SKI TIPS

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How do the skis look?

The squirrels around our place have stored enough nuts & host cocktail parties for the next 10 years. It'll be a great snow year!

Meanwhile, you should stock up on a file, a scraper, some emery cloth or a sharpening stone, wax, plastic repair candles and whatever the shop attendant recommends you need to do your skis. Spring wax, summer dust and six months of neglect won't make for very good skiing in December. Let's fix up those boards.

If you have never attempted to file, scrape or wax your skis before, ask for advice. Don't be afraid to do a poor job — experience will make you better.

If you are going to have them tuned at a service shop in town or on the hill, do it now, there are a lot of skis in Vernon ready for attention.

Dryland training in how to sweep is what students Leanne Fester and Diane Henry received this week at the Vernon Curling Rink.

JUNIOR CURLERS from instructor Larry Guenther, left. These students will soon be part of a newly-formed 26-team junior curling league involving local schools. Ice training will begin next week.

(Daily News Photo)

Third period outburst gives Vikings victory

Vernon Vikings scored two goals within 44 seconds early in the third period to defeat Abbotsford Flyers 6-5 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday before a sparse crowd at the Civic Arena.

The victory was Vernon's second in the last three games after five consecutive losses.

Dale Fetzner scored at 53 seconds and Darcy Wilkinson tallied at 1:37 to break a 4-4 deadlock.

Don Stewart narrowed the gap to 6-5 with a goal at 15:40, however, Vikings' netminder Darrell Morin closed the door on the Abbotsford comeback.

Vikings also got goals from Dale Slous, Gary Gassoff, Byron Smith, and Mike Johnson.

Lindsay Johnson, Anthony McNurchey, Dan Werbeniuk, and Pat McGill completed the Flyers' scoring.

The teams were tied 2-2 after the first period.

The game had its high points, but several times play deteriorated with sloppy passing and poor checking.

CLEARED CREASE

One area Vikings showed improvement was clearing Morin's crease of opposition forwards. Despite the absence of rugged Roger Pierce, recovering from a leg injury, Fetzner and company threw some solid hits in front of the net.

Morin finished the night with 37 saves while Mike Schambier blocked 34 shots for Abby.

Little Scott Cozins turned in a hustling performance for Vikings and Gassoff did his usual hard-working job.

Newcomer Brent Eccles, only 16 years old, showed he can skate. Eccles joined the club this week from Nanaimo.

Off the ice, General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he expects to make an announcement on a new coach early next week. Sheldon Bloomer resigned from the post on Tuesday.

Vikings have a chance to move into sole possession of fourth-place in the Interior Division tonight when they tangle with the winless Bruins in Revelstoke.

Meanwhile, Penticton Vees just missed re-writing the record book Friday night and Langley Lords must have felt they'd seen it all before.

Lords were the victims of a 16-4 rout, as Penticton came within two goals of the most ever scored in a BCJHL game.

Langley was on the wrong end of the record when it was set last year, losing 18-1 to Kelowna Buckaroos.

In another game Friday, Buckaroos whipped Kamloops Chiefs 8-3.

In Langley, the Lords led 2-0 early in the first period but Penticton counted eight unanswered goals before Langley found the range again midway through the second period.

Cary Eades led the Vees' attack with three goals.

Langley Coach John Van Horlick wasn't around to see the third period. He was thrown out of the game for arguing with the referee.

In the other game, Chiefs took a 2-1 lead in the first period before Kelowna caught fire.

Brad Palmer scored a third period hat trick to pace the Buckaroos while Mike Urqhart added a pair for the winners.

IIHL honors Gord Juckes

OTTAWA (CP) — Gordon Juckes, former executive director of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), has been made an honorary life member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), only the fifth person to be so honored.

Juckes, who retired in September after 18 years as executive director, has been CAHA delegate to the IIHF since 1960. He was an IIHF director from 1968 to 1972.

Sports Briefs

CHILTON OUT

Vernon's Doug Chilton rink has been eliminated from the World Invitational Curling Tournament of Champions being held in Edmonton. After winning his first game, Chilton lost three straight on Thursday and Friday. Three teams, including Ron Northcott's Calgary foursome, are undefeated going into play today.

CLINCH FIRST

Vernon Lodge Tigers clinched first-place in the Men's Road Hockey League with a 2-1 victory over Sixty-Niners on Thursday night at Centennial Rink. Jack Phokopetz and Gary Holte scored for the winners while Bob Mann replied for the losers. In another game, Raiders hammered Lumbermen 11-2.

HONEYMOONERS

In Honeymooners Volleyball League play at Seaton gym, Subtrac Motors downed Tempests 14-16, 15-0, and 15-13. Orangatangs drilled Jam Tarts 15-2, 15-9, and 15-6. Desperados beat Super Six 15-10, 15-8, and 15-5, and Sum Timers downed Rockets 15-12, 15-13, and 15-8.

TINY TOTS

Registrations are now being accepted for session two of tiny tot recreation. Starting dates are Oct. 27 at Trinity Hall and Oct. 31 at the Recreation Complex. For further information, or to register, phone 545-6035.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

In women's Commercial Volleyball League play this week, Fonzie's Girls hammered Roadrunners 15-9, 15-9, and 15-11. Kootenay Six thumped Wesco 15-5, 15-3, and 15-5. Jokers whipped All-stars 15-10, 15-5, and 5-15. Heroes defeated Gustos 15-5, 15-11, and 12-15. Cobras trounced Guzzlers 15-12, 15-8, and 15-6, and Collaborators downed Dollies 15-9, 15-6, and 15-5.

HAS NEW CONTRACT

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Whitey Herzog, who has led Kansas City Royals to division championships in both of his full seasons as manager of the American League baseball club, signed a one-year contract Friday for the 1978 season. Herzog was named manager of the Royals July 24, 1975, after Jack McKeon was fired.

BENSON RETURNS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rookie centre Kent Benson, injured when punched by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar during a National Basketball Association game here Tuesday night, will return to the starting lineup when Milwaukee Bucks meet Chicago Bulls tonight, the Bucks reported Friday. Abdul-Jabbar, a former Bucks player and now a centre for Los Angeles Lakers, was fined a league record $5,000 by NBA commissioner Larry O'Brien Thursday as a result of the incident.

VILAS WINS

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beat Romanian Ilie Nastase 2-6, 6-6, 6-3 in the final of a fourman international tennis tournament Friday night and claim top prize of $9,000 Mexican Raul Ramirez took third place, beating Adriano Panatta of Italy, 6-4, 6-3.

BECOMES FREE AGENT

ANAHEIM (AP) — Carlos May, the first baseman-outfielder acquired last month by California Angels from the New York Yankees last month, has declared himself a free agent, the Angels announced Friday.

Olympic team may be formed

OTTAWA (CP) — A long-simmering squabble between the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) and Hockey Canada, which erupted in public a couple of weeks ago, may be cooled off this week.

Hockey Canada, the federallysupported agency which governs Canada's international hockey dealings, has meetings scheduled for Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday, and hockey observers are hoping difficulties between the two organizations can be settled.

The meetings also may produce acceptance of a blueprint for assembling an amateur team to represent Canada in the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Discussions about an Olympic team have been under way for about 18 months. Father David Bauer, former national team coach, warned recently that unless a decision is made soon, there will be no chance of icing a respectable team in 1980.

At a special Commons-Senate committee studying international hockey, Hockey Canada chairman Douglas Fisher and Alan Eagleson, head of Hockey Canada's international committee, blasted the CAHA for undermining the organization.

They called on the CAHA to withdraw from international hockey dealings and concentrate on domestic hockey problems. The CAHA should turn over its seat on the council of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) to Hockey Canada, they said.

DENIES CHARGES

Gordon Renwick, the new CAHA president, denied the undermining charges, saying the CAHA always has cooperated with Hockey Canada. He said Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo should force Fisher to resign from Hockey Canada because of his attack on the CAHA, which is a member of Hockey Canada.

Talks with officials and observers indicate the two factions have been told to settle their differences in private.

Mrs. Campagnolo is awaiting the report of the Commons-Senate committee before deciding whether to intervene directly in the dispute.

There was concern that this week's meetings could be cantankerous because of Renwick's call for Fisher's removal. But Renwick has never written to Mrs. Campagnolo about his request. Also, Renwick and Eagleson attended a recent IIHF meeting in Prague and are expected to have resolved some of the differences.

Meanwhile, Fisher says he has wanted to leave the organization for some time, but thinks he must stay until the situation is settled. He has the support of eight members of Hockey Canada's 12-man board of directors.

Observers say public revelation of the CAHA-Hockey Canada squabble may turn out to be a blessing because it increases outside pressure for a settling of disputes.

They said both organizations are to blame for the dispute — Hockey Canada for some tactless handling of the CAHA, and the amateur association for its lingering hostility towards Hockey Canada and for continual interference in international hockey matters.

They also agreed there has been poor communication between the CAHA and leading figures of Hockey Canada since it was formed in 1969.

The universities may be best suited to setting up an organization that would prepare for the next two years and deliver a competitive team for the Hockey Canada delays in making a decision, the less the chance of creating a respectable squad, Bauer says.

Billings wins over Bruins

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — Doug Robb broke a 2-2 tie with a goal at 1:50 of the final period to give Billings Bighorns a 3-2 victory over New Westminster Bruins in a Western Canada Hockey League game Friday before 1,846 fans.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and each added one marker in the second.

Billings got two goals on power plays. The Bighorns had six power-play opportunities to on for the Bruins. Referee Ian Sandercock tagged New Westminster with nine of 14 minor penalties. Both teams had one fighting major.

John Paul Kelly and Dave Orleski scored for New Westminster while Harvie Pocza and Gordie Stafford replied for Billings.

The game featured excellent netminding by Tim Tomlinson of Billings and the Bruins' Richard Martens as New Westinster outshot the Montana squad 39-35.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MINOR HOCKEY

3:15 p.m., Watkin Motors Pee Wee Reps vs. Kelowna

5 p.m., in Kelowna, Sun Valley Sports Bantam Reps vs. Kelowna

5:15 p.m., Kamloops vs. Vernon Bloom and Sigalet Midget Reps

7:45 p.m., Summerland vs. Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps (exhibition)

5-9:45 a.m., (Sunday), pee wee house league

CURLING

Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel local qualification round at the curling club today and Sunday.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

8 p.m., Revelstoke, Vernon Vikings vs. Revelstoke Bruins

SENIOR HOCKEY

8 p.m., in Enderby, Vernon Price and Markle Canadians vs. Grindrod Elks

8:30 p.m., in Winfield, Kelowna Molsons vs. Winfield Raiders

8 p.m., (Sunday), in Vernon, Grindrod Elks vs. Vernon Sport Cougars

SUNDAY

HIKING

8 a.m., Vernon Hikers group leaves city hall for Mara Mountain. Newcomers are invited.

MINOR FOOTBALL (Creekside Park)

11 a.m., flag division, Kal Tire vs. Baron Insurance and Starvista Agencies vs. Dairy Queen.

12:30 p.m., junior bantam, Vernon Toyota vs. Star Auto-Vernon Frame and CAE Morse vs. Johanson Contracting.

2 p.m., bantam, H and L Glass vs. Village Green Inn and Tri-Pac Cougars vs. Kelowna.

FLAG FOOTBALL (Games at VSSS)

3:30 p.m., Valley League: RCMP vs. St. Anthonys, Toros vs. Black Russians, Royal Rebels vs. National Hotel, and Blind Melons vs. Untouchables.

4:30 p.m., Mountain League: NAPS vs. Team Toyota, Condors vs. Shirt Shack, Realtors vs. Odds and Sods, and Block Brothers vs. Wometco.

HONEYMOONERS VOLLEYBALL

Recreation Complex: 5:30 p.m., Camp Town Racers vs. Zodiacs; 6:20 p.m., Daredevils vs. Up-n-atoms; 7:10 p.m., Team Cannabis vs. Six Pack; 8 p.m., Friends vs. Old Stylers; 8:50 p.m., Goodtimers vs. Spastic Spikers.

PIN POINTS

OCT. 14
Friday Ladies

Women's high single, Joyce Peterman 241, high triple, Joyce Peterman 622, high average, Gladys Hood 190.

Men's high single, Mark Kaladay 268, high triple, Nashir Kassam 690, high average, Mark Kalzalay 232.

Team high single, Dip Sticks 1278, high triple, Dip Sticks 3633.

TEAM STANDINGS

Strikers	207½
Road Runners	161
Empire Meats	156
Shawn	148½

OCT. 14
Gym Dandy Bowling Club

Women's high single, Timmy Loney 194, high double, Timmy Loney 351, high average, Ida Giles 168.

Men's high single, Arthur Nelson 290, high double, Arthur Nelson 355, high average, Ralph Makarenko 249.

Bowler of the week, "300" club, ladies — Diane Sherk — 60 pins over average. Men — Larry Brown — 106 pins over average.

OCT. 13
Thursday 9-11

Women's high single, Val Yasinsky 278, high triple, Val Yasinsky 660, high average, Val Yasinsky 220.

Men's high single, Mike Kador 350, high triple, Len Chanley 742, high average, Mike Kador 225.

Team high single, Misfits 1309, high triple, Lucky Strikes 3470.

"300" club: Mike Kador 350.

TEAM STANDINGS

Hong Kong Village	124
Pin Punchers	113
Pace Setters	111
Lucky Strikes	97
Vets	96½

OCT. 13
Thursday 7-9 p.m.

Women's high single, Verna Babineau 285, high triple, Lori Kupryk 719, high average, Willie Wendel 215, Cathy Douglas 215.

Men's high single, John Tykalovich 348, high triple, John Tykalovich 801, high average, Art Block 279.

Team high single, McGavin Toastmasters 1342, high triple, McGavin Toastmasters 3776.

"300" club, John Tykalovich 348, Art Block 306, Frank Gralion 303.

"700" Club, Lori Kupryk 719, Donna Desmarais 708.

"800" club, John Tykalovich 801

TEAM STANDINGS

McGavin's Toastmaster	183
The Van Gallery	172
Sticky Fingers	165½
Noca Sunshine	137½

OCT. 31
Thurs. Matinee

Women's high single, Alys Cowan 236, Marg Passmore 236, high triple, Fay DeWilde 598, high average, Elma Datziel 206.

Team high single, Drop Outs 1260, high triple, Del's Belles 3665

TEAM STANDINGS

Groaners	141
Gameos	139
Del's Belles	130½
Happy Gang	124

OCT. 13
Thurs. Coffee Party

Women's high single, Teresa Lilburn 266, high triple, Marci Koenig 705, high average, Liz Hass 198.

Team high single, Speedy "S" 1286, high triple, Speedy "S" 3697

TEAM STANDINGS

Speedy "S"	186½
Silver Stars	170
Slow Pokes	156½
Jam Tarts	141

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1972

Dan Kuntz scored two goals to lead Vernon Essos to a 7-5 victory over Penticton Buckaroos in a B.C. Junior Hockey League game.

B.C. to lose ex-college star

VANCOUVER (CP) — John Sciarra, hero of UCLA's victory in the 1978 Rose Bowl over Ohio State, said Thursday his career is over with British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

Sciarra, 23, has been on the team's injury reserve list since the opening game of the season in July, when he caught five passes against Calgary Stampeders, but suffered a pulled hamstring muscle.

He was replaced by rookie wide receiver Leon Bright of Florida State and Sciarra has been unable to unseat Bright, who has scored eight touchdowns, many of the spectacular variety.

"It's really all over now, except for finishing the season," said Sciarra, who won't be activated for Sunday's interlocking game in Hamilton against the Tiger-Cats.

Sciarra was named the CFL's rookie-of-the-year in 1976 when he played a number of positions for the Lions, including wide receiver, wingback, defensive back and quarterback. Ironically, Bright is the leading candidate for the rookie award this season.

UNHAPPY PLAYER

"It's been frustrating as hell," Sciarra said about the situation. "It's been a shock. I'm the unhappiest I've ever been.

"I don't blame anybody. If I were the coach, I wouldn't have made any lineup change either. But I do have my own career to look forward to."

Chicago Bears selected Sciarra in the fourth round of the National Football League draft in 1976, but Sciarra signed with B.C. when he was told he would have an opportunity to play quarterback.

Sciarra hurt his shoulder early in the 1976 season and moved from quarterback to a receiver position.

He asked to be traded early last month and the Lions talked to Montreal Alouettes and Toronto Argonauts, teams which were having quarterback problems at the time. No deal was made, reportedly because of Sciarra's huge contract.

Sciarra signed a two-year, nocut agreement with the Lions last year. His contract calls for a hefty increase in 1978, which would be the option year of the agreement.

Sciarra said his lawyer will ask the Lions at the end of the season for a settlement and his release. He would have to clear CFL waivers before he becomes a free agent.

The Lions, fourth-place finishers a year ago in the Western Conference, can clinch first place Sunday with a win over Hamilton. B.C. has a 10-3 record.

Hyland boys crack top 10

Statistics released this week by the Canadian Rodeo Cowboys Association show the Hyland brothers from Salmon Arm, Mel and Wilf, have qualified to compete in the Canadian Finals, in Edmonton, Nov. 9-13.

In saddle bronc riding, Mel placed eighth with earnings of $5,617. Wilf took 10th spot with a total of $3,240.

Top 10 competitors in the five major rodeo events qualify to battle for $45,000 in prize money.

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COACH'S CLINIC

Puck control is number one

This is the second in a series of hockey tips from Vernon Minor Hockey Association coaches.

Don Baron, coach of the pee wee reps feels puck control is the most important tactical factor in hockey.

To play the game the first things any player has to have is confidence in himself and a definite feel for the puck. Since everything is based around that rubber disc, puck control — basically being the ability to handle the puck under any situation and going in any direction is extremely valuable.

Every player should strive to improve on his puck control, having better puck control allows you just that much more time to think, and you can get into the right position to make the right move or set up your teammate with that sharp pass, instead of just throwing the puck away.

In our practices I have a lot of drills with the puck, so my players can be adapted to any situation that might occur in a game. It makes practices more interesting and helps our game, especially puck control.

Puck control is very important but hockey is a two-way game and to be good at it you must check well too.

Probably the biggest problem that anybody has in checking is that they concentrate on the puck too much and not enough on the man.

Always concentrate on your opponent, look him straight in the eyes when you are checking him, force him to the boards and when you get the chance tie him up, then go for the puck. Most likely you'll have forced him to throw the puck away or pass through you.

The important thing in the game is you have to be dedicated to what you are doing, having confidence in yourself and be prepared to work hard to improve.