Vernon ladies unbeaten

Vernon won one and tied two in a ladies' field hockey tournament held last Sunday in Kelowna.

In their first game, the Vernon gals fought to a 2-2 deadlock with Kelowna. Both teams were hampered by a waterlogged field. Zoe Wakelin and Leanne Willms scored for the locals.

In their second game, Vernon blanked the league's new entry, Okanagan College of Kelowna, 2-0. Wakelin scored a goal in each half of that contest.

To end the tourney, Vernon played a strong defensive game to hold powerful X-nox to a 0-0 sawoff.

Last game of the season for the local squad will be next Sunday, at 1 p.m., in Winfield.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1972

Five North Okanagan senior high school girls' grass hockey teams may have recorded one of the most outstanding and unusual feats in team sporting competition when eight of 10 games in a grass hockey tournament ended in shutouts.

COACH AND WIFE HONORED

Coach Victor Hirschkorn and his wife Christel were honored this week by members of the Traction Masters juvenile soccer team. The Hirschkorns, who guided Traction Masters to an undefeated season, were presented with a plaque and silver dish by captain Rob Zimmerman, left, and assistant captain Bruce Major.
(Daily News Photo)

Eberts returning with same team

Tony Eberts has bad news for the other 31 rinks entering the fourth annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel.

Eberts, the defending champion, is coming here this year with the same rink he won the cars with in 1976. The team members are third Garnet Campbell, second Don Perkins, and lead Norm Hellyer.

Campbell, a legend in Canadian curling, was on Eberts' rink in 1976 when they won the national mixed championship.

Eberts, who moved to Edmonton last year from Williams Lake told the Daily News he isn't predicting a second straight victory in Vernon, but admits it would be nice.

TOUGH COMPETITION

He said, "We'd like to repeat, but it is going to be tough. Any of the 32 rinks are capable of getting hot and winning the cars. When you've got guys in the spiel like Ron Northcott and Peewee Pickering, you can't take anything for granted."

Although all four members of the Eberts' rink will have several games under their belts before coming to Vernon, the Car Spiel will be their first effort as a team this season.

Eberts said, "Unfortunately, Garnet lives in Saskatchewan so it is almost impossible for us to get together. But, I'm sure we'll all be ready."

OCT. 28

The Car Spiel will run from Oct. 28 to 31 at the Vernon Curling Club. Pre-spiel events include local and open qualification events, Calcutta, banquet, and spielfest.

Eberts said, "It is impossible to say what spiel was the toughest one we played in last year, but there were none tougher than Vernon."

Gassoff feels Vikings have the talent to win

Gary Gassoff has been a member of Vernon Vikings so long he is becoming an institution.

The 20-year-old native of Quesnel is in his fourth season with the B.C. Junior Hockey League club. His first year in Vernon was as a member of Joe Tennant's goon squad. The following season, Tennant and his troops shattered eight BCJHL records as they won the league title. The 1976-77 season could best be described as mediocre — so he has seen it all.

Gassoff told the Daily News he feels Vikings have the talent to be a contender this season. He said, "I think the players we have here can do the job. A couple more experienced guys would help."

LATE ARRIVING

Gassoff was late arriving in Vernon this fall because of a memorial game in St. Louis for his older brother, Bob, who was killed in a motorcycle accident during the summer. At the game, St. Louis Blues retired sweater number three.

Unlike his three older brothers, Gary probably doesn't have a future in hockey. He is a hard worker, dedicated, and a tremendous team leader. However, he doesn't possess the size or skating ability of his brothers.

Bob started his junior career with Vernon Essos back in 1971, Brad is a member of Vancouver Canucks, and Ken is a journeyman minor league player.

Vikings' Coach Sheldon Bloomer said, "You give me another six or seven players like Gassoff and I'd be happy. He just has average ability, but gives 100 per cent every time he is on the ice."

Gassoff arrived in Vernon last week with his club sporting an 0-5, won-lost, record. In his first game, last Saturday against Kamloops, he scored a goal and Vikings won their first game.

BIG WIN

He said, "That was a big win for us — it seemed to change everyone's attitude. We lost the next night in Merritt, but we could have beat them. Merritt is supposed to have one of the best teams in the league, but I wasn't that impressed with them — I think we could have beat them."

Although he has known Vernon's rookie coach for only a week, Gassoff feels Bloomer is the man to do the job here. He said, "I think Sheldon is still feeling his way around a bit, however, he is a great guy and I'm sure he will be a terrific coach."

LAST YEAR

This is Gary's draft year, but he isn't likely to get picked by a pro club because of his skating. He had tryouts with Medicine Hat and Calgary, of the Western Canada Hockey League, but skating and mobility were his worst enemies. Gassoff appears destined to play intermediate or senior hockey, however, he isn't too upset he can't follow in his brothers' footsteps.

He said, "I don't really have any plans for next year — I'd just like to finish my junior career with a good season."

You could go to Vikings' game on Friday, against Abbotsford Flyers, and not notice Gassoff. He isn't a flashy player, but if you watch him, you won't see anybody working harder.

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MINOR HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Pee wees and bantams start season with wins

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

Both the Vernon Watkin Motor Pee Wee Reps and the Sun Valley Bantam Reps opened their Okanagan-Mainland Minor Hockey seasons with a pair of weekend victories.

The pee wees blanked Westside 8-0 on Saturday in Westside and outscored Rutland 10-7 on Sunday in Rutland.

On Saturday, Vernon scored three goals in each of the first two periods in coasting to the shutout victory.

Greg Moore and Kevin Thorlakson led Vernon with a pair of goals while Donald Kindrachuk, Lance Marcoux, Richard Knellar and Billy Baron added singles.

Stan Walstrom and Hank Aarson shared the shutout.

On Sunday, Vernon twice battled back from two goal deficits to outlast Rutland.

The score was tied at 4-4 after the opening period and Vernon took an 8-6 second period lead.

Moore, Kindrachuk and David Munk each scored a pair of goals, while Ron Sparks, Rudy Poeschek, Thorlakson and Baron notched singles.

The bantams were equally successful, blasting Penticton 7-1 in Vernon Saturday and Rutland 8-4 in Lumby on Sunday.

Against Penticton, Vernon exploded for five, first period goals and added one in each of the final frames.

LOST SHUTOUT

Vernon goalies Todd Beck and Herschel Meisner lost their shutout with just 14 seconds remaining in the contest.

Brad Moore led Sun Valley with a three-goal game. Randy Rezytnyck picked up a pair, while Tom DeVries and Ray Williment notched singles.

On Sunday, Vernon came out flat and were down 2-1 after the first period of play. But the local club blasted six straight second period goals to put the game away.

Tom Day netted a pair of goals and assists. Norman Day, Jeff Wejr, Greg Kowal, Bobby Wensley, Moore and Rezytnyck added singles.

Also on the weekend, the Vernon Bloom and Sigalet Midget Reps and the Star West Realty Pup Reps won a pair of exhibition games.

MIDGETS WIN

The midgets took two from a tough Prince George club here, 4-1 on Saturday and 5-3 on Sunday.

On Saturday, backed by the strong goaltending of Rex Slizak, Vernon took period leads of 2-0 and 4-0.

Rod Trentini, Dwayne Stragier, Earl Smith and Darcy Anderson shared the Vernon goals.

It was a good clean hockey game with Vernon and Prince George splitting 10 minor penalties.

In the second contest, Vernon led 2-1 after the opening period and 5-1 after the second.

Bob Hildebrande, scored a pair, while Lance Vachon, Al Betton and Smith pocketted singles.

Vernon Manager Ernie Kowal was extremely impressed with the setup of the Prince George team. He said, "Their minor hockey system allows them a $15,000 budget, so they can charter a plane anytime they want."

NO WINS

Also on the weekend, it was the Pup Reps outskating Kamloops 9-8 and 7-4, in Kamloops, Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, the game seesawed back and forth with Vernon finally coming out with the long end of the stick. Vernon took a 3-1 first period lead while Kamloops fought back to take a 5-4 lead at the end of the second period.

Les Olsen, and Brent Gilchrist with three goals each and Bruce Major with two goals and three assists shared the bulk of the Vernon attack. Danny Nolan added the other Vernon goal and Jeff Finley collected three assists.

On Sunday, Vernon opened up with 3-0 and 4-0 leads in skating past Kamloops.

Nolan with a pair, Gilchrist, Danny Martin, Toosh McBride, Warren Schneider and Troy Mick did the damage.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Passaglia is a dandy

It wasn't too long ago that there was a high school football conference on the Lower Mainland called the Skyline.

The Skyline Conference, with four teams, was formed in 1964. That year, a powerhouse team from Centennial, in Coquitlam, won the league and went on to capture the Shrine Bowl.

But, the next decade, until the league was disbanded, belonged to Notre Dame High School of Vancouver. Vancouver College, St. Thomas More, and Centennial came up with several good teams, but few could match the power of Notre Dame Jugglers.

The greatest player in the history of that school is a young chap named Lui Passaglia. In high school, Passaglia was quarterback, placekicker, punter, and often defensive halfback. He hadn't yet perfected his kicking game, but he was known as a tremendous running and passing quarterback.

So, after seeing him play high school, and then university ball with Simon Fraser, it isn't surprising that he is making clutch plays this season with B.C. Lions.

Lui is the leading punter in Canada and second in the country in scoring behind Dave Cutler. But, his most sensational plays are not of the usual kicking variety.

He has run and passed out of the punting formation this season, made at least two touchdown saving tackles, and has fielded bad snaps like a shortstop.

His finest hour was Saturday night when he tied Cutler's record of six field goals in a game and led Lions to an 18-17 win over Montreal Alouettes. But, his two best moves came when he had to scramble to punt.

TWO GREAT PLAYS

The first came when the centre snapped the ball several feet over his head. Passaglia fell on the ball at his own 10-yard line, after chasing it 30 yards. Rather than lie there and be tackled, he got up, outran two defenders, and got a punt away to the Montreal 52-yard line.

His second great play was the result of another bad snap. By the time Lui had control of the ball, three Alouettes were in position to block the kick. So, he rolled out and kicked on the run — 78 yards into the Montreal end zone.

Like Cutler, Lui would like to get into the game more often — on offence or defence. With his tremendous, natural, athletic ability he could play flanker, defensive back, or possibly back-up quarterback.

Cutler has stated several times he would like a shot at halfback or fullback.

But, as long as those two multi-talented SFU grads continue to excel with their kicking toe, it is unlikely we will see them with another role. It is too dangerous a gamble to risk a kicker's health.

After Saturday's game, Lions' Coach Vic Rapp said, "There isn't another player who can do the things Lui does."

It is a good bet Lui is one of the few players in the west who will give team-mate Jerry Tagge a run for the outstanding player award this season. And, as Canadian player of the year, Passaglia could be a shoo-in.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MINOR HOCKEY (Civic Arena)

5:15 to 8:50 p.m., pee wee house practices
9 to 10 p.m., juvenile rep practice
6 to 7 a.m. (Wednesday), midget rep practice
7 to 8 a.m. (Wednesday), pup rep practice

SENIOR HOCKEY

White Valley Hockey League doubleheader at the Lumby Arena. Blades vs. Sabres and Royals vs. Burger Baron.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary: 7 p.m., Stingers vs. Village Green Spikers and Nads vs. Wallbangers; 8 p.m., B.C. Hydro vs. Rookies and Hook-ups vs. Consumers; 9 p.m., 57 Selects vs. Lagers.

VSSS defeated by Rutland

By DAVID TURNER
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' volleyball team performed in the Rutland Invitational Volleyball tournament last weekend.

The Vernon squad, played solid volleyball throughout the tournament, but a slightly stronger Rutland team defeated them in the semi-finals.

VSSS was in a section with Rutland, KLO from Kelowna, and North Kamloops. They finished third in the round-robin and went on to dump KSS of Kelowna, two games straight in the quarter-finals.

In the semi-finals against Rutland, the Vernon team won the first game, but narrowly lost the second by a narrow 17-15 score. VSSS coach Barrie Reid said, "The second game was a heartbreaker. It really got the guys down." After that, Rutland coasted to an easy win in the deciding game.

Coach Reid was proud of his team. "I'm really happy. They played a good game. The boys have undergone a vast improvement. They're more aggressive, and they have a good attitude. We're playing about 70 per cent better than we were. Our only weak points were our blocking and service reception."

About the future, Reid says, "We've pretty well taken the north zone, we're undefeated, but our objective is to make the provincials. We've improved tremendously. Last year we had very few grade 11's, this year it is almost all grade 11's. I think we've proven that we're a competitive team."

SPORTS BRIEFS

LADIES' HOOPLA

Vernon Tri-Lakers Basketball Team will be holding its first practice Thursday, at 8 p.m., in the Recreation Complex gymnasium. The Lakers are a representative team which plays exhibition and tournament games throughout the Okanagan.

HONEYMOONERS

In Honeymooners' Volleyball League play at the Recreation Complex: Goodtimers downed Zodiacs 15-12, 15-5, and 15-3; Old Stylers edged Spastic Spikers 15-3, 9-15, and 15-11; Friends rolled over Team Cannabis 15-5, 15-8, and 15-5; Six Pack trounced Daredevils 15-1, 15-0, and 15-2; and Camptown Racers hammered Up-n-atoms 15-3, 15-5, and 15-5.

HOCKEY DANCE

Vernon Minor Hockey Association is holding a dance Saturday, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Advance tickets, priced at $3.50, are available from any minor hockey executive or at Sun Valley Sports.

FIGURE SKATING

Vernon Figure Skating Club is holding a general meeting Nov. 1, at 8 p.m., in the Village Green Inn. All skaters and parents are invited to attend. Club schedule and projects will be outlined.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Vernon men's flag football regular season ended Sunday with eight games at VSSS. In the Valley Division, Blind Melons blanked Royal Rebels 25-0, RCMP drilled Untouchables 47-2, St. Anthonys shutout Toros 26-0, and Black Russians whipped National Hotel 48-0. In the Mountain Division, NAPS drilled Condors 19-0, Shirt Shack thumped Odds and Sods 44-8, Toyota clobbered Realtors 57-18 and Block Bros. whitewashed Wometco 62-0.

HIKE PLANNED

Vernon Hikers Club is making a trip Sunday to Mara Mountain. Anyone interested in going should meet at city hall at 8 a.m. For further information phone 542-7665.

CHRIS AN MVP

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Evert of Phoenix Racquets won her second consecutive women's most-valuable-player award in World Team Tennis, WTT commissioner Butch Buchholz announced Monday. Evert was the overwhelming choice of the WTT writers although she was runner-up to Martina Navratilova of Boston Lobsters in number of women's singles matches won during the last season. Navratilova was second in the MVP voting.

RELEASED ON WAIVERS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran forward Cazzie Russell and rookie guard Tony Robertson were released on waivers Monday to reduce the Los Angeles Lakers squad to 12, the current National Basketball Association limit. Russell, 33, started all 82 games for the Lakers last season and previously had played for New York Knicks' and Golden State Warriors.

PIN POINTS

OCT. 7
Friday I.O.F.

Women's high single, Jana Kassam 235; high triple, Jana Kassam 615; high average, Florence Kenney and Gladys Hood 188.

Men's high single, Mark Katzalay 262; high triple, Mark Katzalay 711; high average, Mark Katzalay 208.

Team high single, Shawn 1294; high triple, Strikers 3615.

TEAM STANDINGS

Strikers	159½
Road Runners	143
Shawn	121½
Empire Meats	121

OCT. 7
Gym Dandy Bowling Club

Women's high single, Ida Giles 205; high double, Ida Giles 371; high average, Ida Giles 185.

Men's high single, Stuart Milne 206; high double, Ralph Makarenko 371; high average, Ralph Makarenko 185.

Bowler of the week, Ladies — Gail Paige, mens — Ralph Makarenko.

OCT. 8
YBC A.M. Juniors

Women's high single, Cindy Kopp 220; high triple, Cindy Kopp 578; high average, Dawn Irvin 175.

Men's high single, Brad McDonnell 213; high triple, Scott Fochler 520; high average, Kelly Meyer 179.

Team high single, Gib's Gimps 2936; high triple, Gib's Gimps 2936.

TEAM STANDINGS

Alley Cats	84½
Dromedaries	76½
Rolling Pins	66
Gib's Gimps	65

OCT. 8
1:00-3:00 Jets

Women's high single, Tanya Evans 192; high double, Tanya Evans 295; high average, Tanya Evans 126.

Men's high single, Paul Ponsiden 128; high double, Justin Morgan 233; high average, Kevin Blaeser 122.

OCT. 8
11 a.m. Bantams

Women's high single, Maria Kleisinger 175; high triple, Bonnie Edwards 420; high average, Penny May 153.

Men's high single, Peter Kropp 189; high triple, Glen Trask; high average, Zane Klym 138.

OCT. 9
Sunday 8-10

Women's high single, Donna Cochrane 263; high triple, Donna Cochrane 641; high average, Debbie Woodroff 208.

Men's high single, Roger Desmarais 302; high triple, Roger Desmarais 655; high average, Val Andretta 230.

Team high single, Odd Couple 1289; high triple, Vintage House 3659.

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