

KENDALL'S KORNER

Happy end for Tigers

Winning wasn't easier the second time around for Vernon Ledge Tigers lacrosse club...

To accomplish this feat, they faced a grueling and ridiculous schedule. The team played games on the opening day of the journey at 1:30 and 9 p.m.

No sports championship offers such a challenge - particularly when the tremendous body contact of lacrosse is considered.

FOUR-DAY WAR

Tigers' nemesis Rich Zeechel named the tournament. "The four-day war," and no more appropriate name could be used.

Because it was a national final, referees tended to allow extra contact and hitting - and the result was some rugged lacrosse.

On Tiger fans' opinion of the final game, against Six Nations of Ontario to David vs. Goliath, Vernon was outwitted by about 20 pounds per man.

The long hours of conditioning and sweating paid off in the end. Few people could understand why it was necessary to practice almost every night for six weeks.

GREAT FANS

For years, Armstrong has been known as the city with the most dedicated fans in the B.C. Interior.

More than 800 Tiger supporters made the long trek and offered their heroes the type of verbal support usually reserved for teams playing on their home floor.

One of the greatest thrills for Tigers was playing against the legendary John Davis. Davis has scored more points in B.C. than any other player.

LOVE LACROSSE

It is impossible to forecast the future for Tigers because they are amateur athletes who have no long-term contracts, signing bonuses, or even verbal commitments.

But there is a good chance most of the club will be together next year, with the peak of their career taking place right here in Vernon.

Coach to miss final cup game

VANCOUVER (CP) - Coach John McCauley of Brampton Excelsiors will be around to see the conclusion of the Mann Cup Canadian senior lacrosse finals at Vancouver Burrards on Saturday.

The victory ends the best-of-seven series at 2-1 with the fifth game scheduled for Saturday.

McCauley, however, has to return to Etobicoke, Ont. to take part in the national Hockey League referees training which starts Sunday.

Brampton got off to a good start and finished strong Thursday but Vancouver came on strong in the middle to take the game.

Brampton led 3-1 early in the first period but Vancouver countered back to take a 4-3 lead into the second 20 minutes.

Burrards took control in the second and started the final frame with an 11-6 lead.

Vancouver added another goal early in the period before Brampton got rolling again.

The Excelsiors pumped in four straight goals to narrow the deficit to 12-10 before Doug Hayes gave Burrards what proved to be the winning goal.

Hayes led Vancouver with 39 goals while Dave Taaker picked up three. Bill Rawson, Mike Smith, Joe Marsello, Dale Mackenzie, Pat Ryan and Taki Vohalis scored.

Junior Bob Noble of Bramalea, Ont., scored four goals for Brampton while Brian Wilfong and Gord Lyons had two each. Pat Differ, Tom Patrick, Steve Mastine and Brian Robinson completed the scoring.

Victoria pickup Larry Smetzer went all the way in goal for Vancouver and made 11 saves. Smetzer played last year for Brampton in the Mann Cup final against New Westminster. B.C. Salmonbellies.

AFTER Lumbly's Labor Day 50-mile endurance ride, riders as well as the horses were pampered a little. For the riders, it was a pot-luck supper at Eric and Florence Mirac's.

LUMBY ENDURANCE

Ten finish 50 mile race

By ALLEYNE TULL Correspondent, Vernon Daily News LUMBY - 14 Yale B.C. horse and rider, not only came first in Lumbly's recent 50-mile endurance ride, but captured the Maurice Miles Memorial Trophy as top in the province.

Donna Tunnicliffe and her horse, Chynpattynne took the honors. There are three annual rides in B.C.: Lumbly, Vinnail, and Abbotford.

Lynne Windt on Sandy's Ship, from Quesnel, came a close second in both Lumbly and aggregate points. Provincially she had 17 as compared to Tunnicliffe's 20.

Judge Tom Andrews with veteran rider, Don and Terry Quesnel took much longer than usual deciding their placings.

Third was Dawn Borden of Vernon and her horse Myra Abstruder of Wetaskiwin, Alta. on Triger was named the most sportmanlike.

The number of entrants were down this year compared to the past 11 annual rides. Usually it is about 30.

SOME CONTROL WON BACK NHL works out pay deal

TORONTO (CP) - National Hockey League owners appeared to have won back some control over escalating player salaries when they worked out a new collective agreement with the Players Association Thursday.

The new five-year pact came after almost 11 hours of bargaining between owners and player representatives and details were announced at a joint news conference by NHL president John Ziegler and Players Association executive director Alan Eagleson.

The players gained some new benefits in the agreement but failed to make headway on the compensation issue which now restricts players' movements from club to club.

The agreement gives the clubs new powers to demote players to the minors and to control the contracts of players without paying their full salary, a move that could help some financially-troubled teams get rid of high-salaried players on long-term contracts.

Clubs weak in talent also will be able to acquire players in a new waiver draft which starts Oct. 10.

Benefits won by the players include a "mental" plan providing coverage up to \$150,000 a year per team for ever player, trainer, coach and general manager.

In addition, the NHL agreed to assume responsibility for a \$600,000 loan which the Players Association made last season to keep the Cleveland Barons franchise alive.

RECEIVED APPROVAL Owners also received player approval for an expanded pre-season schedule, expanded training camps and a mid-season international exhibition series.

The pact provides for a new standard player contract which comes into use on Nov. 1. A club could buy up the contract of any player signed to such a pact by paying him one third of his NHL salary. If he is on a two-way contract providing for a reduced salary if the player is assigned to a minor-league team, then he could be paid off at the minor-league rate.

A player whose contract is bought up by his team would be free to seek employment with any other club without any compensation owing his former team.

Ziegler and Eagleson agreed that, while it is not a part of the agreement, this is nothing preventing some financially-troubled clubs from attempting to renegotiate contracts.

The new waiver draft will give weak teams a chance to claim promising young players from some of the stronger clubs such as Montreal Canadiens.

Each team will be allowed to protect a total of 18 forwards and defencemen, two goaltenders, plus three other players who have not had more than two professional seasons. First-year men are exempt and no club can lose more than three players in the draft.

LISTS REDUCED The protected lists will be gradually reduced each year until, in 1982, only 17 skaters and two goalies can be protected.

This year's protected lists must be filed by Oct. 7. Any protected player can be demoted to a minor-league team for a period of up to 14 days, provided his NHL salary is paid. A player can be demoted only once during a season and not during the Dec. 7-Jan. 25 period. The demotion option expires at the January all-star break, said Eagleson.

There is also a new waiver fee structure in effect for next month's draft.

Marle Harterink of Lumbly, who placed 7th, and Merv Abstruder, who finished, but not in the money. (Photo by A. Tull)

second in aggregate points for the province; Lumbly, who placed 7th; and provincial winner Donna Tunnicliffe of Yale; the rider named most sportsmanlike, Myra Abstruder, of Alberta;

but this year just 14 registered and two did not show. Of the dozen that started, 10 completed the grueling trek, the other two voluntarily pulled out their horses.

Top time by Chynpattynne was 4:52 hours. Sandy's Ship did it in 5:17. But time is only one small consideration. Conditioning and the horse's ability to snap back take priority.

STEEL HILL Contestants came from Quesnel, Alberta, Yale, Douglas Lake Ranch, Minus, and three from Lumbly. Organizer Florence Mirac said she was quite surprised not to see many of the old faces, especially those from the lower mainland. This year, most were new riders.

For some, pacing their horses for the full 50 miles proved a problem. There was one particularly sleep hill just past midway. The judge viewed them at several points and the vets examined them before they started, at halfway, just before they tackled the steep incline, and, of course, at the finish.

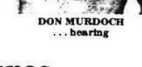
Besides the Maurice Miles trophy, others offered were the Korral Western Shop for first place, Lumbly Hotel, second; and Farmers Supply for the best sportmanlike.

Murdoch case 'postponed'

NEW YORK (AP) - Court proceedings against right winger Don Murdoch of the New York Rangers, arrested for possession of about one gram of pure cocaine, will be postponed for two years, the New York Times said.

The story quotes Murdoch's lawyer, Grant Kerr, as saying the postponement will be granted at a hearing to be held Monday in Brampton, Ont.

The 20-year-old Murdoch, from Cranbrook, B.C., was arrested at Toronto International Airport on Aug. 12. He is the first National Hockey League player to be charged with possession of drugs.



DON MURDOCH ... murdoch

NHL ensures more competition

TORONTO (CP) The National Hockey League's board of governors said it will start competing in the 1978 world championship in Prague and the 1979 Can-Am tournament.

The successful Canada Cup tournament inaugurated last fall will be staged again in 1979 but has been renamed the Canadian-American Cup.

A game, but undermined, U.S. squad comprised of native-born players or Canadian-born skaters who have taken out American citizenship papers hardly figured in the final outcome of the Canada Cup and placed it in the lower tier of the world championships at Vienna last May.

Alan Eagleson, the NHLPA's executive director and organizer of the 1978 Canada Cup, said efforts are being made to allow players on NHL teams to play in the U.S. to play for that country if they so desire.

"In the past, a player was eligible to play for a national team of the country whose passport he carried," Eagleson said in an interview.

"But some Canadian players were on U.S. NHL teams and make their year-round homes in those cities which want to play for the U.S. team."

"We'll be talking to the international hockey people about allowing such a move," Eagleson said.

The NHL governors and players' association are also working on a five-year plan for involvement in international hockey that will include a 10-game tour of the league by Czechoslovakia and Soviet or Swedish hockey teams during the 1977-78 season, Canadian and U.S. teams competing in the 1978 world championships in Prague and the 1979 Can-Am tournament.

THE Vernon Vikings' Junior hockey team camp will start Saturday at the Enderby Arena from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and continue through Thursday.

The camp is open to all boys from 15 to 19 from surrounding areas and there is no cost. Billets for the boys are required and anyone who can help should call 542-2831, 546-1770 or 542-9931.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1972 Peter Siegmüller still has three years of playing eligibility left as a Junior player, but the 15-year-old Vernon whiz already has done what most older boys have never achieved - to win every event of the province-wide Little Masters Tournament.

DRAWS CROWDS Mobil, Ala., has three annual attractions which are America's Junior Miss Pageant, the Senior Bowl Football Game and the Mardi Gras.



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Chicago drops veteran goalie

CHICAGO (AP) Veteran goaltender Gilles Villemure, who appeared in 10 games for Chicago Black Hawks last season, has been released by the National Hockey League club.

"Villemure won't be back in the game," Bob Pulford said Thursday. "Gilles carried his experience," he said.

Tony Esposito was an iron in the Hawks' nets year for year for Brampton in the Mann Cup final against New Westminster. B.C. Salmonbellies.

Gary Powless played the first two periods of the Brampton net, stopping 23 shots, while Mac Maude came on in the final period to make 13 saves and allow only two goals.

Thomas as general manager, and replaced Monte Clark with Ken Meyer as head coach.

Meyer previously was on Knox's staff at Los Angeles, as was Les Bennett, the new coach at Atlanta.

So the Rams' rivals will be back in the game. Los Angeles will be trying to do this season.

Ken Orleans Hank Stram continues his rebuilding and should have quarterback Archie Manning back to direct the attack.

Stram showed that he wanted to concentrate on defence while the Saints drafted end Joe Campbell, a 264-pounder from Maryland, and defensive tackle Mike Fultz, a 278-pound defensive tackle from Nebraska.



GILLES VILLEMURE ... won't be back

goals-against average with Dallas, a Chicago minor league team, last season. He is rated highly by Black Hawks scouts.



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