

# SPORTS

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## VSSS kickers tie first match

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Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' A' soccer team battled to a 1-1 tie against Armstrong on Wednesday in the season opener.

Vernon trailed Armstrong 1-0 at half-time but midway through the second half Vernon's Rich Harley found the tying marker.

Vernon coach Keith Brookes was pleased with the outcome. He said, "We were rather ragged in the first-half, which is not too surprising, but in the second-half we settled down and dominated it. We almost succeeded in winning on several occasions."

Brookes explained that, "Armstrong is a very physical team and their field, which is short and narrow, didn't help at all. I am pleased with the way the boys came back. They should have a very successful season."

The VSSS coach singled out goalkeeper Mike Bailey, and forwards Monty Mitchell and Rod Trentini (who set up the tying goal) for their outstanding play.

Next game will be at home in the early part of next week.

The Vernon Senior Secondary School AA soccer team will have its first league game Tuesday in Kamloops.

## ... girls blanked in grass hockey

Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' grass hockey team opened its exhibition season Wednesday with a 2-0 loss to the Vernon ladies team.

The VSSS girls matched the ladies stride for stride during the first-half but, in the final half, the experience of the older girls, look over with two goals.

VSSS coach Zoe Wakelin was happy with her team despite the loss. She said "All of our players did a fantastic job. I didn't expect them to do well at all, in fact, I expected the ladies team to run all over them. The girls put up a super fight."

Wakelin went on to say, "It doesn't look like a beginning of the season game at all, it looked like a mid-season contest. We're much stronger than last year's team at this time of the year."

The VSSS club has only three returnees from last year. They are Captain Dawn Tweedie, Kathy Siemens, Kathy Ferris, Phyllis Masters, Liz Slobodin, and Sue Boyd.

The Vernon ladies team were impressed with the young high school squad and have asked for a return match in the near future.



## Rapid growth for swim club

The enthusiasm and energy displayed by the new coach of the Vernon Kokanee Swim Club appears to be contagious.

Tom Bryce started his new job as coach of the club two weeks ago and already he is nearing his goals for the team.

Bryce said, "I set my target at getting 60 club members. Right now, we have about 58 swimmers per day in the pool and by the time we register next week, I'm sure we'll be up to 60."

**COACH PLEASED**

"I'm very pleased with what has been happening. The club is well organized and practices have been great."

To help with the huge increase in swimmers, Bryce has recruited two assistant coaches. They are city lifeguard Geoff Green and former senior club member Graham Schiare.

Bryce said, "We're in the pool from 6 to 7 p.m. daily and anyone interested in joining the club is invited to come out for a swim. We'll be accepting registrations during those times next week."

**FUN MEET**

A fun meet has been scheduled Friday night, with weight lifting and dryland training scheduled to start Monday.

Meanwhile, two youngsters need transportation so they can join the club. A boy needs a ride from Lavington, to the pool, at 6 p.m. daily. And a girl needs a ride home to Finlay at 7 p.m. Anyone who can help is asked to phone Bryce at 545-0030.



TOM BRYCE ...nears target

## Pre-season game in Vernon tonight

Vernon Vikings open their B.C. Junior Hockey League pre-season schedule tonight when they host the loop's new entry, Revelstoke Bruins, at 8 p.m.

Bruins moved to Revelstoke this year from Maple Ridge.

Like their parent club, the New Westminster Bruins of the Western Canada Hockey League, Coach Lawrence Gingras and his Maple Ridge club was known for its aggressive play.

However, both New Westminster and Revelstoke have stumbled on bad times so far during the exhibition schedule.

Defending Memorial Cup champion New West, lost seven key players in the pro draft this season and the remaining players have been decimated by injuries.

The WCHL Bruins have managed only one win in eight starts.

**BEAT BADLY**

As a result, several Revelstoke hopefuls have been called up by the parent team and the B.C.J.H.L. Bruins are experiencing some problems in their first two exhibition games. Revelstoke was soundly thumped by Kelowna and Penitencion.

But, Vikings' President Vern Dye has some words of caution about the Bruins.

Dye said, "When the games start counting, Gingras will have his boys fired up. And you can bet, no one in the WCHL, is writing-off New Westminster."

"Vikings, in their debut, are an unknown quantity. Biggest question mark appears to be in goal. Vernon still has five rookie net-minders on the roster; however, none have emerged as standouts."

Vikings' Maser and Ron Brian

Rogers have two defensive spots locked up, but after that, the rest of the positions are up for grabs.

Several forwards have looked good in camp, but Coach Sheldon Bloomer is worried he may not have the one or two 40-goal men every team needs to succeed. That was Vikings biggest problem last season - lack of firepower.

Bloomer said, "We've got a few guys who look like they can put the puck in the net, but you never know until you see them in a game situation."

The rookie Vernon coach will have plenty of opportunity to make his decisions this weekend. Vikings play Kelowna Buckaroos in Rutland on Friday, Penitencion Vees in Summerland on Saturday, and host Kelowna Sunday.

After Sunday's game, Vernon will have four days of practice before travelling to Kamloops for the league opener against the Chiefs.

## RCMP tourney slated next week

More than 70 golfers from throughout the province, will take part in the annual British Columbia Royal Canadian Mounted Police golf championship next week at Vernon Golf and Country Club.

The 36-hole event gets under way Monday, at 10 a.m. and continues to Tuesday.

**TEAM EVENT**

Besides an individual event, each subdivision will compete in the team competition.

Defending champion Ed Hill and Nick Shaigec are the only two Vernon policemen who have confirmed their entries.

Hill won the tourney in 1976, at 108-Mile Ranch, with a 36-hole total of 108. However, he isn't confident of a repeat performance.

**FOR FUN**

Hill said, "I'm just going in the tourney for fun this year - I haven't golfed enough this summer to be a serious threat."

A subject that will be seriously discussed by the tournament committee is the founding of a national tourney. Currently, there is no inter-provincial RCMP golf play.

## SPORTS ALERT

**MINOR SOCCER**  
All games 5:30 p.m.  
MacDonald Park, ANA Vets vs Kiwanis (Div. 4)  
MacDonald Park, Silco vs Dairy Queen (Div. 5)  
Alexia Park, Nicks vs Wailoachek (Div. 5)  
Army Camp, Traction Masters vs Super Shoe (Div. 7)  
Army Camp, Polson Park vs Art & Gift (Div. 7)

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**  
8 p.m. Civic Arena  
Vernon Vikings vs: Revelstoke Bruins (BC-NA exhibition game)

**ROAD HOCKEY**  
7 p.m., Centennial Rink, Stry Niners vs. Lumbmen  
8 p.m., Centennial Rink, Vernon Lodge Tigers vs. Raiders

**CURLING MEETING**  
7:30 p.m., Vernon Colonial Hotel, Vernon Caroling O'Keefe Car Spiel executive meeting.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**ROY JOINS FLAMES**  
ATLANTA (AP) - Pierre Roy, a former World Hockey Association player, has joined Atlanta Flames of the National Hockey League for a tryout. The club said Wednesday the 28-year-old defenseman from Arnos, Que. played 4 1/2 seasons with Quebec Nordiques before being traded to Cincinnati Stingers midway through last season.

**KNOCKS ALL DOWN**  
DEER LAKE, Pa. (AP) - Muhammad Ali was knocked down twice Wednesday by Jimmy Ellis, the retired former World Boxing Association champion, during a training camp sparring session. A spokesman for Ali's manager reported Ali defends his world heavyweight title Sept. 29 at Madison Square Garden against Ernie Shavers.

**AGENTS GET WILLIAMS**  
TORONTO (AP) - Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League announced Wednesday they have acquired Slade Willis, 27, a Canadian wide receiver who has played for Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

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