

SPORTS Page

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A Happy New Year

Heading into 1978, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm - let us hope in 12 months we still feel the same way.

It looks like '78 could be a banner year for sports in the North Okanagan.

First, and foremost, the New Year should see completion of many projects approved in November's recreation referendum.

Secondly, Vernon will be hosting one of the largest sporting events ever held in this valley. The Canadian Senior B Lacrosse Championships - next September.

Third, two local hotels have revealed plans to construct tennis courts on their property.

And the list goes on and on! What would be nice to see in 1978? Here are a few suggestions:

- That our best teachers will continue hard-working school coaches. Most people consider coaching to be part of a teacher's job. But Sam Desjardis, Cyril Foster, Brian Tipler, George Reid, Greg Caulfield, Ed Polk and dozens of others go well beyond the call of duty.

- To minor hockey; they finally have their wish of another indoor ice surface. Now all we have to hope for is its rapid completion.

- For Vernon Vikings, a better 1978. Winning the Centennial Cup is a distant dream, but gaining respectability is a possibility.

- For recreation directors Chris Nelson and John Mahler, some thanks for the jobs they do. Nelson did the leg work on promoting the referendum. And Mahler's sports and fitness section has hundreds of non-doers now playing sports.

- For Mahler's assistant, Paul Quenel; an assistant he works his butt off.

- For the Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spile; a Canadian champion from the west. The spile always invites the national champ, however, because of the high cost of travel from the east, the champs often do not play sports.

- For Vernon Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig; the immediate past B.C. basketball player. Nobody takes his coaching more serious than Inrig - and right now his club needs help.

- For minor league baseball fieldhouse at Creekside Park by next August. It gets cold changing among the bushes.

- For Vernon Kokoneks' Coach Tom Bryce; 100 summers. Bryce's love and enthusiasm has given the Kokoneks a new life.

- For track enthusiasts, another Greg Fraser. Fraser is probably the best track and field coach in the B.C. Interior. However, there is only one of him and Seaton School has him. Unfortunately, a lot of other schools, including VSSS, need someone like him.

- For lacrosse, a third national title for the Vernon Lodge Tigers. It would be fitting for Tigers to win an unprecedented third Canadian title in a newly renovated Civic Arena.

- For senior soccer, an intra-city league. The best players in Vernon are on two or three competitive teams in the Okanagan League, while the rest enjoy themselves in a city cup.

- For VSSS' football team. Teachers, students, and the general public have shown interest in having a football team at the high school. It is time to take a long, hard look at putting the team on the field.

- For the skiers; snow and sun. Need we say more?

- For Eddie Johnstone; continued success with the New York Rangers.

- For Don Murdoch; a good lawyer.

- For our readers; a happy and prosperous 1978.

SPORTS BRIEFS

IN BROOMBALL

Brook Broom 3 blanked Vernon Vertebrae 3-0 in men's Broomball League action Thursday night at Centennial Park. Brent Markoway, Bill Melvor, and Bill Sweeney were the scorers in another game. Halibushers and Vernon Raiders fought to a scoreless draw.

SHADOWS WIN

Shadows edged Sun Valley Flames 4-3 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Thursday night at the Civic Arena. The teams were in the second end of the first period and Shadows led 2-1 after the second.

INDOOR SOCCER

All men, 17 and over, are eligible to play in the Vernon Men's Indoor Soccer League. Games commence Jan. 11, at Kalamita School. The game is played six-a-side and all participants must register individually. Registration deadline, at the Recreation Complex, has been extended to Jan. 5.

JEROMEY STOLEN

AZUSA, Calif. (AP) - The Rose Bowl college football game went into Monday but Michigan's Wolverines have already lost - 17 game jerseys, seven pairs of game pants, five helmets, 24 pairs of shoes and 66 pairs of socks.

LOOK BACK

FIVE YEARS  
DECEMBER 1972  
The special honora night for Vernon's sportman of the year award has been set for Thursday, March 2, and names of worthy applicants were already beginning to arrive.

PIN POINTS

Table with columns for DECEMBER 11, DECEMBER 18, and DECEMBER 25. Rows include Men's high single, Women's high single, Men's high double, Women's high double, Men's high triple, Women's high triple, Men's high average, Women's high average, Men's high triple, Women's high triple, Men's high average, Women's high average, Men's high triple, Women's high triple, Men's high average, Women's high average.

Vernon teams triumphant

Vernon Minor Hockey Association teams are dominating tournaments throughout B.C. and Alberta this week.

With the exception of the Sun Valley Bantam Reps, who lost 7-3 to North Shore Winter Club in the semi-finals of the Burnaby Tournament, all Vernon teams have reached the championship games of their respective tournaments.

PEE WEES WIN  
RED DEER (Special) - Vernon Pee Wee Reps today captured the Red Deer Invitational Tournament.

The teams fought through 83 minutes of scoreless hockey until David Munk scored the winner at 11:02 of the final period. Then, at 17:07, Greg Moore added an insurance goal.

IN FINAL  
Vernon has reached the championship game in the Maple Ridge Juvenile 'A' Hockey Tournament.

The Coca-Cola squad doubled Coquitlam 8-4 in the championship Thursday and now tangle with Burnaby tonight for the championship.

Vernon Manager Art Fester told the Daily News his club is playing great hockey.

Fester said, "Coquitlam is the best team we've faced

all year, and the boys really rose to the occasion. I'm proud of them all."

Gary Edwards led the winners' attack with three goals while Kelly Kanada added two goals and two assists. Gary Redman, Glen Lockwood, and Dirk Drisger collected singles.

Tom Ouchl was top playmaker with four assists and winger Wayne Brown, who had two assists, was named star of the game.

It was the third straight win for Vernon, which earlier beat Prince George 6-1 and Point Grey 10-1.

Fester said, "We've got a couple of injuries, but I'm confident we'll be coming home with the trophy. Glen Fester and Allan Winther have been just super players."

PUPS TRIUMPH  
Vernon Star West Realty Pup Reps beat Kamloops 7-4 Thursday to capture the Kamloops Christmas Jamboree.

Both finalists went through round-robin play undefeated and treated fans to exciting end-to-end hockey in the final.

Kamloops took a 2-0 lead midway through the first period when Mark Recchi and Stacey Hartnell scored just 24 seconds apart. Two minutes later, Bruce Major converted passes from Les Olsen and Jeff Finley to narrow the gap to 2-1.

Before the first period ended, Hartnell scored his second goal for Kamloops up 3-1.

Tom McBride scored a pair to tie the game midway through the second, but minutes later, Recchi got his second of the night to again put the host team in front.

The roof fell in on Kamloops at 3:27 of the third period. Danny Nolan tied the game when he stole the puck from a defender. Then, one minute later, Major took a pass from Olsen and scored the winner.

At the eight-minute mark, Major completed his hat-trick and Danny Martin added an insurance goal late in the game.

In their other games, Vernon clobbered Kamloops Red 7-1 and Seattle Lake 10-1.

Against the weak Red team, Major scored six goals and added five assists. Nolan scored four times and set up six others while Warren Schneider collected five goals and four assists.

Finley, Olsen, McBride, Brent Gilchrist, and Derek Webb each scored twice while Tony Tott and Martin added solos.

Troy Micked added six assists.

In the Williams Lake game, Schneider scored three goals, while Nolan added a pair and assisted on all of them. Gilchrist, and Warren Schneider added singles.

Allen Godel earned three assists.

MIDGETS UNBEATEN  
Vernon Midget Selects captured the 'A' event in the second annual Midget-Juvenile Tournament in Nanaimo, this week, by winning three straight games.

Vernon fac-d Castlegar in the first game coming up on the winning side. In their second game of the play, they bombed Kaslo 14-3.

In the 'A' final, Vernon hammered Revelstoke 12-0. Awards, the tournament's Most Valuable Player award was given to Jeff Ed Sparrow.



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Winners of the Monday Homeowners Volleyball League are the Super Six, consisting of Jim Arthur, Cynthia Horsack, Ray Smilsky, Linda Nolan, Terry Schley and Monica Methot (left to right). The Super Six was one of the better teams of the league and won the playoff final convincingly. (Daily News Photo)

Vikings host Kamloops - hope to vacate cellar

Vernon Vikings hope to vacate the B.C. Junior Hockey League basement tonight when they host Kamloops Chiefs at 8:30 p.m.

Vikings are tied with Revelstoke Bruins in the league cellar, with 12 points. Fourth-place Kamloops is 13 points ahead of the two teams.

Vernon Coach Hank Wensley told the Daily News there is no way his club belongs down with Revelstoke and Kamloops. He said, "If things go the way I want, we'll pass those two clubs - pronto."

Defenceman Bob Neid, obtained in a trade three weeks ago, has decided to play with Vikings and will make his first start tonight.

On Sunday afternoon, Vernon is back in action when they host the Bruins at 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, in Thursday's only game, Nanaimo Clippers and Abbotsford Flyers played one another in Abbotsford.

Nanaimo now is first in the league's Coastal Division with 28 points, one more than Belingham Blazers. Abbotsford is third with 25.

Abbotsford led 2-1 after the first period and 3-1 after 40 minutes before Jack McDonald and Aaron Rucks scored 18 seconds apart starting at 3:51 in the third period to give Nanaimo a 4-3 edge.

Craig Williamson tied the game for Abbotsford at 10:18 of the third, then the Flyers held off the Clippers as they played one man short for the final seven minutes of regulation time.

Abbotsford cutback Nanaimo 8-4 in the scoreless 10-minute sudden-death overtime period.

Woman sports reporter files suit against Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) - A woman sports reporter and columnist has filed a federal court Thursday, charging New York Yankees and the American League with sex discrimination because women reporters are barred from the baseball team's locker room.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan by Sports Illustrated reporter Melissa Ludtke and Time Inc., parent company of the magazine.

The complaint claims that Ludtke was barred from the Yankees clubhouse during the 1977 World Series "solely because of her sex."

Among defendants in the action are baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn; Lee MacPhail, president of the American League; and the New York Yankees partnership.

The complaint charges that because Ludtke was barred from the Yankees locker room during the American League playoffs and the World Series recent company "deprived" her of covering the sport in the past.

George Bunt, Bryan Hart, Mark Rotman, Errol Rousseau and Russ Wideman scored for Seattle.

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MEET THE COACH NHL hockey getting popular

King Cam, coach of the Vernon Sport Cougars of the North Okanagan Hockey League, feels intermediate hockey is growing in the Okanagan and could become popular in the near future.

The average age of his team is somewhere between 22 and 34 and 85 per cent of his players have Junior level or better qualifications. Cam maintains that 75 per cent of his players are ex-hockey players.

The NHL plays a 20-game schedule. Cougars have seven wins and five losses to date. They are presently three points out of first place with two games-in-hand. Cam feels that one of the biggest games of the year will be played here on Sunday night against the Grindrod Elks and it might help determine the league leader.

The team and league have just received sanction from the B.C. Amateur Association. So next year, Cam feels he is entitled to compete in the provincial Cup series. Cam said that if the league continues growing at its present rate, the Okanagan league in town and could become a contender on the provincial level soon.

Cam looks over the coaching job because, "There was no one else at the time to take over. He played with the Vikings about 12 years ago and has been involved in hockey since."

His appraisal of the Cougars is "We are an adaptable team and can play with almost anybody. Our team has no animosity and play well together."

He also said his team has no star player but, they work together and help each other in the game.

Cam feels that he can maintain his present winning streak of three straight in the New Year. His only complaint is that there is not enough practice time available for his team to work on new plays.

"We can only practice once a week at Langley, which is not sufficient for a team in this league," he said.

GOOD BASKETBALL... second place  
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