

KENDALL'S KORNER

Special trip to see Lions

How would you like to see the football game of the year, in person, on Oct. 10 at Empire Stadium.

The Daily News has arranged a special football trip to Vancouver on that date to see the B.C. Lions take on the Montreal Alouettes.

For \$99 you get return airfare from Kelowna via PWA, one night's stay at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, ground transportation in Vancouver, and a seat on the 30-day line.

Lions have an excellent chance to win their Western Conference title in 1978, and that could be the game that decides the team's fate.

On the other hand, have almost clinched the Eastern Conference title. Montreal leads second-place Toronto Argonauts by eight points and have lost only twice all season, both times to the Argos.

We will get a chance to see two of the most potent passing attacks in the CFL.

Sonny Wade, filling in for the injured Joe Barnes, has the likes of Peter Dalia Riva, Brock Aynsley, Joe Petty, and Larry Smith grabbing his passes.

B.C.'s choice for the Bentley Award as outstanding player in Canada, Jerry Tagge, will be throwing to Terry Bailey, Jim Young, Tyrone Walls, and exciting Neen Leon Bright.

To top things off, Alouettes and Lions have the two stingiest defenses in the CFL.

It should be a great trip and a great game! However, a seat is assured and we have secured only a limited number of tickets. These seats must be confirmed within a week so anyone interested is urged to sign up immediately.

For further information, or to sign up, phone the Daily News at 545-0671.

LIONS LEADING

B.C. players lead the Western Conference in several key categories.

Tagge, with his artistic arm, has the highest passing percentage in the west.

Vancouver-born kicker Lou Passaglia has the best punting average in the conference - 44.5 yards per boot.

That punts him 4 yards ahead of second-place Bernie Ruoff of Winnipeg.

In the points parade, Passaglia trails Edmonton's Dave Cutler by only two points - 104-102.

Ricky Long and Neen Leon dominate both the punt and kickoff return categories.

Long is number one in punt and kickoff returns with 508 and 483 yards respectively.

Bright has the best yardage return average in the west with 12.3 on punts and 31 on kickoffs.

Despite the fact Tagge leads all in receiving, another homegrown product, Terry Bailey, is fourth in the conference in receiving with 89 catches.

With a little luck, he could finish as high as second in the receiving department. Mike Stiefel and Jim Harrison have been having their problems - giving B.C. its only interceptions.

If the group can get going, a trip to the Grey Cup could be reality.

SPORTS BRIEFS

FINAL RACES: Race Track will be hosting its final races of the season on Sunday.

Three teams are tied for first place in the Mens' Road Hockey League.

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Having a team comprised mostly of grade 11 players, Reid feels his club will be competitive. (Daily News Photo)

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

TONIGHT JUNIOR HOCKEY: 8 p.m., Rutland Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Kelowna Buckaroos (BCJHL exhibition game).

MINOR SOCCER (All games 5:30 p.m.): McDonald Park, Pipers Threecraft vs. Columbus (Div. 8).

McDonald Park, Vernon Sport vs. Elks (Div. 8). McDonald Park, OK Builders vs. Lumby No. 1 (Div. 9).

McDonald Park, 1 & 2 Electric vs. Roy's Tire (Div. 9). Lumby Field, Terry Dyck vs. Lumby No. 2 (Div. 9).

MINOR HOCKEY: 8 p.m., Civic Arena, midget house practice.

ORIENTEERING: B.C. championships, Registration today at 3 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m., at Coldstream Elementary School.

VOLEYBALL: VSSS Fall Invitational Volleyball Tournament runs today from 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY GOLFING: 9 a.m., Spallumcheen Golf Club, Canada Goose Open gets under way.

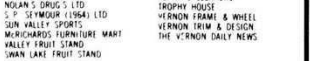
MINOR HOCKEY: 8 p.m., Civic Arena, 8:50 a.m., second year bantams; 7 to 9 a.m., first year bantams; 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., senior pop house; 3:15 to 6:30 p.m., midget house; 6:45 to 7 p.m., midget rep.

FIGURE SKATING: 2:5 p.m., Vernon Figure Skating Club rink.

MINOR SOCCER: Five Vernon teams competing in tournament at Kamloops; two other Vernon clubs at tourney in Nelson.

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Vikings chalk up exhibition victory

Vernon Vikings started their B.C. Junior Hockey League pre-season schedule with a bang Thursday night by blasting Revelstoke Bruins 8-2 before about 800 fans at the Civic Arena.

It was the first of five exhibition games for Vikings. Because it was the season opener, play got sloppy at times.

However, Vernon showed it will have a good skating club. Bruins were able to stay with the feet-footed Vikings for one period, earning a 1-1 tie. But, Vernon opened things up in the second period.

By scoring four unanswered goals. Bruins have lost all three of their exhibition games to date, and Coach Lawrence Gingras needs a lot of new ideas before that streak will end.

MIDGET CLUB Vikings' Coach Sheldon Bloomer said, "I'm very pleased with the way our boys played, but you have to take into consideration we were playing against a glorified midget club.

"Other than the few fights, our kids played just like I want them to. They're making lots of mistakes, but we've got time to work them out."

Cam Torgeon, Greg Sept, Doug Aschela, Darren Halas, Paul Withers, Stacy Smeader, Byron Smith, and Darcy Wilkinson scored for the winners.

Randy Zinn and Harry Masood covered for Bruins. Vernon's two 17-year-old goalies from Calgary, Darren McCartney and Brian, made 18 saves each.

Revelstoke netminder Steve Abbott blocked 41 shots. COACH SMILING The play of his defence and goalies had Bloomer smiling. Rookie Ron Pastor fit in well with Brian Maser on

the blue line and local product Gene Pester also played a steady game on defence.

Bloomer said, "Maser will be our leader on defence, that I have to be happy with the way Pastor and Pester have come along. I thought the kids in 1976, particularly McCartney, looked sharp."

Vikings get their first real test tonight when they take on the Buckaroos in Kelowna, at 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, Vernon meets Penticton in Summerland and Sunday night, Vikings host the Bucks.

GOALPOSTS: Bloomer will take a look at goalies Tom Looki and Paul Patterton tonight. Sept, who had a great game, has gone home to Medicine Hat for three days to clean up some personal matters.

Vikings assigned Mike Rogt and Don Olsen to their farm club in Grand Forks today.

MEET THE COACH

Reid places emphasis on teaching about life

Although many people may say that Barrie Reid has a hard act to follow, taking over from Dick Chambers as coach of the Vernon Panthers, Reid himself doesn't think so.

Reid, a teacher at VSSS took over Chamber's A' volleyball team last year and this season is coach of the A1 team, the Panthers.

"My own feelings are that it's not tough to fill his shoes," he said, "but my philosophy is different. I coach because I really like to be with kids and hopefully I can teach them a bit of sport and perhaps teach some life things related to life."

Before coming to Vernon, Reid was coaching in Alberta and his major interest was football. He coached the team in Grande Prairie for five years, winning the provincial championship in 1972. But he did coach one year of volleyball in Grande Prairie and took a couple coaching clinics in Williams Lake two years ago.

BUILDING YEAR "Last year was really a discovery year for me," he said, "and this year will be a building year. Reid has got almost all grade 11 students on the volleyball team. He has the him a chance to get to know them."

"There is a lot of potential for a really good team because there are quite a few kids with considerable abilities," he said, "I don't know how well this year will, but next year we should do really well."

"We will be competitive but at the provincial level it will probably be tough. However, we have a lot of potential and it's hard to see where we'll end up."

Some of the boys Reid has high hopes for are Rick Bester, Brett Barker, middle blockers, Jim Garlic - outside hitter and Dave Harding - centre.

Reid said there are two reasons the VSSS teams have always been so strong. "Junior high teachers have done a good job in promoting and teaching the sport and Chambers contributed a lot to the program," he said.

However, Reid believes that

inter-house competition is more important than inter-school because it involves more kids and he has been trying to promote this at VSSS. He also has been instrumental in setting up a community recreation club which involves outdoor living and camping.

"In terms of physical education I believe in a lifetime program," he said.

Seven soccer teams playing in tournaments

Seven Vernon juvenile soccer teams will be travelling to tournaments this weekend.

Five clubs will be taking part in the annual Kamloops Invitational Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

Fourth division Kitwans plays its first game Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. at Brooksburn.

At the same time, fifth division Anavets are on the field at McArthur Island.

"so I hope we can have fun and learn a few things related to life. I'd like to see the kids grow in maturity and hopefully I can change a few of their attitudes, especially towards writing and loving."

"Last year we won the award for the most sportsmanlike team in the provincial championships - I was delighted - it made me really proud."

Seventh division Eagles swing into action at noon, at McArthur Island, and eighth division Traction Masters play at Dalhart.

Second division Credit Union doesn't play its first game until Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. at Brooksburn.

Two other squads, fourth division Vernon Motors and sixth division Sico Electric will be in Nelson for a tourney.



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LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1972 Hockey fans in the North Okanagan will get a special preview of this season's Junior 'A' representative and defending league champions, the Vernon Ice Hawks, when they play host this week to the Kelowna Buckaroos.

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