League season and bills needing attention will be paid as soon as possible. He said Thursday that the club about \$1 million in debt, will settle all operating liabilities.

LEAVING OLDS EDMONTON (CP) - Peter Pocklington, co-owner of Edmonton Oilers, says Nelson Skalbania is giving up his 50 per cent ownership in the Oilers. Earlier Wednesday, Pocklington pulled the Oilers out of the WHA. Pocklington said he is trying to buy the National Hockey League's Colorado Rockies from Denver.

TRADES ROBERTS MONTREAL (CP) - Montreal Canadiens announced Thursday they have traded veteran left wing defenceman Jim Roberts to St. Louis Blues for "future considerations." Roberts, 37,

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Legionnaires in action today

Enderby Legionnaires are representing B.C. in the Western Canada Intermediate Baseball Championships which got under way today in Coar, Alta.

Enderby's first game scheduled today at 3 p.m. had it up against the winner of this morning's game between the host team, Coar, and Manitoba.

Another afternoon game

had Saskatchewan battling Edmonton Cardinals. The double-knockout tournament continues to Sunday in the small Alberta city, near the Saskatchewan border.

While the Enderby squad is made up of players from Salmon Arm, Enderby, and three from Vernon, Eddie Johnstone, Daryl Lett, and Peter Brookes,

Casals fails to adjust from carpet to clay court

TORONTO (CP) - The Canadian Open tennis championships were a little like taking a dose of castor oil for Rocio Casals of the United States.

She didn't want to come to Toronto but she knew she had to get some match play behind her doors on clay under her belt before the U.S. Open at Forest Hills, N.Y., begins later this month. After spending the summer playing indoors on a fast carpet with Lee Acheson,

Strings of World Team Tennis, her game was rusty. So she wasn't exactly a surprise to the San Francisco native when she lost 6-4, 7-5 in windy conditions in the women's quarter-finals Thursday to 19-year-old Marie Kruger of South Africa.

Casals, seeded No. 1, double teamed Kruger in the quarter-finals. "It was a drastic adjustment coming out to slow courts after that fast carpet,"

North's bad back could be blessing

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) - Andy North has a bad back. But he loves it.

"I hope it keeps on hurting," North said after lying on the first-round lead Thursday in the \$50,000 Westchester golf tournament.

"Hopefully, it won't get any better at all," he said. "It's been hurting for the last three weeks it didn't hurt at all. And I played horrible. Missed the cut in all three tournaments."

the younger brother of Larry Wadkins, the new Professional Golfers' Association champion.

While the nagging, six-foot-four North happily reported that "everything worked out," little seemed to work for the game's more glamorous number one.

WELKOP SHOOT'S 71 Jack Nicklaus, complaining of being tired and admitting to a letdown in the wake of the PGA, had to hit the three of his last four holes for a par 71 and said he "was probably fortunate to do that."

Tom Welkopf, with a triple-bogey seven on the eighth hole, and Tom Watson, winner of the Masters and British Open, also were at 71. Five shots back and trailing more than two dozen players.

Many other top attractions were further back on the tight little course that often produces some of the lowest scores of the year.

Defending champion David Graham had a 72. Johnny Miller 73. Ben Crenshaw and Hale Irwin 74. PGA champion Wadkins 75 and Gene Littler, a playoff loser in the PGA, a 77.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS AUGUST, 1972

Tim Smith, 31, who excelled in the recent Okanagan Summer Swim Club finals in Penitentiary, left for the mainland to join several other Okanagan swimmers to compete in the provincial finals.

Cutler nearing scoring record

TORONTO (CP) - Dave Cutler of Edmonton Eskimos is on the verge of becoming the Canadian Football League's all-time leading scorer.

CPA statistics released show the Edmonton kicker with 61 points so far this season for a career total of 1,027, just four behind former Calgary Stampeders kicker Larry Robinson.

Player	C	Ys	Av	Td
Robinson	63	43	67	5
L. Washburn	56	32	54	1
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Earlier this season, Cutler moved up from third place to pass Tommy Lee today who retired five years ago with 971 career points.

While Cutler and O'Leary's Gerry Organ are still locked in a fight for the coming season's leading scoring record, Organ hasn't managed in 100 point-after attempts, while Cutler has been good in his last 107 converts.

The statistical services of WESTERN CONFERENCE

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