

Exhibitions are over, games for keeps now

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VSSS rallies for win

Vernon Senior Secondary School 'AA' soccer team continued its winning ways with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Salmon Arm on Thursday.

Salmon Arm scored the first goal but Kelly Schey tied it up as the half ended in a 1-1 tie. In the second half Salmon Arm pulled ahead again, but this time Gordie Howard found the tying marker and Sam Salko picked up the winner on a penalty kick.

Vernon coach Kiech Brooks said: "It was an improvement over last game. We seem to be developing game by game. Salmon Arm came out running and they ran us right off the ball in the second half, the boys settled down and dominated. We made them play our game. It was a closely fought game. A tight game."

Brooks added, "I'm still looking for togetherness. Precision soccer. More control is needed. We're coughing up the ball too much."

The VSSS coach singled out Glenn Paronchuk for his outstanding play. "Glenn played a very strong two-way game both halves."

MEET THE COACH

Trentini has graduated from pups to midgets

Midget rep coach Walter Trentini has been coaching hockey a long time. He helped form a pup league several years ago, moved up the ranks along with them, and has been coaching now for seven years. So, he knows the team pretty well.

He said he can talk to the kids and communicate with them easily enough but, he lets them know who's boss. "I set down rules at the beginning of the year and if they don't want to follow them, I will just bring other kids in," he said.

"Trentini has an extensive background in hockey. He played junior hockey when he was 16, turned professional at 20 and played two years with the Calgary Stampeders. He came to Vernon in 1965, played for the Vernon Canadians, the team that won the Allan Cup that same year. He also played for the Kelowna Knights. "Then I packed it in to raise

Sophonow, left, and Al Betton. Looking on. In the background, is Tim Kopp. Trentini, an ex-pro, has coached the same boys for several years. (Daily News Photo)

The B.C. Junior Hockey League season gets under way tonight for eight teams. Including the Vernon Vikings, they travel to Kamloops to take on the Chiefs: 8:30 p.m.

Vernon Coach Sheldon Bloomer was upset this week after his club lost its fourth straight exhibition game, 8-0 to Merritt Centennials. He promised changes would be made and two new players will be in the line-up tonight.

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CUT GOALIES
Bloomer released two goalies this week, finally getting down to the number who played. He kept Darrell Morin, and forward Scott Costello, from Calgary, will also get a look.

HOSTS NANAIMO
Vernon gets 24 hours rest before they hit the ice again, at home Saturday night against defending league champion Nanaimo Clippers.

Clippers have several veterans returning from last season's championship club including Paul Patterson, who will return to Vikings' farm team in Grand Forks, and Darren McCarty, who returned home to Calgary.

Vernon General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News his club has practiced well this week and he is optimistic about their chances this weekend.

Dye said, "There is no doubt about it, we're still a couple players short. But, we'll have Gary Gassoff back next week and once everyone starts jelling, I think we'll be okay."

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Rucks. A key addition to Clippers' rear-guard corps is all-star Bob Dietterle, obtained from Penticton Vees in an off-season trade.

Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Other games tonight have Clippers playing the Vees in Penticton, Merritt visiting Langley. Lords, and Revelstoke Bruins host Kelowna Buckaroos. In the league opener Thursday night, Bellingham Blazers edged Abbotsford Flyers 5-4 in the U.S. city. Blazers scored four powerplay goals to help the cause.



EDDIE JOHNSTONE ... to New Haven
DON MURDOCH ... two goals

Johnstone sent to minors again

Despite enjoying a tremendous 1976-77 season in the American Hockey League, Eddie Johnstone has failed again in a bid to land a spot with New York Rangers of the National Hockey League.

Johnstone, who played minor and junior hockey in Vernon, was assigned to New Haven Night Hawks, of the AHL, by the Rangers today.

A spokesman for the NHL club said Johnstone had a good camp, but the team is loaded with right wingers. Even though veteran Rod Gilbert is not playing due to a hamstring injury, Johnstone has an abundance of talent on that side, Johnstone couldn't beat out Ken Hodge, Bill Goldworthy, Don Murdoch, or rookie Lucien DeBlois.

With New Haven last season, Johnstone was second in the league in scoring with 86 points and a unanimous selection to the all-star team.

The Ranger spokesman refused comment on any possibility of a trade with another NHL club.

Murdoch, another former Vernon junior star, doesn't seem to be affected by the publicity over a recent charge in Ontario.

The spokesman said, "Dooney is playing well. He has two goals and an assist so far in exhibition games. I don't think the problem is bothering him too much."

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

TONIGHT
MINOR SOCCER (Games 8:30 p.m.)
McDonald Park, Elks vs. Columbus (Div. 8)
McDonald Park, Kinmen vs. Tri-Leaf (Div. 8)
McDonald Park, Roy's Tire vs. Lumby No. 1 (Div. 9)
McDonald Park, 1 and 2 Electric vs. Terry Dyck (Div. 9)

Lumby Park, OK Builders vs. Lumby No. 2

MINOR FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m., Kelowna Stadium in Kelowna, Tri-Lake vs. Kelowna Flyers (bantam)

JUNIOR HOCKEY
8:30 p.m., Kamloops Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Kamloops Chiefs

MINOR HOCKEY SATURDAY
Civic Arena, 6 to 9 p.m., bantam house league; 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., senior pup house league.

SPORTS BRIEFS

EXHIBITION GAME
Grindrod Elks will take on Westside Packers in a North Okanagan Hockey League exhibition game Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., in the Endury Arena, NOHL league play starts Oct. 14.

TIGERS IN FIRST
Vernon Lodge Tigers moved into sole possession of first place by dumping Sixty-Niners 5-1 in Men's Road Hockey on Saturday night at Centennial Rink. Rick Horsley scored twice for Tigers. In the other game, Lumbeum were awarded a default victory over Raiders.

BOWLERS MEET
Vernon Five-pin Bowling Association will be holding a general meeting Sunday, at 7 p.m., at Lincoln Lanes.

BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT
Cranbrook will be hosting the largest broomball tournament in Western Canada on Nov. 12 and 13. Fourteen teams will compete for \$1,000 in prize money and the Molson Cup. Teams from throughout the province have been invited.

HAS TORN LIGAMENTS
CALGARY (CP) — Canadian defencive bar, Doug Falconer of Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League has torn ligaments in his ankle, it was announced Wednesday. Falconer was injured in last week's 11-1 win against Saskatchewan Roughriders.

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PIN POINTS

SEPT 17
Y.B.C. Bantams
Women's high single, Bonnie Edwards, 186; men's high single, Peter Kropp, 160; women's high triple, Penny May, 466; men's high triple, Peter Kropp, 417; women's high average, Penny May, 155; men's high average, Peter Kropp, 129.

SEPT 17
Y.B.C. AM Juniors
Women's high single, Donna Keckalo, 240; men's high single, Dave Meyer, 216; women's high triple, Dawn King, 531; men's high triple, Dave Meyer, 375; women's high average, Dawn King, 177; men's high average, Kelly Meyer, 191.

SEPT 18
Sunday 8:10
Women's high single, Debbie Woodroff, 322; men's high single, Val Andretta, 280; women's high triple, Inez Buchanan, 460; men's high triple, Val Andretta, 280; women's high single, Lincoln Lanes, 328; men's high triple, Lincoln Lanes, 358; women's high average, Debbie Woodroff, 233; men's high average, Val Andretta, 260.

TEAM STANDINGS
1. Dede Couple
2. Repels
3. 1973
4. Vintage House

SEPT 19
Monday Mixed 11:0 p.m.
Women's high single, Jane Orskov, 248; men's high single, Iane Arnold, 333; women's high triple, May Lure, 654; men's high triple, Ira Arnold, 701; team high triple, Hot Fudge, 1307; team high average, Marie Koenig, 253; men's high average, Archie Turek, 231.

TEAM STANDINGS
1. Jack's Mistakes
2. Hot Fudge
3. Wild Eagles

SEPT 19
Monday 7:9
Women's high single, Lorraine Lochter, 290; men's high single, Gordon Cotigan, 275; women's high triple, Val Andretta, 597; men's high triple, Grant Lusk, 497; team high single, Steve's Croquet, 185; men's high average, Grant Cotigan, 141.

Volleyball teams start season right

By DAVID TURNER
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' and girls' volleyball teams went up defeating in their season opening games Thursday night in Armstrong and Salmon Arm.

Boys' assistant coach Dave Schaeffer was pleased with his team. "Our play is improving but it takes time. We've been getting better over the last few

Curlers cut senior age

Vernon Senior Curling Club is looking for new members. Club President Ray Scott said the Daily News the age limit has been lowered to 55 to encourage membership.

Scott said, "We currently have 70 members and are hoping for at least another 20 or 25. If we could hit 100, it would be ideal."

Registrations will be accepted to Oct. 31. Anyone interested can obtain further information by phoning club manager Ron Houston at 542-8713.

TEAM STANDINGS

SEPT 17
Women's high single, Margaret Haswell, 250; men's high single, Don Chanley, 306; women's high triple, Angie Lewis, 644; men's high triple, Ken Elbow, 241; women's high average, Angie Lewis, 209; men's high average, Archie Turek, 229.

300* club, Len Chanley, 306

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SEPT 20
Tuesday Coffee
Women's high single, Lil Jamison, 339; women's high triple, Lil Jamison, 716; team high single, Coree Lane, 1922; team high triple, Harvest Crown, 3640; women's high average, Lil Jamison, 207.

300* club, Lil Jamison, 339

TEAM STANDINGS
1. May 20
2. Harvest Crown
3. Bannan Berry
4. Sugar Pops

SEPT 21
Wednesday 8:11
Women's high single, Misty Ferguson, 254; men's high single, Archie Turek, 279; men's high triple, Archie Turek, 519; women's high average, French Sigs, 203; men's high average, French Sigs, 935; women's high average, Archie Turek, 231; men's high average, Ken Elbow, 241.

300* club, Dana Toews, 261

300* club, Joe Colomel, 815

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