

Harris, Caldwell locked in battle

For the first time, since mid-November, Rick Harris of Grindrod Elks isn't in sole possession of first place in the North Okanagan Hockey League scoring race.

Dave Caldwell, of Vernon Canadians, picked up four points in his club's win over Grindrod last Sunday to move into a tie with Harris.

Harris, like his team, has been in a slump and hasn't picked up a point in four games.

IN THIRD Harris has two games remaining while Caldwell has three.

Seven points back, but with six games left, is Tom Connolly of Westside Packers.

In the goalkeeping race, Leon Nowak of Grindrod still leads despite being beaten for nine goals last Sunday. Nowak has not played sufficient games to win the goalkeeping award, leaving Charlie Briskham of Canadianians with a slight edge.

Just a few percentage points back is Mike Smithson, of Vernon Sport Cougars.

TEAM	GP	W	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grindrod Elks	18	10	7	91	89	21
Veri Cougars	17	8	9	74	79	16
Vernon Can.	17	8	9	74	79	16
Kelowna Moslems	15	7	7	68	69	15
Westside P. & J.	14	7	7	64	65	14
Packers	14	7	7	64	65	14
Westside Raiders	14	7	7	64	65	14

TOP SCORERS	G	A	Pts
RICK HARRIS, Elks	22	19	41
Dave Caldwell, Can.	17	24	41
George Fairbairn, Westside	12	26	28
Jeff Fothergill, Elks	14	16	30
Jeff Todd, Cougars	10	20	20
Brian Tapp, Moslems	8	17	16
Jeff Shirley, Cougars	8	17	16
Fred Parrell, Raiders	11	13	24
Don Osh, Westside	11	13	24

LEADING GOALIES	MIN	GA	AVG
Leon Nowak, Elks	240	100	4.17
Charlie Briskham, Can.	240	100	4.17
Mike Smithson, Cougars	230	95	4.13
Wesley Gault, Packers	180	75	4.17
Gerry Dyck, Moslems	180	75	4.17

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL
At Clarence Fulton: 7:10 p.m., Fulton Academicals vs. Vernon Lodge Tigers; 8:30 p.m., Okanagan College vs. Enderby Motor Inn; and 9:30 p.m., Hoeklers vs. Marauders.

SHARING
Salmon Arm night at Tillikum Valley 12:30 p.m. (Friday) Molnar at Silver Star.

MEN'S BROOMBALL
At Centennial Rink: 7 p.m., Vernon Raiders vs. Brook Brothers; 8 p.m., Verterbas vs. Ballbusters.

GIRLS' INDOOR HOCKEY
At Rec. Complex: 8 p.m., Overlanders vs. Kickers; and 8:45 p.m., Demons vs. Celtics.

WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL
At VSSS: 8:45 p.m., Enderby Ladies vs. Tropics and Blue Demons vs. Firewrecks.

FLUENT VALLEY HOCKEY
11:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Tri-Lake Cougars vs. Shadows.

Canadian skiers have good chance

GARMISCH-PATENKIRCH
GEMEN, West Vancouver (CP) — The men's downhill at the forthcoming world alpine ski championships is a wide-open affair on the strength of recent World Cup races.

It's a far cry from the recent Ken Read of Calgary. He and Steve Podhorski of Toronto are rated highly among the downhill contenders.

The final two World Cup downhill races in Kitzbuehel, Austria, were among the closest ever contested with 20 skiers in the running for a gold medal.

"There is no reason why Kenny and Steve can't win at Garmisch," Canadian men's coach John Ritchie of Thunder Bay, Ont., said as the Canadians prepared for the world championships, held every four years.

"Both have been skiing excellent lately, as their results and training times indicate," he said.

The world championships, Jan. 28 to Feb. 5, bring together the elite of the international ski set, including Austria's Franz Krieger and Josef Walcher and Italian Herbert Pflanz.

"The Canadians will have to contend with a very fast and challenging downhill," said Andrej Kuzibai, who heads the Canadian alpine program.

"We would like to leave Garmisch with a medal in the downhill. But the Austrians have a very good team, they have several good guys who are very fast, and the Italians have Herbert P." in six World Cup downhill races leading up to the world championships in Garmisch.

The defending World Cup winner, the Canadian Jim Hunter, will be a medal contender in the two to watch.

After a disastrous 1976-77 year, in which the men's downhill squad was rife with disqualification and injuries, Read returned the Canadian alpine team to a measure of respectability in the early races of the current campaign.

Since January, however, Podhorski has been making his presence felt.

"Steve had some hard luck earlier this season, but now that he's beaten me a few times he has a lot more confidence," Read said.

Another Canadian that could move into contention is Dave Murray of Abbotsford, B.C., who appears to have shaken off a serious knee injury that sidelined him early in the season.

"The only Canadian man ever to win a medal in world competition was Jim Hunter of Calgary. Hunter, currently starring on the pro tour, won a third-place bronze in the combined at the 1972 Sapporo Olympics.

Rosie hurt during fight

EDMONTON (CP) — Veteran center Rosaire Paement of Indianapolis was taken to hospital Wednesday night for treatment of an eye injury following a first period fight with Dave Semenko of Edmonton Oilers in a World Hockey Association game.

Paement, 33, was hurt in the second period of the game. He was taken to the hospital with a bruise on his eye and a laceration on his forehead.

Edmonton coach Claude J. Brodeur said Paement was expected to return to the game on Friday.

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Tennant has been accused of many things, but never of being dull. He has coached first place teams in Kamloops and Vernon — and now has Merritt.

GUIDE REPORTS

Outdoor happenings

By SMOKEY TRUMBLY

This week I would like to pen a few paragraphs that relate to local happenings — past, present and future — in our great winter outdoors.

So far, this winter can be described with no better word than "great" and I know I am not the only one that feels this way. Snow conditions are adequate for all outdoor recreations, the weather has been ideal. In fact, some days the midday temperatures are too mild and actually create problems for some winter activities.

LAST WEEK-END
Last Sunday was one such day that was detrimental to some. The clear sky and blazing sun caused temperatures to soar to an unreasonable high of eight degrees Celsius (46 degrees Fahrenheit) in the main valleys. Consequently, the Can-Am Dog Sled Races were forced to shorten the distance, snowmobilers faced the going tough and so did cross-country skiers. The surface ice on lakes was softened and this caused problems for skaters and ice-bikers.

Despite the conditions, we heard no complaints. Everyone we talked with, said, "It was a beautiful day."

ICE RACES
A happening last Sunday that very few people knew about, was discovered by sheer luck while watching the ski dog races. I was asked, if I owned the snow-plow that was parked near by and would I consider plowing a track on Swan Lake for motorcycle races.

When I arrived at the access road, directly in front of Tri-Lake Lincoln Ferry, I found a large gathering of bikers whose bikes were specially equipped with mud-shuts and they were waiting for a track to be cleared. A pay-booth was also set up, and whether this was for collecting money from spectators, or just for collecting entry fees, I'm not certain.

The official referee of the races, told me while clearing their track — "motorcycle ice racing, one of the most thrilling spectator events, here is to watch." "If this be true, then how come no one knew about the races, I would think the directors of the club, or whatever, should have a talk with the person or persons in charge of publicity."

This column is always available and willing to mention outdoor happenings of any kind, and for sure: the price is right — free.

ICE FISHING
In the local scene, ice fishing activity is gaining momentum week by week. No doubt, the present ice weather is a contributing factor. The success currently being enjoyed by ice fishermen on most lakes is the main topic on moosean telegraph, which is one of the fastest means of spreading news that we know of. So, this method of communication must also be credited for creating interest.

Local outdoor ardent Paul Tim tells us of his success on Tri-Lake — using worms — he landed a nice six-pound rainbow that had just jorged its stomach with 30-mil minnows, mostly bullheads.

Another success story, also producing well, Hecker Lake is a sometimes lake, but others are good. Especially those that "an be reached only by snowshoe."

100 MILE KID-A-THON
The Vernon Snowmobile Club, in conjunction with Lions Club annual Easter Timmy Program, in aid of crippled children, will sponsor snowmobile clubs all across Canada in a National Snow-Rama Day, to be held Feb. 19.

Plans have been completed by the local club, it plans a 100 mile ride-a-thon on a five-mile course on Swan Lake; a weather permitting. This is not a race, but an endurance marathon test for the driver and his machine.

Drivers wishing to enter the ride-a-thon, may obtain prize cards by phoning Bob McDonald at 545-4746. The onus will then be on them to solicit as many pledges as possible — on a per-mile basis — in support of them.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE
I wish to know this day, I am challenging Don Kendall Sports Editor of the Vernon Daily News, to participate as a driver. I understand Kendall has been challenged prior — so be it — I know I can raise more pledges than he regardless of how many challenges he gets.

I have also challenged Frank Martina at CJIB (the other media radio) and I know it will be a cinch to top him. In fact, I'm certain I can top Kendall and Martina's combined figure.

Let's show both these turkeys where its at. I promise you I will not let you down. Mail or drop your pledges — on my behalf — to "Smoky" Vernon Daily News, P.O. Box 4000, Vernon, B.C. Remember — all pledges go to aid crippled children.

GI DE TIPS
A sure method of getting a fire started quickly when you're ice fishing or camping in the rain or snow. Fill a plastic bag with dry chips and shavings. Then tie the top tightly with a wire twine.

BEST HOURLY
The best time for fishing this weekend Saturday from 1:55 until 3:55 p.m. and Sunday 4:25 until 4:45 p.m.



Terry Anaka was pretty steady on Vikings defence.

75-76 VIKINGS

Vernon Vikings have two chances this weekend to end their nine-game losing streak. On Friday night, Merritt Centennials are in town, and on Saturday night, Vikings travel to Revelstoke to meet the Bruins.

In 41 games this season, the first-place Centennials have lost only nine times.

The man who molded the Cents is Joe Tennant, however, he won't be behind the bench Friday. He is currently serving a three-game suspension for failure to control his team during a brawl.

The Vikings is the same man who coached and managed the record-breaking Vikings of 1975-76.

The Vikings of 75-76 is considered one of the strongest teams to have ever played in the BCHL. They set a handful of league records, but ran into the red-hot Penticon Vets, a playoffs and were eliminated.

The success of the Daily News club in Merritt compares favorably with the old Vikings.

MORE BALANCE
He said, "They are a lot alike in that they are both our team this year; might have a little more balance, but the Vernon defence was probably a bit better."

If the teams appear similar, it is more than just a coincidence. Three members of that Vernon club are now Centennials again this year. Stroud said, "The two clubs are a lot alike. It would be a great game if we could get our team of two years ago to play the Centennials. I bet the score would be 1-0 or 2-1."

I think this year's club might have a little more balance, but we're young. Because of the inexperience of this team, probably makes a great game if we could get our team of two years ago to play the Centennials. I bet the score would be 1-0 or 2-1."

MAJOR WOMEN
Village Green 2, Hotshots 0; Village Green 2, Woodstocks 0; Justice 2, Bib and Tucker 0; Justice 2, Bib and Tucker 0; Bumpers 2, Coldstream 0; Justice 2, Magnificent 0; Bumpers 0; Bumpers 2, Magnificent 1; Woodstocks 2, Coldstream 1; Woodstocks 2, Hotshots 0; and Coldstream 2, Hotshots 0.

WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL
At Seaton: Fonzie's Girls whipped Toros 15-11, 11-11, and 15-6; Almond edged Heroes 15-5, 11-8, and 13-15; OK Welders squeaked by Howlers 15-11, 11-15, and 11-12; Silver Six beat Mission Impossible 15-8, 15-8, and 12-15; Kootenay Six sunk

Simpson defends his title

Jan. 17
Tues. Ladies 11
Women's high single, Del Barker 29; high triple, Marg Forscutt 64; high average, Marg Forscutt 64.

Women's high single, Pin Power 351
TEAM STANDINGS
Try Hards 507
Pythans 496
Bowler of the week, Suzanne Van Staalhoven, 117 bowlers over.

Jan. 17
Wed. Mixed 19
Women's high single, Joan Ahan 24; high triple, Vera Babcock 69; high average, Svbi Tinnan 69.

Men's high single, Ken Trask 24; high triple, Ron Angus 71; high average, Frank Graham 229.

TEAM STANDINGS
Whisperers 89
Bluebirds 79
Dandy Bats 61
Meadow Larks 68

Jan. 17
Wed. Early Birds
Women's high single, Lorie Beate 32; high triple, Mary Carrall Goodwin 190; high average, Mary Carrall Goodwin 190.

Men's high triple, WhiteWings 3521
TEAM STANDINGS
Whisperers 89
Bluebirds 79
Dandy Bats 61
Meadow Larks 68

Jan. 17
Wed. Mainline
Women's high single, Bev Lauder 24; high triple, Sharon

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Centennials on top of the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Cents are in town to meet Vikings on Friday night. (Daily News Photos)

77-78 CENTS

Tennant compares clubs

Calvin Hallas, Tennant feels there are several Centennials who will play their own, and perhaps poor hockey. Tennant said, "We have three 20-year-olds and one 16-year-old. The rest are kids I think a lot of these boys have a future in hockey."

TOP PROSPECT
Among those considered top prospects are Ed Beers, Gary Sirkin, Pat Rabbitt, Rod DesChamps, and Enderby native Larry Stankover.

Tennant, whose future in hockey may be limited by health, calls them two of the best teams he has coached. Considering he has coached the likes of Bob Nystrom, Gary Howatt, Jerry Holland, Curt Brackenbury, Don Ashby, Wayne Bianconi, and Watson, he should know what he is talking about.

He said, "I wouldn't want to say one was better than the other. Both teams could do everything necessary to make a winning club. And they are made up of a great bunch of kids."

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VOLLEBALL SCOREBOARD

Copy Cats 15-1, 12-2, and 15-13; and Six-o-lets drilled Stompers 15-4, 15-11, and 15-11.

At Silver Star school: Gustos downed Dollies 12-15, 15-11, and 15-10. Sellers whipped Kal Tre 15-10, 15-8, and 7-15; and FTs bombed Fatwas 15-1, 15-6, and 15-5.

At OK Landing: Sneakers defeated Guizers 10-15, 15-4, and 16-14; Jokeroz downed Mediacs 15-7, 15-4, and 15-15; and Dynamats blew past Bridge All Stars 15-3, 15-10, and 12-15.

MEN'S COMBINATION
Sun Auto rolled over Trinity Thunder 15-8, 10-15, and 15-12; Kal Tre trounced Royal Rebels 11-15, 15-10, and 15-11; and Church of God thumped Roob 14-15, 15-10, and 15-13.

PIN POINTS

Reitick 61; high average, Carol Skomrove 205.
Team high single, K.I. Kats, 1264; high triple, Kats 309.

Blanks 87
K.I. Kats 81
Happy Gang 80
Paddle Wheelers 60

Jan. 18
Wed. 7:15 Mixed
Women's high single, Dee Budd 260; high triple, Debra Woodruff 214 and Dee Budd 214.
Men's high single, Larry Beabe 32; high triple, Gary Krause and Bill Knox tied 682; high average, Mary Butts 222.

Jan. 18
Wed. 7:15 Mixed
Women's high single, Short Courts 302; high triple, Short Courts 302.
Happy Cougars 837
Vernon 50
Opposites 71

Jan. 18
Wed. 11:15
Women's high single, Gloria Bamford 274; high triple, Gloria Bamford 274; high average, Gloria Bamford 274.
Men's high single, Mark Sten berg 276; high triple, Roy Isobe 211; high average, Joe Goldenblatt 211.

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