



# Olympic hopeful moves to Vernon

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One of Canada's brightest young equestrian stars, Bill Ulmer, has moved to Vernon from Oliver.

Ulmer, 21, is defending Canadian champion in the grueling Three-day Event. The Three-day competition consists of dressage, cross-country, and alidum riding.

Main reason for moving here is the indoor training facilities which are available.

Ulmer said, "Here, I am riding indoors at Russ Postill's ranch. In this weather, you can exercise a horse outdoors, but you can't school it. In Oliver, there was nothing indoors."

**HIS GOAL**

He told the Daily News his goal is to make the Canadian Olympic team which will go to Moscow in 1980.

"I may horses hold up. I think I have an excellent chance. They are in good shape right now."

Trying out for the Olympic team is a time-consuming and expensive proposition.

He recently won a scholarship, from Robbman's to attend Toronto's Humboldt College, in June. He will receive expert instruction from Canada's top riders including Jim Day and Jim Elder.

After four weeks of schooling he will remain in Toronto to compete in the Canadian championships, in July.

Then, in September, Ulmer plans to travel to Lexington, Kentucky to watch the world championships. Reason he won't be competing in September would be eligible because Touchdown and Seaveater (his two horses) will be seniors then."

**BEST CANADIAN**

Ulmer became internationally recognized last year when he placed eighth in the North American junior championships in Kentucky. Of 24 Canadian riders, he was best.

He said, "One of the biggest problems facing equestrians is money. We get some help from the government, but we have to raise most of the travel and training expenses ourselves. A lot comes out of our own pocket."

To help curb costs, Ulmer is living with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Peterson.

With a little luck, we might be watching Ulmer on television in 1980, via satellite.

CANADIAN EQUESTRIAN STAR Bill Ulmer recently moved to Vernon. Ulmer, who won the Canadian title in the grueling Three-day Event, has his sights set on the Moscow Olympics. But, in the meantime, he has a hectic two years of training planned. (Lee Thomas Photo)

## DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

- MINOR HOCKEY**  
 5:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon pee wee reps vs. Pentlton
- JUNIOR HOCKEY**  
 8 p.m., Revelstoke Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Revelstoke Bruins
- CURLING**  
 8 p.m., Revelstoke Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Revelstoke Bruins
- Mixed zone finals being held in Armstrong  
 Mixed zone finals being played in Salmon / rm
- SUNDAY**
- CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**  
 North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club trip to Kalamalka Lake Park - depart from Super-Valu parking lot 10:30 a.m.
- EXHIBITION HOCKEY**  
 3 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon juvenile reps vs. Vernon Oilers
- NORTH OKANAGAN LEAGUE**  
 2 p.m., Winfield Arena, Kelowna Molsons vs. Winfield Raiders
- 8 p.m., Civic Arena, Westside Packers vs. Vernon Sport Cougars
- HONEYMOONERS' VOLLEYBALL**  
 At Recreation Complex: 6:30 p.m., Foot Fault vs. Six Pack; 8:20 p.m., Vipers vs. Campdown Racers; 7:15 p.m., Gundowners vs. Goodtimes; 8 p.m., Old Stylers vs. Friends; and 8:30 p.m., Hot-to-go vs. Bankers Folly.
- PLEASANT VALLEY LEAGUE**  
 10:45 p.m., Civic Arena, Kinamen Club vs. Pirefighters

## Midget finalists decided

**MONTREAL (CP)** - East Ottawa Voyagers and Ste. Foy Couillard's will meet Sunday to decide the championship of the Canadian midget hockey tournament.

St. Foy, the Quebec champion, advanced to the final with a 5-2 triumph over Edmonton in the opening Alberta. The Couillard's have won all five games they have played.

Thursday's 2-1 win over Ottawa brought its Division I-leading mark to 4-0 with a 7-1 triumph over St. John's. Vancouver is tied to an 8-2 triumph over Regina Falls Canadiens.

Vince Maletti and Jean Trudeau each scored twice to lead East Ottawa to its triumph. Danny Grahame scored the lone goal for Sydney.

St. Foy's Labbe scored twice to lead Ste. Foy past Edmonton. Rob Burns and Kevin Bates scored for Edmonton.

Dan Reigel's goal with 41 seconds to play gave Sherwood Valley, Ont., a 1-0 win. Jean Bellevue scored twice as Moncton dumped the host.

Right winger Derek Tanaka scored his second goal of the game with 42 seconds gone in the third period as Toronto edged Prince George.

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# Cents need rally to defeat Vikings

Vernon Vikings losing streak was stretched to 10 games on Friday night, but they didn't go down without a fight.

League-leading Merritt Centennials had to overcome a 4-1 deficit to edge Vikings 6-3 before 350 fans in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena.

Vernon took a 4-1 lead after only 12:38 of the first period. Cents narrowed the gap to 4-2 before the period ended, and came roaring back in the middle 20 minutes to take a 6-3 lead.

Difference in the game was two players who used to perform in the North Okanagan.

Cougars' goalie Doug Irwin made 38 saves while Packers' netminder Mike Tweedie turned aside 20 shots.

Two crucial games are scheduled Sunday. Kelowna Molsons meet the Raiders in Winfield, at 2 p.m. Packers and Cougars have a return engagement, at the Civic Arena, at 8 p.m.

Only two points separate the five clubs fighting for three playoff berths.

Referee Ron Cernicki, of Kelowna, appeared to lose his cool at 1:45 of the second period when he hit Vikings with several borderline calls.

Bud Langstrom led the Merritt attack with three goals while Ken Strout, Glen Johnson, and Dale Ames added singles.

Dale Sinus and Mike Winther scored two apiece for Vikings while Scott Dozens added a single.

Vernon netminder Darrell Morin blocked 48 shots, including 24 in the second period. Ferrer made 33 saves and Rob Polthanuk, who got off to a shaky start, blocked seven for Cents.

**FOUR MIDGETS**

Four Vernon midget reps

## Three-way tie in NOHL race

Westside Packers moved into a three-way tie for second place in the North Okanagan Hockey League by edging Vernon Sport Cougars 4-1 on Friday night in Westside.

Packers, Cougars, and Vernon Canadians have 16 points, five back of first-place Granddod Elks.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Packers led 4-2 at the end of the second. Ken Flornkoff stretched the Westside lead to 5-2 early in the third before Bruce Green and Jeff Shirley scored to narrow the gap to one.

Doug Oishi scored twice for the winners while Tom Conroy added a single.

Grayden Brown and Willy Bevan were the other Vernon snipers.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

**TOP SPOT**

Okanagan College edged Cariboo College 58-53 Friday night to capture first place in the Tolm Conference. Top scorers for OK College were Leanne Williams and Jill Hewitson, both of Vernon, with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Dave Charlton scored with eight seconds remaining in the game to give Vernon Lodge Tigers of the Men's Commercial League, an 86-84 transfer fee for each of six American players on the club.

The money had not reached the association by Thursday, so the Blazers were suspended and a home game with Langley was cancelled.

Meanwhile, Pentlton Vees bombed Revelstoke Bruins 10-3 and Kelowna Buckaroos and aced Abbotsford Flyers 6-5.

In Langley, Terry Leacian scored twice for the Lords while Randy Hall, Jaco Krumhulnd, George Waller, Maurice Jaeger and Gerry Bogle had singles. Jim Bisset had two goals and Romeo Profeta added the other Bellingham marker.

The teams split 24 minor penalties and 10 majors, while Bellingham took two of three game misconducts. Both had 31 shots on goal.

Pentlton's Ross Fitzpatrick scored three in the final period. Terry Olson had two goals and four assists, Ron Johnson and Kevin Maxwell also scored twice while Dave Smith added to the scoring show at Revelstoke's expense.

**HONOR FRANCO HARRIS**

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Franco Harris will be honored Sunday night at the annual Dapper Dan banquet as Man of the Year for his performance on the football field and his participation in community programs.

The annual fest is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Harris, the outstanding Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League, was selected Man of the Year by writers and broadcasters.

**FORMER PITCHER DIES**

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Monte Pearson, a former New York Yankees baseball pitcher, died Friday after a lengthy bout with cancer.

Pearson, 69, won four World Series games for the Yankees.

**REAGAN'S WIFE REQUESTS BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)** - Birmingham Bulls' general manager Giles Legler says he has rejected the World Hockey Association's request that the Bulls not sing Dixie in their home games. Legler said Friday that WHA executive director Larry Gordon called him Thursday with the request, saying the singing of the Deep South anthem in program ceremonies intimidates the opposition. "We have a prayer, two national anthems and Dixie," Legler said.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

**JANUARY, 1973**

Vernon Esso and Pentlton Bruins played to a 5-5 tie in an unusual event for the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Ron and Mavis Trank came through once more to capture the annual Husband and Wife Bowling "Tourament" at Vernon's Lincoln Lanes.

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**NOCA NOKKERS**

The NOCA Nokkers basketball team don't intend to have their name forgotten at this year's Winter Carnival. They have already begun practicing for the luncheon basketball games and are determined to make the finals. The team said this will be no problem because "We're a group of positive thinkers and we've all been eating our brains" in photo Wanda Couc's displays her goalie tactics to team members vying for the "hat" from left, June Nabata, Kate Chown, Alma Marshall, Vera, Wanda and Kathy Jorgensen. (Daily News Photos)

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