

SPORTS

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KENDALL'S KORNER

The future looks bright

The '97-78 basketball season hasn't been one Vernon Panthers Coach Rick Inrig will remember the rest of his life. In fact, he'd like to forget it by next autumn.

He'll probably recall the upper year Brent Zimmer had Zimmer led the Okanagan, and perhaps the province, in scoring this season. But, the rest of the memories would include injuries, heartbreaking losses, and players leaving Vernon.

Already Inrig is smiling about his prospects for next year. He said, "In the years I've been here, we've never had a crop of Grade 'D's' coming up like this. It is very encouraging."

Only graduates from the 77-78 team will be Zimmer and Glen Sirges. With some experience under their belt, 8'3" Robert Fisher and 8'2" Rick Beaton will probably be standouts for next season.

Other returnees include Mike Kakooe, Peter Wolgram, Marino Vardabasso, and Mike Ondak. But, it is the junior high graduates whom the hopes lie.

Inrig said, "With the holders, and the great junior kids, I can foresee us having a big, well-balanced club."

SEATON STRONG

Beat of the juniors will come from north zone champion W.L. Seaton. Seaton has a starting five which averages over 8' tall.

Top prospects from there are 8'3" forward Kelly Olson (who could be 8'5" by next year) and 8'2" guard Will Hask. Other juniors include Greg Dalenberg, Lorne Nansen, Jim Arkell, and Lance Arnt.

But, the talent doesn't stop there. At least six Clarence Fulton students are expected to tryout.

Mike Convey and Glen Campbell, both about 6' will be vying for a forward position. And Jamie Reichelt could be a contender at guard.

The other Fulton grads include Glen Collingridge, Scott Ivens, and Grant Casperson, a super defensive player.

"The Kalamalka School players might have a chance to crack the roster," Inrig said, "It is a new school and most of the players there have only dribbled a ball for one or two years. But, there is quite a bit of raw talent."

The best of the KAL prospects are 8'2" Craig Astle and 8'1" Kerry Kormos.

CREDIT THE COACHES

The improvement of the feeder program in Vernon is a credit to the superior, ordinary coaches and Inrig. The VSSS coach was instrumental in getting minor basketball started in Vernon four years ago, has assisted younger players at clinics, refereed, and is a great promoter of the game.

The former University of B.C. all-star said, "I think we'll be tough to top this year. I can't see us finishing any worse than third in the Okanagan, behind Pentiction and Kelowna. Maybe even higher."

"In the 1978-79 season, we'll be even better. With all the good Grade 'D's' in this year, and some Super Grade 'B's', I'd venture to say we'll be a provincial power within two years."

Grade 9 students Allan Gee of KAL and Mike deHijffer of Fulton appear destined for future senior high stardom.

Two hoop teams advance to semis

Cosens Bay Rattlers and Silver Star Mountaineers have advanced to the second round of the Vernon Major Men's Basketball League playoffs.

Rattlers edged Cherry Creek Trappers 68-65 and Mountaineers beat Priest Valley Saints 98-90 in opening round action Monday night at KAL School.

Cosens Bay overcame a 38-30 half-time deficit to dump the Trappers.

Mike Kormos led the Rattlers' offense with 18 points while Jack Robinson dropped in a dozen.

Jack Batula led the Cherry Creek attack with 12 points and Greg Wood added 17.

In the other game, Saints led until midway through the second-half when Silver Star scored nine straight points.

League scoring champion Eric Parker led the Mountaineers with 20 points while Ron Hooge sunk 18 and Bill Hawthorn collected 17.

Brent Krusel dropped in 23 for Priest Valley while Bill Kirkland and Pete Harlock added 13 apiece.

Final regular season standings were:

TEAM	W	L	T	For	Ag	Pts
KAL Lake Voyagers	15	0	0	1110	1060	100
Huxley Service Pioneers	12	6	0	1014	126	9
Cosens Bay Rattlers	15	8	7	1024	1033	8
Silver Star Mountaineers	15	6	0	1173	1023	6
Priest Valley Saints	15	6	0	984	1027	6
Cherry Creek Trappers	15	6	0	1160	1170	6

PLAYER NAME	GP	Total	Ave.
Eric Parker, Mountaineers	12	262	21.8
Glen Wainhouse, Voyagers	15	275	18.3
Geoff White, Pioneers	12	244	20.3
Rick Wilson, Voyagers	14	244	17.4
Chris Inrig, Trappers	12	244	20.3
Greg Wood, Trappers	12	254	17.0
Steve King, Pioneers	11	201	18.3
Dennis Roberts, Voyagers	14	197	14.1
John Denison, Voyagers	12	195	16.3
Martin Friesen, Saints	13	194	14.9
Marty Ware, Trappers	14	194	13.9

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Vikings face gruelling week

Vernon Vikings start one of the most gruelling parts of their P.C. Junior Hockey League schedule tonight when they travel to Merritt to meet the first-place Centennials.

In the next five days, Vikings play four times, including three on the road.

On Wednesday Vikings travel to Kamloops. On Friday, the Pentiction Vees play host and Saturday, Kelowna Buckaroos visit Vernon.

Centennials appear ripe for the picking, despite their lofty position atop the league. Merritt has lost three straight and has not played well for three weeks, according to Coach Joe Tennant.

Tennant said, "Every team hits a low spot during the season and we've reached ours. I think our problem stems from over-confidence and too many easy games."

FERNER BACK
Gralle Keith Ferner, who was suspended by Tennant a week ago for disciplinary reasons, will return to the Merritt net tonight.

Vikings have given the

LOST BY ONE

Panthers miss valley playoffs

Westale Whundas gained the final berth in the Okanagan boys' basketball championships by edging Vernon Panthers 76-70 on Monday night in Kamloops.

The loss eliminated Panthers from playoffs while Westale joins seven other teams in the valley meet.

Vernon had two lapses that cost it the game. Panthers took a 26-9 lead in the first quarter, but within minutes, the score was 30-18.

Then, in the third-quarter, Vernon was leading until Whundas outscored it 18-2 in one stretch and took a 60-54 lead.

GREAT GAME
Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News that it was heckuva basketball game, but a tough one to lose.

Inrig said, "Both teams went end-to-end all the way. I'm still convinced we have a better team."

Whundas took a 76-78 lead, two minutes to go, in the fourth-quarter. Vernon went to a full-court press and moved to within two points when Rick Beaton went to the foul line, on a bonus situation, with 20 seconds to go. Beaton sunk his first shot, but missed.

his second, and Panther didn't get the ball back.

Glen Sirges had his finest offensive game, in two years with the Vernon squad, with 26 points. Okanagan scoring champion Brent Zimmer was held to 14 points and Beaton sunk 13.

STOPPED ZIMMER
Inrig said, "They didn't do anything special to stop Zimmer - he just didn't shoot well. He had 20 shots from the field."

Panthers were able to hold Westale's 6'3" centre Kim Dobtchok to 12 points. However, the man that killed them was guard Rob Kosoloteki. The diminutive backcourter sunk 24 points, including several from well outside.

The valley tourney gets underway Thursday in Kamloops.



GLEN SIRGES ... 26 points

'C' WINNER
Vernon's Larry Dulaba rink won the 'C' event in the Enderby junior mixed curling bonspiel on the weekend. Curling for the Vernon rink were, from the left, Sandra Guenther, Barb Roesch, Rod Morrison, and Dulaba. Skelton rinks competed in the bonspiel, representing Kamloops, Vernon, Enderby, Armstrong and Ken Chantler rink from Kamloops won the event, and the Gordie Holmes rink from Enderby won the 'B' event. (Don Bond Photo)

Standings	W	L	P	A	P	
Merritt	40	13	1	379	204	81
Pentiction	28	2	0	242	78	8
Kelowna	32	2	0	302	231	64
Kamloops	24	21	2	293	246	61
Revelstoke	10	44	1	423	420	20
Vernon	14	4	0	208	397	16

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Coastal Division	W	L	P	A	P	
Nanaimo	34	20	1	341	271	69
Victoria	19	15	0	222	236	66
Abbotsford	31	24	1	284	246	63
Langley	15	25	2	225	327	32

Scoring Leaders	W	L	P	A	P
Vincent, P.	59	81	140		
Pederson, N.	40	89	129		
Merkley, K.	44	77	121		
Stroud, M.	44	70	114		
Rucks, A.	40	63	102		
Berry, B.	45	58	103		
Ferner, A.	40	63	102		
Fitzpatrick, P.	30	52	102		
Smith, Bob, N.	37	63	100		
Eames, P.	45	51	96		

SPORTS BRIEFS

HOSTS RACE

Tillicum Valley will be hosting the third zone Nancy Greene Ski League finals on March 19. About 200 racers from Mira Cree, Revelstoke, Kamloops and Vernon will be competing.

BEVAN WINS

Leon Bevan won the handicap event at the North Okanagan Skeet and Trap Club's Provable Shoot last weekend. About 75 shooters, from throughout the interior, were on hand.

EXECUTIVE ELECTED

The recently formed North Okanagan Baseball League now has an executive. Gordon Breglias of Kamloops was elected president while Brian Gibbons will serve as vice-president and Allan Simpson of Vernon was appointed secretary-treasurer. The league will operate with at least three, and up to five, teams.

REGISTRATION DATES

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association will be holding its registration March 23 and April, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Village Green Mall. All boys aged seven to 15 are eligible to play.

FIDELITY REMAINS FREE

CLEVELAND FALLS (AP) - Arraignment of Cleveland Barons left winger Mike Fisher on a assault charge in connection with a barroom fight has been postponed until next Monday. The 21-year-old National Hockey League player from Christman, Mass., remains free on \$1,500 bond. He had been scheduled to appear for arraignment today but was given another week to consult with his lawyer.

Gun Control. Working together to save lives.

The majority of Canadian gun owners have traditionally supported gun control in Canada. Many of these people are sports hunters, target shooters or collectors, and others use their guns to hunt or trap in order to support their families. Generally, they are Canada's responsible gun users.

There is a small but growing group of people in Canada, however, who make criminal use of guns. "Or example, armed robberies increased 38% from 1974 to 1976. It is this group that the new gun control legislation will deal with through longer, mandatory prison sentences and prohibition powers.

The misuse of guns is increasing as well. Last year approximately 300 people were victims of homicide with a gun. Many in a impulsive moment of violence among family members or friends. New court-ordered prohibitions, police search and seizure powers, and higher gun safety standards will reduce the needless toll of deaths and injuries.

With the continued support of Canadians for gun control, we will reduce the criminal and irresponsible use of guns.

In short, we'll be working together to save lives.

"I own my own guns. How does the new Gun Control legislation affect me?"

If you own only hunting rifles and you store them safely, it won't affect you at all. However, certain other guns will be either restricted or prohibited. Basically, all centre-fire semi-automatics with a barrel length of less than 18 1/2" are now restricted and must be registered. Handguns have been restricted since 1974. Sawn-off rifles and shotguns, guns with silencers and fully automatic weapons, are now prohibited, except those fully automatics registered to collectors before January 1, 1978.

"How do I register it?"

Contact your local police immediately and register the gun with them. Failure to do so is punishable by a prison sentence of up to five years.

"How do you plan on keeping guns out of the hands of people who aren't able to use them safely?"

Through Firearms Acquisition Certificates and the courts' prohibition powers. The provincially administered F.A.C. system will come into effect January 1, 1979. It is designed to

"I'm glad you're getting tougher with criminals using firearms. What happens to them?"

Anyone convicted of using a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a criminal offence will be sent to prison for not less than one year and not more than 14 years. This sentence cannot be suspended. As well, maximum prison sentences for other firearm offences have been doubled.

"Is it true that police officers have new, extended search and seizure powers?"

Yes. Police officers can now seize firearms without a search warrant if they consider them hazardous to the immediate safety of any individual. They will then have to justify the grounds for the search to a magistrate.

"I now own a prohibited weapon. What do I do?"

It is against the law to be in possession of a prohibited weapon. You should contact your local police as soon as possible in order to turn the weapon over to them or to make other arrangements for its disposal. Failure to do so could result in your being prosecuted.

"What does safe handling and storage of guns have to do with Gun Control?"

Last year in Canada, there were over 120 accidental deaths due to the careless use of firearms. Under the new legislation, gun owners are responsible for the safe storage of their weapons. For example, if you gun is used in a criminal action, you could be charged with careless storage if such is decided in court.

"My rifle is now on the restricted list. How do I register it?"

Contact your local police immediately and register the gun with them. Failure to do so is punishable by a prison sentence of up to five years.

"How do you plan on keeping guns out of the hands of people who aren't able to use them safely?"

prevent unfit and incompetent persons from acquiring guns. The new prohibition power allows the courts to take guns away from dangerous persons.

"Why is Gun Control so important?"

Ultimately, to make Canadians safer from the over use of firearms. Last year alone over 1,400 people were killed by guns.

Through tighter firearms control, safety education and the encouragement of responsible gun ownership and use, we will be able to reduce the level of firearm violence.

"I would like to learn more about the safe and proper use of guns, and more detail on restricted and prohibited weapons. Who should I see?"

Contact your local police department, Chief Provincial Firearms Officer, or write:

Gun Control in Canada, 340 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P8.



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