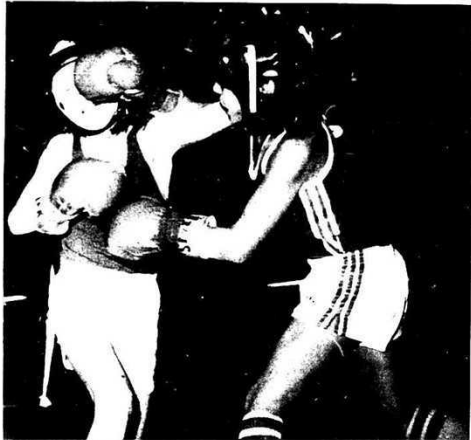


Alberta racers win titles



OUCH... Travis Harry of Pavilion lands a punch to the face of Vernon's Joe Herris, Wilson during the point bout at the Buckskin

Gloves Boxing Tournament on Friday night. However, the punch didn't hurt Wilson, and he bounced back to score a

unanimous decision. The tournament continues tonight at 7:15 p.m. at the Recreation Complex. (Daily News photo)

Alberta skiers won the Pontiac Cup men's and women's championships Friday, making it the second year in a row that skiers from western Canada won the event.

Chris McCready, 16, of Jasper, Alta., won the ladies' slalom Friday at Silver Star Mountain, after a second-place finish in the giant slalom Thursday, to take her second Pontiac women's championship with 113 points, 16 more than Lynda Robbins of Ivan Mills, Ont.

McCready won her first championships at the Pontiac final at Stornham, Que., two years ago.

WON BOTH
Vernon's Terry Watts, who placed sixth in the giant slalom and slalom races and finished the Pontiac championships with 143 points, a whopping 30 points ahead of his nearest challenger, Scott Hutchison, 18, of Huntville, Ont.

The three-day event ends today at the Star with a dual slalom race between eastern and western Canada skiers for the LeMans Challenge Trophy. The race does not count for series points.

McCready was clocked at 53.87 seconds on the 80-gate first run and 53.50 on the 57-gate second, for a total time of one minute and 47.37 seconds.

Lulu Korte, 19, of Ottawa

was second with 53.78 and 53.42, followed by Sylvie Matt, 19, of Silley, Que., in 53.82 and 53.56.

Vernon's only female competitor, Marjorie Cameron, had a combined time of two minutes and 18.91 seconds.

Hans and Hutchison went into Friday's final with 82 points each, but Hutchison did not finish either run.

ATHANS SECOND
Hans was clocked at 80.45 seconds on the 70-gate course and 87.83 on the 69-gate course. Gary Athans of Kelowna was second with times of 80.40 and 89.20, followed by Pierre Brazeau, 18, of Val Morin, Que., in 81.23 and 89.88.

Vernon's Terry Watts, who placed sixth in the giant slalom, did not finish his first run in the slalom. However, he placed seventh overall with 62 points, six more than Athans.

Best performance turned in by a Silver Star skier. In the slalom, was Dale Parkyn who had a two-run time of two minutes and 28.24 seconds.

The fog level hampered skiers Thursday, making skiing conditions excellent.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said, "We were very pleased to host the Pontiac Cup final. And judging from the comments from organizers and skiers, they loved Vernon and the Star."



SPEEDING towards the finish line during Friday's Pontiac Cup slalom event

is Banff's Greg Hann. Hann captured both the slalom and giant slalom

events, at Silver Star, to win the Pontiac Cup men's overall championship. (Daily News photo)

MEET THE COACH

Competition is tough for Vernon bowlers

Tom Koenig, bowling coach in the Vernon area for more than six years, feels the Youth Bowling Council play in Vernon is of a high calibre and among the best in the country.

The competition coming out of the youth leagues and going into the adult leagues, it gets harder each year for the old bowlers," he said.

"Our kids are a great bunch and I don't think we have ever had a bad one. All the kids are willing to learn and are cooperative. Most of them are easy to coach and catch on very quickly."

"The bowling in this town is great on a competitive level and we have had teams in provincial and national competitions almost yearly since 1968," he said. "The team I coach, the senior boys' team will be going to the provincial competition in Kelowna this weekend and I think we have as good a chance of continuing into national competition."

Since 1968, when the Youth Bowling Council started up in Vernon, there have been 10 teams go to provincial playoffs, six teams to national competition and numerous other distinctions. "For a town the size of ours, it is great to go and see kids representing the province and going up against larger centres," he said. "From a competitive point of view, we have one of the best programs around."

Koenig said his players put in a lot of practice time but they could always do with more. "The Lincoln Lanes have been just great for us and they don't charge a lot for our bowlers, which is something a lot of places don't do. Things like that really help the bowlers. They have to be on the lanes constantly to improve."

Koenig has been involved in bowling in Vernon for 26 years and said the club seems to improve every year. "With

the competition coming out of the youth leagues and going into the adult leagues, it gets harder each year for the old bowlers," he said.

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Cross-country skiers hold Wind-up Fun Fest

About 10 skiers took part in the North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club's recent Wind-up Fun Fest.

The event was held at Stuss - Cross-Country Area, near Fairland, and kicked off with a 10 kilometre race.

At Melland won the Stuss Trophy for first overall.

Age group winners were 12 and under: Brian Monckton, Jennifer Monckton, and Michael Melland.
13 to 19: Linda Smith, Laurel Smith, Iris Hesketh.
20 to 29: Margo Wallensten, Marlene Sokol.

Boys 20 to 29: Ken Cunningham, William Sokol.
Mixed 30 to 39: Heinz Stussi, Henry Monckton, Joan Monckton.
Girls 40 to 49: Liz Mueller, Boys 40 to 49: Al Melland, Keith Hewis, Heinz Mueller.
Girls over 50: Kathleen May, Flora Wylie, Heidi Muff.
Boys over 50: Carl Wylie, Peter Tassie, Ken May.

At the wind-up dance, Wylie, on behalf of the club, presented an engraved silver tray to club president Keith and Joan Hewis, to commemorate their 25th wedding anniversary.



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Vernon boxers win four bouts

Four Vernon boxers scored convincing victories at the Buckskin Gloves Boxing Tournament, on Friday night, at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

Only knockout of the night was recorded by Ronald McDonald of Pavilion who floored Clarence Prince of Port St. Jr. in an 80-pound junior novice bout.

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Juvenile series delayed

The opening game in the best-of-three B.C. juvenile semi-final series between Vernon and Kimberley, will be played at 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

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Vikings to host Blazers

Vernon Vikings can keep their slim playoff hopes alive tonight when they host the Okanagan Blazers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at 8:30 p.m.

Swimming

Level three swim meet at the Vernon Recreation Complex pool. Action runs tonight to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

Badminton

Okanagan High School Badminton championship, today at Clarence Fulton and Vernon Senior Secondary Schools Competition will continue to about 5 p.m.

Ladies Curling

Silver Star Bonspiel continues all weekend at the Vernon Curling Club. Final draw Sunday at 6 p.m.

Girls' Hockey

Lummy representing the Interior at the B.C. Girls' Hockey Championships in Victoria.

Honeybees' Volleyball

At Recreation Complex: 7 p.m. Friends vs. Sun-downers; 7:30 p.m. Uppers vs. Six Pack; two lower play at 8:15 p.m. Two winners play in championship game at 9 p.m.

Look Back Five Years

Steve Reynolds of the Winfield Raiders has been chosen the best sport-smartie player in the North Okanagan Hockey League this season.

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