

Snowarama a huge success

Snowarama '78. In aid of crippled children, in only two days a record was set.

Yours truly has been in vigorous training for two weeks, running five laps of my bedroom every night before hitting the sack. It won't be easy to ride 100 miles, my third time on a snowmobile.

The course site has been changed, due to poor ice conditions on Swan Lake, to L and A Ranch, six miles north of Vernon.

Each participant will have to ride around the 11-mile course nine times. A 2-ton starts at 8 a.m. and most riders should be finished about 1 or 2 p.m.

The site will be well-marked and spectators will be able to see much of the course.

MARTINA WINS

At this time I would like to concede the pledge championship to C.J.B.'s Frank Martina. Martina has raised more than \$4,000 in the past two weeks. I'm running a distant second with about \$2,000, well ahead of third-place Smokey in Trumbley. Between the three of us, we should hit the target figure of \$10,000. That leaves the money raised by the other 100 riders as a bonus.

There is no bitterness between Martina, Trumbley and myself. The

pledge war was all in fun and the money all ends up in the same place. However, I have renamed some of the groups which have donated to Martina's cause. You can guess for yourself what they used to be called: Tillicum Hole Ski Area, Department of Holidays, Starvista Demolition, blockhead Brothers, and Vernon Pepsi-Cola Juvenile Reps.

LARGEST PLEDGE

My largest single pledge came on Thursday when Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman advised me the Star staff has raised \$178 per mile and that total has been equalled by the mountain's directors. Therefore, Silver Star is donating \$360 to the cause.

Jack Noble, of Noble Motor and Equipment in Armstrong, is not only donating my machine, but has also raised more than \$100 in pledges for yours truly.

We received word Thursday that the Winter Carnival Committee has withdrawn its entry and has thrown its support behind the Kendall Express. Staff of the Royal Bank downtown branch, Davidson and Company, B.C. Hydro, Vernon Daily News, and the Government Agency's Office have all made substantial donations.

CHALLENGE ISSUED

Vernon Parks and Recreation Department Facilities Manager John Bruce, who is a past president of minor hockey, has challenged all other past-presidents to meet or beat his challenge of 10 cents per mile.

Among the businesses that have donated to my cause are: Boston Pizza, Tri-Lake Lincoln Mercury, Longhorn Pub, Downtown Realty, McKay's Prescriptions, Ernie's Esso Service, Village Green Mall, Merchants, B and G Forest Products, Art's Gulf Service, Okanagan Telephone, Vernon Cable TV, Claude's Radiator Service, 1 and 2 Electric, Okanagan Small Car Specialties, Pizza Delight, Sun Valley Sports, Dodo's Bros. Auctions, Barclay Insurance, Okanagan Restaurant, A's Esso Service, the Vintage House, Christie Phoenix Insurance, Valley Fruit Stand, and Silver Star Trailer Court.

The Lion's Club and Vernon Snowmobile Association deserve a pat on the back for the job they have done organizing the event. But I think heroes are you — the supporters. Thanks to you help, Snowarama '78 is going to be a huge success.



DUAL SLALOM CHAMPS

Smitty's Pancake House captured the 1978 Molson's Dual Slalom Challenge Series, which ended this week, at Tillicum Valley.

The winning squad are from left, Dave and Jeff Wadsworth, Bruce Schmidt of Molson's Breweries, and Graham King.

Fifteen teams, comprised of three racers, took part in the series. (Daily News Photo)



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Terry Schneider of Vernon was the winner of a new Honda Civic in the recent raffle held by Vernon Vikings. Terry's brother,

Dave, is a member of the Vikings. NHL, Hall-of-Famer Babe Pratt made the draw. (Daily News Photo)

WVHL hosts hockey tourney

White Valley Hockey League will be hosting an eight-team tournament this weekend at the Lumby Arena. Play gets under way Saturday at 7 a.m., when the WVHL all-stars will tangle with Abbotsford. Other first round games have Lumby Flyers, Franciscan battling Okanagan at 8 a.m., Kamloops

taking on 100 Mile House at 11 a.m., and Nelson meeting Clinton at 1 p.m. Play will continue Saturday until 7 p.m. On Sunday, the consolation final will be at 3 p.m. with the championship contest scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Lucas Gardens placed six players on the all-star squad. They are Roy Horvath, Tom Williamson, Mike Kirk, Bruce Ritchie, Scott McKinley, and E. Herbert.

Five Sabres, Mary Hackman, Dennis O'Farrell, Joe Clark, Mike Moudin, and Rod Kurbis were selected.

Filling out the squad are: Terry Sammartino, Roger Schmidt, and Larry Fisher of Blades; Brian Sherck and Scott Shirley of Village Green Merchants; Pete and Bill Vlasveld of Lumby Royals; and M. Charyoski of Burger Buns.

Girls competition starts at 3 p.m. with Kal taking on Shuswap. First boys game at 4:30 p.m. has the host team meeting highly rated Jackson of Salmon Arm.

At 6 p.m. Jackson will battle Okanagan Mission of Kelowna in a girls' match. Final boys game of the night at 7:30 p.m., will have McNicoll Park of Pentiction tangleling with Armstrong.

SONICS WIN

Meanwhile, Seaton Sonics captured the Vernon zone junior boys' basketball title on Thursday by blasting Lu. by 69-50.

The victory gives Sonics a perfect 8-0 record in league play. Sonics will represent this area in the north zone championships, to be held Feb. 24 and 25, in Revelstoke.

In girls' action Thursday, Seaton Sent claims the title by one second remaining on the clock to edge Lumby 35-34. Contenders now have a 14 won-lost record and are tied with Kalamalka and Lumby for second place in league play. Girls' north zone championships are scheduled Feb. 24 and 25 in Salmon Arm.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1973
Bill Eddy, of Vernon, won the first-ever B.C. total five-mile snowmobile racing championship in the 500 c.c. open class when he totalled 97 points out of a possible 100.

MAINTENANCE HELP
The New York Giants called this as a year in 1973 the highest by a major league club in franchise history.

SPORTS

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Vernon teams in big trouble

There is a strong possibility no Vernon teams will be participating in the North Okanagan Hockey League playoffs.

Vernon Sport Cougars have been mathematically eliminated and Vernon Canadians are bordering on the same fate. Canadians hold down the fourth, and final, playoff berth with 18 points. Four points back, but with two games in hand, are Winfield Raiders.

If Raiders win two of their three remaining games, and Canadians lose Sunday to Kelowna Mission, the Vernon squad is out. Winfield would get the berth due to a better goal-for and goal-against record.

However, if Canadians win Sunday, Raiders would need three victories to take part in post-season play.

League statistics are:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kelowna Mission	18	10	7	1	102	74	21
Grandrod Elks	19	10	8	1	96	96	21
Westside Packers	18	10	7	1	97	70	21
Vernon Canadians	19	9	10	0	91	98	18
Vernon Sport Cougars	19	9	10	0	87	93	18
Winfield Raiders	17	7	10	0	80	87	14

TOP SCORERS

PLAYER TEAM	G	A	Pts
Dave Caldwell, Can.	23	29	52
Tom Connolly, Westside	26	17	43
Rick Harr, Elks	22	19	41
Jeff Todd, Can.	12	36	24
Jeff Shirley, Cougars	15	33	30
Don Dudd, Westside	14	16	30
George Farther, Elks	14	16	30
Larry Keating, Mission	11	18	28
Jeff Wilson, Elks	10	18	28
Brian Appo, Mission	10	18	28
Gerry Moore, Raiders	10	18	28

LEADING GOALIES

PLAYER TEAM	Min	G	Avg
Ian Snow, Mission	578	37	3.84
Leon Nowak, Elks	369	18	4.02
Gerry Dyck, Mission	500	39	4.68
Bernie Feedham, Raiders	794	47	4.76
Dave Harner, Westside	600	45	4.50

Minor baseball league holds annual meeting

Vernon and District Minor Baseball Association will be holding its annual meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coldstream Hotel meeting room.

Topics on the agenda include election of directors, registration date, and recruiting of coaches and umpires.

President Art Block said, "It is extremely important that the parents become involved. We are optimistic that we will have another successful season, but this can only be accomplished with the parents' enthusiasm and support."

For further information phone 545-0113.

Vikings planning to end long slump

Vernon Vikings get two chances to avenge their 16-game losing streak this weekend when they host Kamloops Chiefs and Langley Lords. And General Manager Vern Dye promises things are going to be different in those two games.

turn things around starting tonight against the Chiefs. We have to catch, Revelstoke and we're not going to wait until the final couple weeks to do it."

Revelstoke Bruins lead the Vikings by four points in the battle for the B.C. Junior Hockey League's final playoff berth.

Vernon is dressing Tim Kopp, from the midget reps, and Dye hopes to use a winger of defenceman from the juvenile reps. And, according to Dye, a familiar face will be back in the line-up soon.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL
First annual Kalamalka High School Basketball Tournament. Play runs today from 3:30 p.m. to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eight teams competing.

SENIOR HIGH BASKETBALL
7 p.m., VSSS, Vernon Royals vs. KLO (girls); 8:30 p.m., Vernon Panthers vs. KLO Cougars (boys).

JUNIOR HOCKEY
8:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Kamloops Chiefs vs. Vernon Vikings.

NORTH OKANAGAN LEAGUE
8:30 p.m., Westside Arena, Winfield Raiders vs. Westside Packers.

SWIMMING SATURDAY
Vernon Kokanes taking part in a two-day regional meet in Sumnerland.

HOCKEY TOURNEY
White Valley Hockey League hosting an eight-team tournament at the Lumby Arena. Play gets under way Saturday at 8 a.m. and continues to Sunday night.

HOTSHOT CONTEST
Champions from 15 elementary school will be competing in the Hotshot Basketball Contest, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, in the Recreation Complex.

Vernon midgets win in overtime

By DALE MAJOR
CORRESPONDENT

Darcy Anderson scored on an end-to-end rush, at 14:41 of overtime, to give Vernon Bloom and Siglet Midget Reps a 6-5 victory over Kamloops in the opening game of the best-of-three OMMHA semi-final series on Thursday night at the Civic Arena.

The wide-open, hard-hitting, game had its share of everything — outstanding goaltending, unusual goals, a fight, and some great skating.

The first period was dominated by the reimmers and ended in a tie, 1-1. Lane Vachon started things rolling in the second period, at 3:05, when he converted passes from Rod Trentini and Bob Hildebrandt into a goal.

It was Jody Bostack that gave the game for Kamloops. Then, Vernon got three quick goals to take a 4-1 lead. David Fish scored a goal nobody knew was in the net until the puck was found, Kevin Poirier blasted home a shot, and Al Betton finished off a picture passing play.

Rob Miskooski widened the gap to 6-1, at 2:45 of the third period, and the game started to look like a runaway. But,

Kamloops had a different idea.

Just 18 seconds after Miskooski's goal, Gary Cannon narrowed the gap to 5-2. Then, Vernon started scoring into penalty trouble.

PENALTIES HURT
Darcy Anderson scored two powerplay goals to make the score 5-4 and Pat Cobashi tied the game, at 15:16, with another Vernon players in the sinbin.

"F" the next 20 minutes, until Anderson's goal, the game belonged to the goals. Daryl Dixon finished the night with 10 saves for Kamloops while Rex Sillatz turned away 35 shots for Vernon.

Kamloops took 14 of 27 minor penalties, one of two majors, and one of two misconducts.

ACTING COACH
Vernon Manager Ernie Kowal, who is acting as coach while Walt Trentini awaits appeal on his suspension, said Kamloops gave them a scare.

Kowal said, "I don't know how we could blow a 6-1 lead in the third period. Those penalties hurt us. If it hadn't been for some great saves by Sillatz, and Anderson's goal, we'd be trailing in the series."

Next game will be played Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., in North Kamloops.

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TAGTEAM

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Sandor Novack	VS	Gary Young
Eric Froelich	VS	The General

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CHIMO DAYS

These Turner calmly throtted opponent Dave Preston in a wrestling match this week at Vernon Junior Secondary School. Wrestling is one of dozens of activities that have been taking place at Chimo Days, this week an part of Chimo Days.

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