

Cross-country pioneer has skied for 78 years



ERLING STROM ... still going strong

has now become one of the busiest cross-country areas in the west.

Strom said, "I think the reason for the resurgence of cross-country skiing is that people got tired of hour-long lift lines at alpine areas. It doesn't make sense to stand in line for an hour and then ski for 30 minutes."

CLIMBED MOUNTAIN
Strom's personal accomplishments include climbing Mt. McKinley on skis and taking part in a 250-mile ski tour from Jasper to the Columbia Ice Fields, and back. Although he is not an avid skier, he says he has to take it a little easier now. He said, "I've skied since I was two years old, but I have to watch it now—I don't want to over-exert myself."

He feels there are two main benefits of cross-country skiing: "It is a tremendous body-building exercise—you use virtually all the muscles in your body. And you get to see much of the countryside no one else does."

Strom predicts continued success and growth for cross-country skiing and hopes to be involved with the sport for many years to come.

As cross-country skiing made its comeback in the mid-80's, Strom decided to stay open year-round. His resort



Terry Dyck Music Studio team is leading division nine after losing only two of nearly 40 games. Team members are from left front: Jerry Dyck, Gordon Giesbrecht, Dean Hare, Mike Robertson and Dennis Powers. Rear: ...

TEAM OF THE WEEK

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Vikings must win one to get some confidence

Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, will be playing three games on the coast this week beginning tonight in Abbotsford.

After battling the Flyers, Vikings journey to Langley on Friday to meet the Lords and on Saturday Nanaimo Clippers host Vernon.

The trip is a crucial one, not only because the Vikings need the points, but because the club must gain some confidence. Since winning its first exhibition game over Revelstoke Bruins, Vernon has dropped four straight exhibition and two league games.

Coach Sheldon Bloomer admits his club has problems and could be in serious trouble if it doesn't win one or two games on the coast swing.

Bloomer said, "We have to get some workers or we're in trouble. Some of the guys we're carrying just aren't giving 100 per cent. We're looking for players, but it isn't easy finding good quality at this stage of the game."

In an attempt to add a little muscle up front (Vikings have scored only two goals in two league games), defenseman Ron Rogers has been moved to right wing. But, that has left Bloomer with a hole to fill on the blue line.

The coach said, "Rogers hasn't been playing well on defence and we're hoping the move will bring him around. But, right now, we're awfully thin on defence."

Vikings haven't heard from



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SPORTS BRIEFS

GUSTAVUS WINS
Gustavus Construction won the Vernon girls' juvenile soccer title Wednesday night by blanking Vernon Olympic 1-0 at Alex's Park School. The clubs played a 1-1 tie last week in their first attempt to declare a champion.

GOLF TOURNEY
More than 40 golfers took part in the ANA Vets Duffers Tournament last weekend at Spallumcheen Golf Course. Men's winner was Elmer Grover while Brian Toomey took runner-up honors. Hiden hole was won by Gerry Alexander. Mary Giesbrecht led Carol Popelchuk for the ladies' title. Peggy Kelm was the hidden hole winner. Presentations were made by President George Straley.

KUNG FU
Kung fu, the classical approach to the traditional Chinese system of health, martial art, and well being, will be taught at Centennial Pulton School, on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. Instructor will be Ged Schwartz, a practitioner of the southern style of Chinese Boxing. Cost for men and women, 15 to 18 years, is \$25.

LETTRICK WINS
Lettrick Co. blasted Sun Auto 15-0 and 18-12 in All-employee Volleyball League action Wednesday at Beatriz School. The other scheduled game between Kal Tire and Vernon Auto Sport, was not played.

TOO FAR OFF RECORD
FALO (AP)—O.J. Simpson, who holds 10 NFL records, said this summer he might play two more seasons in hopes of reaching Jim

PIN POINTS

September 14
Wednesday Matinee
Women's high single, Ollie Tschick 270, high triple, Jean Chae 404, high average, 148
Vale 71
Team high single, Kit Kats 1255, high triple, Same Bunch 349
TEAM STANDINGS
Blanks 40
Meadow Larks 39
Royal Coop Coos 39
Lane Loons 31 1/2

September 21
Wednesday Matinee
Women's high single, Gloria Hancock 247, high triple, Carol Skidmore 637, high average, Mary Vale 71 1/2
Team high single, Happy Gang 1394, high triple, Happy Gang 3750
TEAM STANDINGS
Happy Gang 79
Royal Coop Coos 69
Alyes Coos 57 1/2

September 28
Wednesday Matinee
Women's high single, Sylvia Rosenther 237, high triple, Jean Chae 404, high average, 148
Whee 189
Team high single, Cucklers 1275, high triple, Road Runners 3512
TEAM STANDINGS
Meadow Larks 82
Whispering Willows 79
Lone Birds 74
Woodpeckers 65

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Wednesday Matinee
Women's high single, Carol Skidmore 637, high triple, Carol Skidmore 751, high average, 148
Team high single, Kit Kats 1281, high triple, Kit Kats 3574
TEAM STANDINGS
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Hockey groups attack each other

OTTAWA (CP)—A simmering dispute between the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) and Hockey Canada broke into the open this week during hearings of a special committee on the future of international hockey.

Doug Fisher, chairman of Hockey Canada, a federally-sponsored agency, and Alan Juckes, chairman of the International Hockey Players Association, fired away at the CAHA during the committee's first public hearing Monday.

Gordon Juckes, the former executive-director of the CAHA, and association president Gordon Renwick made some of their own Wednesday afternoon as the committee wound up its hearings and prepared to move onto Montreal and Quebec City.

Fisher and Eagleson urged that the CAHA be stripped of its authority to conduct international hockey and directed to concentrate on domestic hockey development programs.

They said the CAHA has been bogged down since it was formed in 1968 to direct Canada's international hockey and that the international association does not represent Canada strongly enough in dealings with foreign countries.

AMATEURS SHOCKED
Juckes and Renwick said they were shocked that Fisher and Eagleson would make the difference public instead of settling them in private. They said the CAHA has done what it can to help the players with Hockey Canada, which is trying to gain too much control over the game.

Renwick has asked Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo to remove Fisher as an appointee, from Hockey Canada's board. But that would be difficult move for Campagnolo who counts heavily on Fisher's advice on sports.

But Juckes, one of the best-

Enderby teenager with Cents

An Enderby minor hockey product will be playing with Merritt Centenials of the B.C. Junior Hockey League this season.

Larry Stankoven, 17, has signed to play right defence for the Centa. Stankoven's other brother, Bill, played goal for two years with Kelowna Buckaroos before moving up to the University of Northern British Columbia last season.

Stankoven was invited to Merritt's camp after Coach Joe Termaat was impressed with his performance at the Enderby Hockey School.

Termaat said, "Larry has a level one and two official's license. I'm expecting a good season from him."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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