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Canuck trades

A favorite discussion among armchair hockey experts is, "Look who they'd have now if they hadn't traded him away."

Some trades are of great benefit to one or both teams, while other deals make general managers look like idiots. Let's take a look at Vancouver Canucks and see who they'd have if trades weren't permitted in the NHL.

In goal, they'd have Dunc Wilson, now with Pittsburgh Penguins and Gary Smith, a member of Washington Capitals. Both are struggling through disappointing seasons although Wilson was great last year.

On defence, Vancouver would be impressive. Heading the list would be Philadelphia Flyer all-star Bob Dailey. Dailey has scored 15 times already this season.

The rest of the blue line crops would include Gary Doak (now a standout with Boston), Jerry Korab (biggest player on Buffalo Sabres), Jocelyn Guevremont (regular with Buffalo), and Dale Tallon (reportedly having a good defensive year with Chicago).

Canucks haven't given away too much up front, with one exception. Bobby Schmautz is the leading goal scorer on Boston Bruins.

Other forwards still in the NHL, followed by their goals, assis. , and points are: John Gould of Atlanta (10-17-27), Bobby Lalonde of Atlanta (10-5-15), Andy Spruce of Colorado (9-6-15), Mik. Corrigan of Pittsburgh (8-12-20), and Gerry Meehan of Washington (7-11-18).

Several ex-Canucks were dealt to other teams, then jumped to the World Hockey Association. They include Rosaire Paiement (Indianapolis), Barry Wilkins (Indy), Ab DeMarco (Edmonton), Paulin Bordeleau (Quebec), Andre Boudrias (Quebec), Dave Dunn (Winnipeg), and John Schella (Houston).

WHO CANUCKS RECEIVED

Now let us look at the other side of the coin, the guys Canucks received in return.

At the top of the list is Mike Walton. Walton's rights were obtained from Boston while Shakey was playing in the WHA. He has 20 goal and is Vancouver's leading scorer.

Both goalies, Cesare Maniago and Curt Ridley, came to Canucks via the trade route.

Centre Chris Oddleifson (12 goals), winger Hilliard Graves (7 goals), and defenceman John Grisdale are the only other regulars who were obtained from other clubs.

Jack McIlhargey, Larry Gooden, Ralph Stewart, and Gary Monahan went to ..ncouver in trades, but are seeing limited ice time.

Canucks have obtained numerous other players in trades including Greg Boddy, Tracy Pratt, Dave Balon, Ron Stewart, Jim Mair, Larry McIntyre, and Wayne Connelly — remember them?

If General Manager Jake Milford had a chance to reverse all the deals made by Vancouver, I'm s. e he would. All he would be giving up is Walton, Maniago (an aging goalie), Ridley (an average goalie), three journeymen, and four fringe players.

The likes of Schmautz, Dailey, Guevremont, Korab, Doak, and Gould would look pretty good in Vancouver uniforms.

Which confirms — all you armchair hockey experts are right!

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
In Salmon Arm: 7 p.m., Vernon Royals vs. Jewels; 8:30 p.m., Vernon Panthers vs. Golds.

JUNIOR HOCKEY
8:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Revelstoke Bruins vs. Vernon Vikings.

NORTH OKANAGAN LEAGUE
8:30 p.m., Westside Arena, Vernon Canadians vs. Westside Packers.

MEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL
At W. L. Seaton: 7:10 p.m., Hookers vs. Enderby Motor Inn; 8:20 p.m., Fulton vs. Marauders; and 9:30 p.m., Vernon Lodge Tigers vs. Okanagan College.

SATURDAY

DOG RACES
L and A Ranch, Western Can-Am Sled Dog Racing Championships. Finals on Sunday.

SWIMMING
In Kelowna, Vernon Kokanees taking part in a regional swim meet.

MINOR HOCKEY
1:45 p.m., Civic Arena, Kamloops vs. Vernon pee wee reps.
3:45 p.m., Civic Arena, Penticton vs. Vernon midget reps.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NINTH STRAIGHT
First-place Vernon Lodge Tigers stretched their won-lost record to 9-0 on Thursday night by dumping Hookers 81-52 in Men's Commercial Basketball League action at Seaton School. In other games, Enderby Motor Inn beat Marauders 73-55 and Fulton trounced OK College 86-58.

FATHER-DAUGHTER
More than 110 bowlers took part in the recent Father-Daughter Tournament at Lincoln Lanes. Winner of the Jet Division, with 137 pins over average, were Jennifer Pesner and dad. Other winners were bantam, Carrie Simpson and dad, 154 over; junior, Donna Timm and dad, 149 over; and senior, (tie) Lynn Jamieson and dad and Helen Kronbauer and dad, 42 pins over.

EASY VICTORY
Super Valu Flames bombed Shadows 14-1 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Thursday night at the Civic Arena. On Wednesday night, Tri Lake Cougars edged Vernon Raiders 4-3.

INDOOR SOCCER
In Men's Indoor Soccer at Kal School, Wanderers whipped Harons 7-0 and Roadrunners blanked Hawks 2-0. In the girls indoor league at the Recreation Complex, Demons downed Overlanders 4-0, and Celtics thumped Kickers 11-5.

DENIMS WIN
Blue Denims edged Enderby 29-25 in Women's Commercial Basketball League play Thursday night at VSSS. Jane McInnis scored nine points for Dennis while Sharon Maubray and Lyn Forsyth replied with six apiece for Enderby. In another game, Fireweeds downed Tropics 20-16. Cathy Gottfredson and Ronnie Louis scored six each for the winners.

TIE GAME
Block Brothers and Vertebras battled to a 1-1 deadlock in Men's Broomball League action Thursday night at Centennial Rink. Scott McLellan scored for Vertebras and Riley Twyford replied for Blocks. In the other game, Raiders blanked Ballbrushers 4-0. Morris Rachwalski, Mike Grywacheski, Ross MacDonald, and Roger Schmidt were the snipers.

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BUSY WEEKEND AHEAD

Winter not quiet anymore

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY
Outdoors Columnist

A few years back, winter was considered the quiet season of the year. Consequently, most people—like some wildlife creatures—would in essence, prepare for; and then generally hibernate until the warm breezes of spring harkened the end of the doldrums period.

More recently, thanks to man and his inventive and creative intelligence, all this has changed. A big percentage of the populace now enjoys such winter-fun outdoor activities as snowmobiling, winter big lake fishing, snowgolf, cross-country skiing, and big-mountain snow skiing. Since the advent of the snowmobile, other winter time recreations have increased in tempo—ice fishing, skating, cross-country safaris, and just plain family outings to name a few. Oh we still have those who are abstainers and are contented to be, "window-looker-outers", by their own choice, this is human nature and will never change. Experience in the past has taught me to realize these same looker-outers are usually the majority quantum to direct criticism of the winter-fun doers. Perhaps, its because they have nothing more to occupy themselves with during the long hours of indoor dormancy.

WARMER CLIMATES

Each winter many Canadians seek the warmer climates of far away countries. I never could quite understand this. It's not because I have never indulged either, we have witnessed—Mazatlan and Mexico City—during winter. Sure its great, but in my mind does not warrant consideration as an annual winter quarters. Neither can it compete with the enjoyment I derive from participating in winter outdoor activities right here at home.

Statistics tell us: yearly, the unbalanced monetary spending of Canadians outside of Canada, when compared to tourist revenue dollars spent in Canada by international residents, amounts to billions. This is easy to comprehend. All one has to do is visit our airports and bus terminals to see the daily departures of hundreds of Canadians with bulging pocketbooks.

I for one, am very much disturbed by this trend. So much so, that I conveyed my thoughts to MLA Pat Jordan. I found her not only sympathetic, but very knowledgeable in my plight. I was assured by Mrs. Jordan, the government is aware of this happening and is endeavouring to reverse the situation.

THIS WEEKEND

This weekend winter outdoor functions are numerous. Besides the usual activities that are avail ble constantly for personal participation such as—snow skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, skating, winter big-lake fishing and snowmobiling—this weeker-d there are several organized happenings in the Kelowna and Vernon areas.

Vernon—Two events: 1. Western Canada "Can-Am" dog sled races. (L & A Ranch). 2. Snowmobile Club safari to Hunters Range (meet Sunday 9 a.m. Village Green and everyone is welcome to join in).

Kelowna—Snowfest celebrations: events are too numerous to mention. This is a four day happening in the theme of a winter carnival. One event that is part of Snowfest 1978 is the big Frostbite Fishing Derby, on Okanagan Lake, Jan. 21 and 22. We mention this event because of personal interest and our concern for boating safety during winter months.

IN PAST

The Frostbite Derby is an annual event. In past years tragedies have occurred during the two days of winter fishing on Okanagan Lake. Other near tragedies were averted by concerned derby officials and participants. Each year, 700-800 derby tickets are sold to enthusiastic fishermen. As a result, I have noted about 60 boats (all sizes and shapes), fishing at one time during the derby. This is the reason for my concern, as well as the concern mentioned to me by Bob Jablonski, who is derby chairman.

For starters, no car-top boats should be used on Okanagan Lake at anytime. Certainly not during winter months. Should these small boats capsize for any reason, your survival time in the cold water is only a matter of minutes. Wearing a life jacket will not help in this case, but will make locating your body easier. I know it sounds morbid, but that is exactly the way it is.

Secondly, I have recently read articles telling us of the RCMP concern for water safety on our lakes and their intent to increase their efforts to this end. I think that is great — but where were they during the last two derbies on Okanagan and what are their plans for this year's derby?

I sure would like to see a police boat cover both days of this derby, not to just check for violations, but be available to assist boaters who may get into trouble.



TEAM OF THE WEEK

The Fulton girls' basketball team has made a good start in their league schedule this year, going for five wins and no losses on the season. Back row, from left, are: Karin Barber, Sandy Schroeder, Pat Branton, Rhonda Briggs, Jody Fraser, Renee Klein, Judy Rogers and Coach Gennie Reardon. Front row, from left are: Jody Rempel, Leslie Hewitson, Lorri Trahan, Kim Dye, Pat Zeleny, Barb Buxton and Cindy Ross. (Daily News Photo)

Vikings hope for help from local minor ranks

Vernon Vikings hope to call up two, or possibly three, players from the minor ranks for two B.C. Junior Hockey League games this weekend.

Vikings host Revelstoke Bruins tonight, at 8:30 p.m. And on Saturday night, Penticton Vees are in town.

Coach Hank Wensley told the Daily News he hasn't confirmed who will be called up, but he has some preferences.

Wensley said, "We'd like to look at a couple of the juvenile rep defencemen. Allan Winther (younger brother of Vikings' Paul) has been working out with the club all week and has looked good. And Paul Guidi is a big strong kid. They would both give us what we need on the blue line — size."

LOOKED GOOD

The other player Wensley is interested in midget rep goalie Rex Slizak. Slizak played two periods in last Sunday's loss to Merritt and didn't look out of place.

Wensley said, "Rex allowed only three goals, in 40 minutes, against a darn good hockey club. I'm confident he can be an excellent junior A goalie in the near future."

Meanwhile, in BCJHL action Thursday night, Abbotsford Flyers blanked Langley Lords 6-0 and Merritt Centennials hammered Kamloops Chiefs 8-3.

Anthony McMurchey led the Flyers in Abbotsford with two goals while Tom Semenchuk blocked 21 shots for his shutout.

Greg Evans, Pat McGill, Brian Inkster and Todd Semeniuk added singles for Abbotsford which led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 4-0 at the end of the second.

Randy McMurchy faced 47 shots in the Langley net as the Lords drew four of seven penalties.

In Merritt, the Centennials led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 3-2 at the end of the second period before opening up for .ve goals in the third.

Pat Rabbitt scored three goals for the winners, while Bob Deschamps added two. Randy Will, Dale Ames and Ken Stroud scored the others.

Mike Mesic, with two, and Ralph Andreesen scored for Kamloops, which was outshot, 58-21.

Merritt took three of five minor penalties.

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT

Anyone interested in playing on a senior 'B' men's volleyball team is asked to attend a tryout tonight, from 8 to 10 p.m., at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Registration fee is $10 per player.

Seaton boys still unbeaten

Seaton Sonics recorded their fifth consecutive victory in junior high school boys' basketball action Thursday at Kal School.

Sonics whipped Kal 48-28. Kelly Olsen led the Seaton attack with 14 points while Wilf Haak added 12 and Greg DeLeenheer sunk 10.

Seaton girls lost a squeaker, 40-38 to Kal.

At Clarence Fulton School, the host boys and girls both beat Armstrong.

Eight teams in tournament

All eight entrants in the third annual Vernon Molson Oldtimers Hockey Tournament are now confirmed.

The tourney is scheduled March 25 and 26, at the Civic Arena.

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