

KENDALL'S KORNER

Buy a program

You'll have to excuse Vernon Vikings' Coach Sheldon Bloomer if he is reading a program next time you see him.

Right now, the only thing he is having more trouble doing than winning games, is keeping track of who he has on the roster.

Bloomer took over the Vikings in late August, so he had little chance of recruiting rookies. However, it was expected that the Vikings would need much help.

Well, things didn't quite work out as planned. Six veterans haven't helped the club this season, in fact, some of them haven't played a game.

Defenceman Brad McDonald quit the team in training camp to attend college and last year's captain Guy Gassoff won't join the team until next week.

Stacy Smeader, who was showing a lot of desire and hustle, suffered a knee injury and could be out for the season.

REALLY HURT

But, the loss of centre Cam Torgeson and defenceman Randy Will are what has really hurt.

Torgeson, after a mediocre season, came on like gangbusters in the playoffs last year and was expected to be one of the team leaders in 1977-78.

Will, the best defensive defenceman and one of the top puckhandlers on the club, quit after an 80 exhibition shelacking in Merritt. His parents announced he was going to tryout with Victoria Cougars.

To make matters worse, the team's promising rookie, Darren Helasz, fractured his wrist and is out for about another month.

Bloomer said, "If I had two or three months to recruit players, we would have been alright. Or, if the veterans had come through like I had hoped, we would have been alright. But, things don't always work out as planned."

The help that was supposed to come from Seattle and the Westminster turned out to be players no one else wanted.

So, Bloomer is starting almost from scratch and trying to catch up with teams which have been working out as a unit for more than a month.

Next Viking game, buy a program - you'll need it to identify all the new faces.

Volleyball teams remain unbeaten

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' and girls' volleyball teams

Girls' coach Anne Stokes was also impressed with her volleyball team

undefeated after a volleyball tournament in Armstrong

They're still not playing up to par, but they're really improved

Boys' coach Barrie Reid was pleased with his club

Donna Lee, Sue Selamy, and Sue Polay were singled out for their consistent play

There's still lots to work on such as our blocking, but they're improving every week

They're really improved unbelievably over the past year

The VSSS coach also mentioned grade 11's Jim and Brock Fuston are starting to produce

The boys' squad was led by veteran runner Greg Kosak who finished ninth while Steve Fingers 328

SPORTS BRIEFS

ROAD HOCKEY Vernon Lodge Tigers stretched their winning streak to four games by beating Lumbeberg 4-2 in Men's Road Hockey action Thursday at Centennial Park.

American League baseball championship series. The Royals-New York Yankees series is tied at one win each.

LUMBY HOCKEY Lumby Minor Hockey Association will hold its final registration Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legion Hall. A swap shop will also take place at the hall.

HANSEN SENT DOWN UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) - New York Islanders of the National Hockey League sent rookie centre Richie Hansen to their Fort Worth farm club in the Central Hockey League Thursday. Hansen was with Fort Worth most of last season, scoring 30 goals and 47 assists for 77 points.

PLAYERS ASSIGNED DENVER (AP) - Colorado Rockies have assigned four players to Phoenix of the Central Hockey League.

LEADS MATCH PLAY VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) - Severiano Ballesteros upset Tom Watson 4 and 1 in Thursday's 36-hole quarter-final of the World Match-Play golf championship.

DEFENDS TITLE SAN CARLOS, Calif. (AP) - Vicente Sardina defended his North American Boxing Federation lightweight title Thursday by stopping four Talamantez with a technical knockout in the seventh round of their scheduled 12-round match.

REMEMBER WHEN BY THE CANADIAN PRESS Frank (King) Clancy, chunky Ottawa Senators defenceman regarded as one of the best in hockey, was signed by Toronto Maple Leafs 47 years ago today in 1930.

RAIN LIKELY KANSAS CITY (AP) - The National Weather Service says there is a good chance rain will fall tonight in Royan Stadium, possibly within the third game of the

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SIDNEY FOX, coach of the Okanagan Builders minor soccer team practices positional football with players Stephen Walker and Denny Grayson. (Daily News Photo)

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MINOR SOCCER (Games 5:30 p.m.) McDonald Park, Vernon Sport vs. Peter's Tirecraft and Kinmen vs. Columbus (Div. 8)

McDonald Park, 10x Builders vs. Roy's Tire and Terry Dyck vs. Lumby No. 1; Lumby Park, 1 and 2 Electric vs. Lumby No. 2 (Div. 9)

JUNIOR HOCKEY 8:30 p.m., Langley Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Langley Lords

8:30 p.m., Westside Arena (Kelowna), Vernon Price and Marie's Canadians vs. Kelowna Packers

MEJOR HOCKEY (CIBC Arena) 8 p.m., pup and pee-wee, rep share ice; 9:30 to 10 p.m., juvenile rep practice

Saturday, 8:45 a.m., bantam house league practice; 9:15-10 p.m., senior pup house league practice

Exhibition games: 8:15 p.m., Vernon pee wee rep vs. Kelowna; 8:30 p.m., Vernon kidage rep vs. Kelowna; 7:45 p.m., Vernon juvenile rep vs. Pentiction.

PIN POINTS

SEPT. 29 Thursday Mixed 1:1 Women's high single, Bernice Rott 220, high triple, Alison Cowan 572, high average, Frank Grant 192

Mens high single, Bill de Wilde 317, high triple, Tony Bastien 651, high average, Mark Kartzal 225

Team high single, Pin Punchers 1286, high triple, Pin Punchers 264

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Defensive lapses costly for Vikings

Abbotsford Flyers dumped Vernon Vikings 5-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action of Thursday night in the Fraser Valley city.



CUT TWO In an effort to solve his team's problems, the Vernon coach cut two players and will take a look at two newcomers before the Vikings' game against Langley Lords.

It was Vernon's best effort in three starts, however, still not good enough. Vikings' Coach Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News his club is still making too many fundamental mistakes.

Released before the trip was right wing Rob Jacobsen, and after Thursday's game, forward Brent Hallgren was sent home.

The two new 18-year-olds, from the Prince George area, are Dave Smith and Daryl McKune, Bloomer said. They both come highly recommended so we'll give them a good chance.

In other games tonight, Bellingham Blazers visit Penticon Vees and Merritt Centennial are hosted by Kelowna Buckaroos.

TOOK LEAD Abbotsford took a 5-1 lead at the end of the first period and extended that margin to 5-2 after the second.

REBOUNDS: Defenceman Glen Lockwood was brought up on the trip from the Vernon juveniles, and looked good in Vikings' three-game road trip ended Saturday night in Nanaimo.

Rich Atman, Don Werbeniuk, Don Stewart, Rob Miller, and Randy Wickware scored for the winners.

Blazers and Merritt Centennial are hoping to pick-up a couple more players, while on the coast, for their

Bob Grant, Scott Costin, and Byron Smith countered for Vikings.

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VSSS runners look impressive

By DAVID TURNER Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' and boys' cross-country teams did well in competition Thursday as they placed second and third respectively.

Peterman and Dave Fish. Other experienced runners mingling from the shorthanded VSSS squad were Chris Kuhn, Dave Turner, Byron Torford and Curtis Blaney.

VSSS veteran Kathleen Cunningham led the girls' team, placing second overall.

The popularity of the sport is due mainly to the competition it offers. And although team effort is important, Fox said, "A lot of boys want to be at the top and there is the potential for each to be a star."

She was followed by Margaret Gordon finishing fourth and Veronica Hugg was seventh.

"But being a star doesn't come easy - It involves a lot of work and paying attention to the coach. At this age kids are bound to be kids so I take a

Missing from the girls' team were veterans Dawn Weitzel and Charlene Permett.

High is present, but high hopes for several of them to make the division eight rep team. He also coaches basketball and his team came first in the junior boys' league last year.

The boys' squad was led by veteran runner Greg Kosak who finished ninth while Steve Fingers 328

A coach has to have a lot of foresight in how a game is going," he said, "and arrange his players to the team's advantage. You have to be able to see how the other team is doing compared to yours and be able to spot where they're weak and how to get your players through their weak spots."

Dr. Knox records easy win

Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' volleyball team dropped a 4-0 decision to Dr. Knox Jr. Secondary School of Kelowna in exhibition play on Thursday.

Vernon wins number four

Vernon Senior Secondary School 'AA' soccer team stretched its winning streak to four games by dumping North Kamloops 3-1 in action Thursday at Centennial Park.

Vernon took a 3-1 half-time lead and went on to play tight defensive ball in the second-half.

Sam Saliko, with two, and Gord Howard were the marksmen for VSSS.

The same two teams will meet next Tuesday, in Kamloops.

"Everybody played well and tried to prevent goals. They all worked hard. We just haven't practiced enough defensive plays. They all played the best they know how. We just have a lot more to learn."

Each Wakeelin was full of praise for the visiting team.

"We're well aware now why the other team won. They have a fast, hard-hitting, skillful team. They have a lot of depth."

VSSS will get back into league action next Wednesday when they travel to Salmon Arm to play "another toughie" as coach Wakeelin calls it.

LEARN COMMANDMENT The third commandment of a good sport is, "Thou shalt not gloat over winning," says Farmers' Almanac.

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