KENDALL'S KORNER

Rep teams looking good

The Okanagan has always been known as a hotbed for hockey in British Columbia.

Numerous teams from the valley have captured minor and junior championships. The likes of Grant Mulvey, Bruce Affleck, Blair Chapman, Eddie Johnstone, and Rob Flockhart laced up their skates in the Okanagan as youngsters.

Vernon has held its own against the larger cities — Kelowna and Kamloops — and this could be the best year ever for local rep teams. Only the pee wees appear to be out of contention for a league title.

The pup reps, coached by Mel Major, are going to be tough to beat. Last weekend they thumped high-rated Kamloops.

The pee wees are in a rebuilding year, but have surprised several people with their fine play to date. They are not overpowering, but will hold their own.

Vernon Bantam Reps have seven or eight holdovers and Coach George Beck has a big, typical team. They trailed Kelowna 3-0 after nine minutes and came back to beat them 6-5.

If it wasn't for tremendous teams from Kamloops and Kelowna, Vernon midget reps would be a shoo-in to represent this zone in the Wrigley Tournament this year.

Ex-senior star Walt Trentini has everything going for him — good defence, adequate goaltending, speedy skaters up front, and size.

But, the team with the best chance of winning some hardware this season is the Vernon Juvenile Reps.

JUVENILES IMPRESSIVE

Manager Art Fester said, "We have the personnel to win the Okanagan and go on to the B.C. championships. If we don't win the valley, I'll be surprised and disappointed."

It is without doubt the best juvenile team Vernon has iced in a long, long, time.

At the start of the season, it appeared goaltending would be a weak spot. But, second-year man Wayne Slizak and Lumby's Sandy McNiven, up from the midget ranks, have given the locals a well between the pipes.

In front of the goalies, Coach Bob Williams has an abundance of talent, in fact, several players who could step into junior A and not be out of place.

Vernon Vikings have been after Kelly Kaneda and Tom Ouchi for two years. However, Kaneda because of work, and Ouchi because of school, have elected not to play junior.

Jack Prokopetz, who spent the last two seasons in the North Okanagan Hockey League with Vernon Cougars, joined the juveniles this season. He is still only 18 years old and has been impressive both as a digger and scorer.

The supporting case of Gary Redman, Wayne Brown, Glen Lockwood, Gary Edwards, Paul Guidi, Jim Harding — goes on and on.

They will get the acid test on Nov. 11 when Coquitlam visits Vernon. Coquitlam, runner-up to Kelowna last year in the B.C. finals, is considered one of the teams to beat on the coast, along with Burnaby.

It should be an interesting winter around the old rink.

Nineteen riders finish Wahoo Run

Thirty-seven riders took part in the second annual Vernon Wahoo Run last Sunday, four miles south of Vernon, on private property.

The Wahoo is a cross-country run for dirt bikes, trail bikes, and enduros.

Nineteen riders managed to complete the 20-mile course despite gale force winds, dust, and rain.

In the senior, over 200cc event, John Roddis of Vernon was top rider. Mitch Snow of Salmon Arm was runner-up and Peter Basten, also of Salmon Arm, took third.

Larry and Dave Sweet of Kamloops placed one-two in the senior, under 200cc class. Vernon's Jim Stuart finished third.

Vernon riders Steve Griffith, Tom Rooseboom, and Cordell Bridge were the top competitors in junior, over 200cc.

In junior, under 200cc, Ed Mattson, Greg Neufeld, and Mike Weber, all of Vernon, took top honors.

Later in the afternoon, when the sun emerged, trophies were presented to the top three competitors in each class.

Still room for players

The Pleasant Valley Hockey League's fun division has room for several more players.

The PVHL allows limited contact and no slapshots. League games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights, at 11:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 2.

For further information Paul Quesnel at 546-

EX-JUNIOR PLAYER

Vikings name coach

Vernon Vikings' President Vern Dye today announced the appointment of 30-year-old Terry Penny as coach of the club.

The coaching job became vacant one week ago when Sheldon Bloomer resigned from the post.

Dye said, "We feel fortunate to get someone with Terry's experience. We feel he can do the job."

Penny, who moved to Vernon a year ago to start a business, has an extensive background in the game. He played minor and junior hockey in Moose Jaw, Sask. His junior coaches included Brian Shaw and Jackie McLeod.

After leaving the prairies, he coached junior B three years in Victoria.

A CHALLENGE

Penny told the Daily News he looks at his new position as a challenge. He said, "I enjoy coaching and I think there can be something done with this team. I definitely feel there is potential."

Vikings are tied for fourth-place in the Interior Division, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, with a 2-7, won-lost record.

Penny said, "Although I have seen them play and ran them through a tough practice Monday night, it is tough to express an opinion on the club. I don't plan any changes immediately."

The new coach plans to emphasize team play and moving the puck quicker.

He said, "We have a lot of strength down the middle and good goaltending. I think we'll have to improve the defensive play."

TERRY PENNY
... new coach

Penny also indicated he will run a tough ship. He said, "They will be disciplined. They're going to be a hockey team — both on and off the ice."

PR DIRECTOR

Also today, Dye announced the appointment of salesman Peter Armstrong as public relations director.

Besides the unimpressive record on the ice, Vikings have been plagued by poor attendance.

Armstrong, who has a vast knowledge of marketing and sales, admits he knows little about hockey. "However," he said, "they need help badly and I think I can help them. My main job is to create interest in junior hockey in Vernon."

Vikings are back in action Friday night when they travel to Kelowna.

MEL HYLAND
... eighth place

WILF HYLAND
... squeaks in

Hyland boys crack top 10

The high-riding Hyland brothers from Salmon Arm, Mel and Wilf, will be two of five B.C. cowboys taking part in the Canadian Finals Rodeo, from Nov. 9 to 13, at the Edmonton Coliseum.

Top 10 competitors in each of rodeo's five major events qualify for the finals.

Wilf, the defending national saddle bronc champion, just squeaked into the finals this year. He finished 10th with earnings of $3,240. He needed a victory at the final rodeo of the season, in Vermillion, to move up from 12th spot.

Mel, who placed third in the nation last year, qualified in eighth spot with $3,617.

SUDDEN-DEATH

In the CFR, yearly earnings don't mean a thing — everything is sudden-death.

Only other riders from this province who will be competing in Edmonton are: Rock Hubley of Fort St. John, who placed sixth in bull riding; Harley Hook of Kamloops, the sixth-place finisher in calf-roping; and Sparky Trotter of Langley, who finished 10th in calf-roping.

There are several reasons the Hylands had to struggle to qualify this year. Mel ran a rodeo school in Australia until late-June, so missed several early-season events.

Wilf had trouble getting good broncs at several rodeos. In fact, at Vermillion, it was on a ride that he recorded his winning 81.

RIDE IN U.S.

Both cowboys also miss several Canadian rodeos while riding south of the border. Mel, the defending world champion, is currently 13th among bronc riders on the rich U.S. circuit. Top 15 qualify for the world finals.

Wilf, who took part in the world finals last season, has only an outside chance of qualifying this year.

The rodeo season is over for most cowboys, but the Hylands are still going strong. They competed in Portland and Billings last weekend, ride in San Francisco next weekend, and then head for Edmonton.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Clarence Fulton soccer team won 3-0 over Revelstoke in the first game of the zone finals Monday at MacDonald Park. Members are from left front: Brian Gillespie, Cory Meausette, Rick Raber, captain Murray Bennetto, Kevin Allen, Brian Dooling, and Glenn Collingridge. Rear: Coach Brian Tipler, Steve Hesketh, Scott Ivins, Bob Harding, John Connelly, Glenn Campbell, Gary Casperson, and Mike dePfyffer. (Daily News Photo)

Fulton blanks Revelstoke 3-0

Clarence Fulton blanked Revelstoke 3-0 in the opening game of the two-game, total-point, north zone junior high school soccer championship on Monday at MacDonald Park.

Second game in the series was scheduled today, at 3:30 p.m., in Revelstoke.

Fulton Coach Brian Tipler told the Daily News he is confident this will be the 11th consecutive year a Vernon team has captured the zone title.

A LETDOWN

Tipler said, "We didn't play well, but we still had no trouble with them. It was a bit of a letdown after our game with Kal last Saturday — I'm sure we'll play better today."

Mike dePfyffer, Glen Campbell, and captain Murray Bennetto scored for the winners, who led 1-0 at half-time.

EASY SHUTOUT

Fulton netminder John Connelly had little trouble picking up his second consecutive shutout. He faced no direct shots on goal and handled only a few crosses.

Tipler said, "In the second-half, Revelstoke mustered no offence. They had 11 defenders trying to keep the score down."

Winner of this series meets the Kamloops zone winner, either Brocklehurst of McArthur Park, for the right to advance to the Okanagan championships.

SPORTS ALERT

CURLING

Car Spiel Open Qualification Playoff today and Wednesday at the Vernon Curling Club.

MINOR HOCKEY

5:15 p.m., pee wee house; 9 p.m., juvenile rep.

On Wednesday: 6 a.m., midget rep; 7 a.m., pup rep.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Games at Fulton: 7 p.m., Rookies vs. Hook-ups and Wallbangers vs. B.C. Hydro; 8 p.m., Lagers vs. Nads and Village Green vs. 67 Selects; 9 p.m., Consumers vs. Stingers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1972

Plans went awry to have the Elks and Leduc Little League teams of the Vernon Minor Baseball Association meet in a sudden-death playoff series this fall to see who would be 1972 champions, but officials decided to award pennants and trophies to both teams which had identical win and loss records.

MINOR HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Vernon Midget Reps record two victories

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Bloom & Sigalet Midget Reps backed by some outstanding goal tending won its first two Okanagan-Mainline Minor Hockey League games last weekend, edging Kamloops 2-1 in Vernon Saturday, and blanking Merritt 5-0 on Sunday in Merritt.

In Vernon, Kerry Marun opened the scoring for Kamloops early in the first period. But after that, Kamloops was unable to solve the brilliant goal tending of Vernon netminder Rex Slizak and Vernon skated past Kamloops with second and third period goals from Lance Vachon and Dave Fish.

In Merritt, in a very physical contest, Vernon got a three-goal performance from Graig Demetrick and shutout goal tending from Daryl Miles to down Merritt.

Alan Belton and Doug Jeffers rounded out the Vernon scoring.

The teams were scoreless after the first period, and Vernon led 1-0 after two periods of play before putting the game out of reach in the final frame.

SPLIT GAMES

Vernon and Merritt split 40 minor penalties right down the middle.

Also over the weekend, the Vernon Watkin Motor Pee Wee Reps split a pair of OMMHA games with Kelowna, in a home and home series, downing Kelowna 8-4 on Saturday for their third straight win, before losing a close 4-3 decision Sunday in Kelowna.

On Saturday, Vernon outscored Kelowna 4-1 in each of the first two periods to lock up the win.

Richard Kneller with two, Ronnie Sparks, David Munk, Lance Macroux, Eddie Holland, Kevin Thorlakson and Greg Moore scored for Vernon.

David Kraemer replied with three goals for Kelowna.

On Sunday, in a penalty-filled game, Greg Cloutier and Shawn Swall scored two goals each to lead Kelowna past Vernon.

Kelowna held period leads of 2-1 and 3-2.

Knellar had his second two-goal game, while Munk added the single.

The Vernon Sun Valley Bantam Reps won its third straight OMMHA game, coming from behind to edge Kelowna 6-5.

Vernon trailed 4-1 after the first period before digging in and tying the score at 4-4 after two periods of play.

Brad Moore had a big day for Sun Valley with four goals and an assist. Jeff Wejr and Tom DeVries notched singles.

In exhibition play, the Vernon Star West Realty Pup Reps hammered Kamloops 15-5 on Sunday and fought to a 5-5 tie with the Lumby Pee Wee Mustangs on Saturday.

On Sunday, Vernon exploded for nine first period goals to blast Kamloops.

Danny Martin led the Vernon attack with three goals and a pair of assists. Bruce Major collected two goals and five assists, while Brent Gilchrist, Jeff Finley, Les Olsen, Danny Nolan and Derek Webb also scored twice. Tooah McBride added a single.

On Saturday, it was Olsen with a pair, while Major, Gilchrist and Troy Mick added singles.

The Vernon Bantam Reps just had two logging trucks of birch wood brought in, and are selling it for $28 a heaping pickup load and $30 for a delivered load. Anybody interested in supporting the club can phone Ray Willment at 542-6514.

SKIING FOR LITTLE ONES

The first set of Star Runner Ski Lessons, at Silver Star Mountain, is scheduled to get under way Nov. 19. The program is open to youngsters aged 4 to 12. The instruction is geared to fun, but at the same time builds fundamentals. Pre-registration will be held Saturday, at Bill's the Sportsman Shop, on Barnard Avenue.

SPALLUMCHEEN PRIZE WINNERS

(Daily News Photo)

More than 60 women attended Spallumcheen ladies golf wind up banquet on Monday night at the National Hotel. Prize winners were from left, back row, Ethel Thompson and Jean August; Spooner Challenge Trophy, Helen Fogtmann, club champion and pin round, Pete Kaulback, tournament trophy; and Pat Bossons and Eleanor Beaulieu, who broke 90. Front row: Diane Banera and Ina Fee, runners-up Spooner Challenge Trophy; Irene Bannerman, Ringer and Hastilik Sheets; Joyce Jensen, combination on Hastilik Sheet; and Kathy Wise, runner-up pin round. Missing are Evelyn Zamis, chip-in, and Shirley Emblau, lowest score on Hastilik Sheet.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TIE GAME

Vernon fought to a 2-2 tie with a much-improved Winfield team in the final ladies' field hockey game of the season last weekend. Vernon was without its regular goalie and was lucky to salvage a tie. Donna Reazitnyk and Zoe Wakelin scored for the locals. Vernon placed second in the five-team league behind X-nox.

FIRST TOURNEY

Vernon Five-pin Bowling Association held its first tournament of the season last weekend. Winner of the Singles Handicap was Mike Wright. Rachelle Toews was runner-up and Barry Killips placed third. Wright rolled a 315 game and Killips recorded a 308. Next tourney will be the Halloween Bingo Bowl, on Friday, at 10 p.m. All five-pin members are urged to come in costume.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Men's flag football playoffs got under way Sunday at VSSS. In the Valley League: Royal Rebels beat National Hotel 13 - 7; RCMP blanked St. Anthonys 23-0; Black Russians shutout Toros 20-0, and Blind Melons whipped Untouchables 26-6. In the Mountain League: Tigers clobbered Odds and Sods 34-0, NAPS trounced Realtors 32-0, Shirt Shack downed Condors 28-12, and Block Bros. crushed Wometco 26-0.

HONEYMOONERS

In Honeymooners' Volleyball League action Sunday at the Recreation Complex: Camptown Racers drilled Zodiacs 15-9, 15-10, and 15-11; Up-n-atoms dumped Daredevils 15-4, 15-5, and 15-13; Six Pack hammered Team Cannabis 15-5, 15-1, and 15-1; Friends beat Old Stylers 15-8, 8-15, and 15-13; and Goodtimers downed Spastic Spikers 15-1, 11-15, and 15-5.

CHURCH LOOP

In Church Volleyball League play Monday night at Kal School; Church of God clobbered Vernon Saints 15-7, 15-12, and 15-3; and Vernon A's rolled over Trinity Thunder 15-2, 4-15, and 15-9.

EADES ON TOP

Statistics released today by the B.C. Junior Hockey League show Cary Eades of Penticton Vees leading the scoring race with 21 points.

ON MONDAY

In Honeymooners' Volleyball play Monday night: Super Six beat Rockets 2-1, Tempests downed Sum Timers 3-0, Jam Tarts defeated Sum Timers 2-1, and Subtractors drilled Orangatangs 3-0.

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