



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Osens Bay Rattlers defeated Kal Lake Voyageurs in the Major Men's Basketball League championship game this week. Members of the winning team are from left, back row: Mike Korman, John Mahler, Gary Pruden, and Jack Robinson. Front row: Pat Storey, Brian Craig, Pat Johnston, and David Jamieson. (Daily News Photo)

Vikings on road ... again

Vernon Vikings drove to Revelstoke on Wednesday night for their most important game of the season, against the Bruins.

Bruins lead Vikings by four points in the battle for the final playoff berth. And with only six games remaining, Vernon had to win. The players were psyched up and in some cases, nervous.

However, they got a surprise when they arrived at the Revelstoke Arena. Bruins were on the ice practicing and Vikings were told the game is not scheduled until Thursday (tonight).

General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he received a phone call from the B.C. Junior Hockey League last night advising him the rescheduled game would be played Wednesday.

Dye said, "I repeated the day three times on the phone — just to make sure I had it right. Somebody sure screwed up somewhere."



CUP RACERS

Pontiac Cup racers Cary Pontiac, left, and Terry Watts, centre, do a final check on their skis prior to today's Pontiac Cup race at Silver Star. Looking on is Greg Hann of Banff. The overall points leader in the west, Watts, of Vernon is fourth in Cup standings with Athans, of Kelowna, is ranked sixth. (Daily News Photo)

FOR KOKANEES

Level three meet starts busy month

Vernon Kookanee Swim Club is embarking on the busiest month of their 1977-78 season. For the new swimmers, Vernon will have three meet this weekend at the Recreation Complex. For the advanced competitors, there are several major out-of-town meets scheduled.

The level three meet will be the first of its kind held in the Okanagan. About 160 swimmers from Cranbrook, Summerland, Kamloops, and Vernon will be competing.

Club President Jim Strachan told the Daily News he is pleased that the Kookanees can host the meet. Strachan said, "It gives new swimmers the opportunity to compete against kids of their own calibre. NOCA Dairy has been a tremendous help to us with the meet."

From March 24-28, 16 Kookanees will be swimming in the B.C. Winter Championships in Victoria.

The entrants are: Steven Vander Meulen nine years old, Daryl Palmer 10, Phillip Heil 10, Gary Vander Meulen 12, Jim Morden 12, Mark Potryala 12, Phillip Schare 12, Mike Potryala 14, Margie Potryala 15, Jill Strachan 15, Ben Vander Star 17, Troy Allum 17, Brett Barber 17, Graham Schare 19, Laurie Kallazuk 12, and Jennifer Strachan 12.

Just four days later, the division two Winter Championships get under way in Calgary.

Troy Allum, 17, and Graham Schare have qualified to compete in the Alberta city. IN EDMONTON

Then, April 8 and 9, Jim Morden will travel to the Commonwealth Games pool in Edmonton for the 50th anniversary South Side Swim Club Meet.

All top age group swimmers in Canada and the western United States have been invited to the Edmonton meet.

Morden has recorded 11 championship times this year, including third in Canada in 100m freestyle and fifth in the nation in 100m butterfly.

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Sponsor needed for team

Vernon Senior Baseball Club is looking for a sponsor. Vernon has three teams, along with Kamloops and Enderby, which have confirmed its entry in the recently re-born North Okanagan Baseball League.

Team President Bob Adhead said, "We've been looking for a sponsor for about three weeks now, without any luck. We don't want an arm and a leg, but it costs quite a bit to run a senior baseball team."

Adhead said he is still hopeful the league will have four or five teams.

He said, "Kelowna and Merritt are still trying to get things together. Naturally, we'd like to see as many teams as possible in the 'loop.' On the local front, Adhead feels there is no shortage of players. "I'd guess we'll have 20-25 men trying out."

Anyone interested in sponsorship or playing, is asked to phone Adhead at 545-8197 or Al Simpson at 545-7088.

MINOR HOCKEY FINAL STATS

Okanagan-Mainline Minor Hockey Association has released final team and individual standings for the 1977-78 season.

Vernon clubs finished second in the pee wee, bantam, and midjet rep leagues.

The results are:

MIDGET	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kelowna	20	17	2	1	35
Vernon	20	16	0	26	32
Kamloops	20	12	8	0	24
Penitentiary	20	11	8	1	23
Merritt	20	16	0	4	32

Individual Scoring	G	A	Pts
Cooke, Craig, Penitentiary	23	41	44
Wilson, Grego, Kelowna	23	41	44
Crope, Al, Penitentiary	23	35	46
Merser, Steve, Penitentiary	23	32	46
Ray, Grego, Kelowna	23	32	46
Endo, Randy, Kelowna	23	22	47
Balfour, Kevin, Vernon	23	22	46
Armitage, Jim, Kelowna	23	16	41
Wilson, Mitch, Kelowna	23	17	40
Treath, Rod, Vernon	23	17	36

BANTAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kamloops Jardines	21	17	2	2	36
Vernon	21	15	4	2	32
Kamloops Sud Smith	21	9	8	4	22
Merritt	21	15	5	1	31
Rutland	21	4	13	4	14
Westside	21	4	16	1	9
Kelowna	21	4	17	0	8

Individual Scoring	G	A	Pts
Moore, Brad, Vernon	29	27	51
Kato, Ian, Jardines	24	23	47
Grego, Brent, Jardines	22	24	46
DeVries, Tom, Vernon	22	24	46
Moser, Frank, Merritt	18	18	36
Kossan, Robbie, Jardines	16	22	38
North, Brian, Rutland	16	17	33
Reszifsky, Randy, Vernon	16	17	33
Beauchamp, Lennie, Sud Smith	14	21	35
Armitage, Jeff, Kelowna	20	13	33
Spoch, Mike, Westside	18	17	35
Wesley, Bobby, Vernon	18	17	35

PEE WEE	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kamloops Elroy's	21	21	0	0	42
Vernon	21	19	2	0	38
Kelowna	21	14	7	0	28
Rutland	21	12	9	0	24
Kamloops Outdoor Shop	21	5	14	2	12
Westside	21	2	17	1	7
Merritt	21	2	19	0	4

Individual Scoring	G	A	Pts
Russell, Kevin, Elroy's	50	46	96
Fisher, Brent, Vernon	28	23	51
Gollan, Brady, Rutland	24	37	51
McMillan, Brent, Elroy's	30	19	49
Zoi, Dino, Rutland	22	20	42
Arduin, John, Elroy's	26	17	43
Loeb, Jim, Rutland	22	20	42
Kindrachuk, Don, Vernon	21	19	40
Musk, David, Vernon	22	16	38
Buchner, Rick, Rutland	19	13	32
Smith, Jim, Kelowna	19	13	32
McGillivray, Ken, Outdoor Shop	13	19	32

Merchants thumped by Sabres

Village Green Merchants have joined Burger Barons on the sidelines in the White Valley Hockey League playoffs.

Coldstart Hotel Sabres dumped Merchants 4-2 Wednesday night at the Lumby Arena. It was Village Green's second loss in the double-knockout playoffs.

Bill May scored three times for 11 winners while Clive Powell, Mike Mondin, and Don Schaefer added singles.

Dwaine Anyhuck and Larry Loehced replied for Merchants.

Sabres held period leads of 4-1 and 5-1.

Coldstart was assessed six of 10 minor penalties.

Packers win deciding game

North Okanagan Hockey League semi-finals ended Wednesday night when Westside Packers dumped Windfield Raiders 5-2 at the Windfield Arena.

The victory gives Packers a 2-1 win in the best-of-three series. The best-of-five final series opens Friday night when Westside hosts Kelowna Malansons at the Mt. Boucherie Arena.

Bruce Owens, Doug Olsh, Bill Kariawan, Jim Kitch, and Bruce Gerlach, with his first goal of the season, scored for Packers.

Terry Dunham and Gary Moore replied for Raiders.

CHANGED NAME
 New York Yankees originally were called Highlanders.

CURLING CLUB NEWS
 BY RON HOLISTON
 Vernon Curling Club Manager

Seventy teams start curling at 8 p.m. in the largest ladies' event of the season, the Silver Star Bonspiel.

The finals are scheduled Sunday at 8 p.m.

A lot of work goes into the spiel, by a lot of ladies. Sharon Murray, the drawmaster, reports it is the largest entry our ladies' spiel has ever had.

MIXED LEAGUE WIND-UP

Thirty teams competed in the Mixed League Wind-up Spiel.

Sandy Brown's team, with parents Norm and Fran, and Ruth Schaefer won the A event.

H event was won by Ron and Beth Houston with Wayne and Marjorie.

C event went to Hose and Ed Poitier with Bill and Marie Whitten.

KAMLOOPS SPIEL

Eight local teams will be taking part in the Kamloops Sportsman's Men's Spiel this weekend.

It is the largest spiel in this area and winds-up the curling season for many teams from throughout B.C.

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held last Monday, highlighted by election of officers.

One of the main topics was club membership. We are nearing capacity and one word that was used frequently was expansion.

At the next executive meeting, in April, a committee will be set-up to look into getting more curling ice for Vernon.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

II HOCKEY
 7:30 p.m. - Revelstoke Arena, Vernon Vikings vs Revelstoke Bruins (rescheduled game).

BANTAM GIRLS BASKETBALL
 B.C. championships in Castlegar 7 p.m. Trafalgar vs Clarence Fullon.

HURLING
 Interior five-pin championships get under way in Kamloops. Two Vernon teams competing.

CURLING
 Ladies' Silver Star Bonspiel gets under way at 8 p.m. at the Vernon Curling Club. Play continues to Sunday.

PONTIAC CUP
 Pontiac Cup championship races at Silver Star. Giant Stator was held today. Stator starts Friday at 9 a.m., and dual stator will be held on Saturday.

GIRLS' INDOOR SOCCER
 Playoffs at Recreation Complex 8 p.m. Kickers vs Cutlers, 8:45 p.m. Demons vs Overlanders.

WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL
 Semi-finals at VSSB 6:45 p.m. Enderby Ladies vs Blue Demons and Fireweeds vs Tropics.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TIGERCATS TO TRAIN ST. CATHARINES, ONT.
 Brock University announced Tuesday that Hamilton TigerCats of the Canadian Football League will hold their training camp at Brock from May 24 to June 17. About 75 players are expected to report for the training camp.

SPINKS GETS DEADLINE MEXICO CITY (AP) - The president of the World Boxing Council said Wednesday world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks will lose the WBC version of the title if he does not arrange a defence against Ken Norton, by midnight Friday night.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS
 MARCH, 1973
 Kamloops Rocketeers added insult to injury in the resumed second game of their seven game playoff series with Vernon. Escalated by adding a further goal for a final score of 6-3. In the fourth game played immediately later, Rocketeers beat Escos 4-2, giving Kamloops a 3-1 lead in the

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