

SPORTS

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Summer starts for the losers

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Ties, like sports records, are made to be broken.

That's what Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Islanders will do tonight—break their ties if they aren't too busy breaking each other's noses and committing other physical mayhem.

Each club has won its three home games in the best-of-seven National Hockey League quarter-final playoff, leaving this final game at the Nassau Coliseum the only obstacle between the winning club and the Stanley Cup semi-finals.

Summer starts late tonight for the loser of this penalty-filled series which has seen 338 minutes in punishment and any number of bumps, bruises, welts, cuts, ice bags and smelly salts.

ALL TO PLAY
The injury list, while lengthy, is irrelevant. Everyone able to lace on skates plays in a seventh game.

That includes New York veteran Ed Westfall, who will try to force one more effort out of a 37-year-old knee he probably shouldn't be torturing. —That includes Islanders rookie Mike Bossy, who escaped with an aching neck when checked head first into the end boards at Maple Leaf Gardens in the second period of Toronto's 5-2 win in the sixth game last Thursday. Bossy lay motionless on the ice for several minutes and

was taken to hospital on a stretcher, but was back at the arena before the game ended. —That includes New York centre Bryan Trottier, who collided thunderously into teammate Billy Harris after 46 seconds of play Thursday night and spent the rest of the contest on the bench holding an ice pack to the left side of his face.

WEARS MASK
Trottier will wear a cage-like mask affixed to his helmet to protect his tender jaw. The headgear will be similar to that worn by Toronto right winger Lanny McDonald, who has had his nose broken twice in the playoffs.

It will play nasty in this final contest, says Toronto coach Roger Neilson—who has maintained this philosophy since the series began. —The rougher the game is, the better it will be for us. We've outbit them throughout the series and taken them to overtime twice (here in Uniondale) so we're due. —

While outbitting the Islanders is important to Neilson, it's outscoring them that counts. A victory would send Toronto to Montreal on Tuesday night for the opener of a semi-final series against the defending champion Canadiens and Boston Bruins would meet Philadelphia Flyers in the other semifinal. Should New York win, the Islanders would proceed to Boston for a Tuesday night opener against the Bruins.



WATERPOLO COACH KIT Johansson (left) and Dave Poggemiller in preparation for recreation league scrimmage. (Daily News Photo)

MEET THE COACH

Waterpolo enthusiast lays roots in Vernon

Kit Johansson, Vernon waterpolo enthusiast, is in the process of laying roots for a Vernon, and hopefully, an Okanagan waterpolo league. Right now, we are just in the early stages of development here, holding a recreational waterpolo night every week. He said: "With luck, it could blossom into an Okanagan league and, possibly, we could send teams to provincial championships."

Johansson said he is presently teaching the people enrolled in the basics of the game, and that waterpolo night features a scrimmage. "I'm just trying to spread my knowledge around and I think

anyone with some swimming ability can come out and play. We can take people 14 years old and up and it is a great way to stay in shape."

LEARN QUICKLY
A few of the people presently going out to waterpolo have played the game before, but Johansson said the vast majority haven't. "It doesn't take too long to teach a person to play water polo at this level, and could probably organize a competitive team within the next year or so."

It is, there are people in town trying to form a ladies' team and a boys' under 19 team to play in the B.C. summer games. In Penticton this summer, Johansson said there is a fairly good coaching nucleus here in Vernon and has been involved in the sport in one capacity or another for 17 years. "I think the evolution of the sport here came as a result of several people having experience in the game arriving in town at about the same time. With the potential of players here and the experience of the coaching staff, there is no reason why we can't form some good teams here."

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Johansson is presently the president of the Canadian Waterpolo Association and has also served as president of the B.C. Waterpolo Association. "I think the contacts I have made through these positions will help us greatly in developing the sport here."

The only sports that come close in conditioning to waterpolo are soccer and rugby according to Johansson and the game is exciting to watch because it is continuous action. "You are moving all the time because even if you aren't involved in the play, you have to stay afloat when you are playing in deep water," he said. "All the top athletes in the sport are top players and even recreation leagues like the one we are trying to start are excellent for keeping people in shape."

Sixteen riders at clinic

Sixteen riders took part in a recent safety clinic held at the Vernon and District Riding Club grounds on Aberdeen Road, in Coldstream. Bill Ulmer showed the riders the correct method of tying up horses, how to check tack for wear, and several other areas of safety. One of the points Ulmer emphasized was that the legal side of the road, for horse and rider, is the right side. On the right, horses have the same privileges as a car. The club is holding a garage sale today, with a manure drive on Sunday. Anyone interested in having a truck load of manure delivered, for \$10, is asked to phone 542-8221. The club's first annual Quarterhorse show will be held on May 7, at the club grounds. There will be seating provided and spectators are welcome. On May 13, the club will be holding a ride. Participants are asked to meet at the club grounds, at 9:30 a.m. Take a halter, rope, lunch, and your horse. If it rains, the ride will be cancelled. Next general meeting will be June 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the clubhouse.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS
APRIL 1973
Another major first comes to pass here in the North Okanagan this weekend as the citizens of the Okanagan Indian band at head of the Lake stage a sanctioned Canadian professional rodeo.

BEATON JAILED
CINCINNATI (AP) — Prentice Beaton, player with Birmingham Bulls of the World Hockey Association, was jailed on Friday for punching a service station attendant. "We're not going to tolerate anything like this in this community over something as trivial as spilling gasoline on a car trunk," said Judge Joseph Leubers. The judge fined Beaton \$250 and suspended him but five days of a 180-day sentence. Beaton was ordered to begin the sentence immediately.

MORET BACK PITCHING
ARLINGTON, TEX. (AP) — Roger Moret, in a psychiatric facility since falling into a catenary tower April 12, resumed workouts with Texas Rangers pitching staff Friday. PITCHER MIGHT PAY \$100,000 IN DAMAGES, says Indiana Pacers met their \$60,000 payroll Friday, but the team's current owners, Arena Sports, Inc. and Market Square Associates.

ALL STAR WRESTLING

Friday, May 5 — 8 p.m.
Vernon Rec. Centre

John Quinn	VS	Black Avenger
Wayt Outlaw	VS	Volkoff & Roberts
Martino	VS	Goldie
Bouche	VS	Mitchell
General	VS	Hammer

Main Event
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Attorney-general warns junior loop

Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Wednesday he'll crack down on violence in junior hockey if owners don't take action immediately.

Gardom made the comment in reaction to a recent British Columbia hockey game in which junior hockey players were involved in a violent play.

Penticton Coach Terry Martin said his players wanted to bring the violence to the attention of the league, adding he was concerned that his players could be seriously injured or even killed.

DISGUSTED
The attorney-general said he is disgusted with the violence displayed by the teams and the league owners don't clean up their act, he'll do it for them.

Yern Dye, who was involved with the BCJHL for 12 years until he gave up his share of the Vernon Vikings on Friday, told the Daily News Nanaimo that he was disgusted with the problems in the league this season.

Dye said: "The violence in the BCJHL was no worse than in any previous year, with the exception of a few incidents. And those incidents usually involved the Clippers."

TWO BRAWLS
The two brawls took our team into Nanaimo twice and both times brawls erupted. And we had a very tame game there. —I agree with Gardom that the owners should clean up their act. But I would hope the attorney-general's office doesn't become involved because that would give the league and hockey in general, a bad reputation."

Gardom said he has asked owners to implement stiffer penalties for fighting and has suggested that any player



GARDE GARDOM ... disgusted



VERN DYE ... blames Clippers

Involved in a fight should be ejected from the game. He said, however, that it doesn't appear his suggestions have been taken to heart.

TOUGHER RULES
Dye said, "I don't think fighters should be thrown out of the game — I don't think that is the answer. Hockey is a rough, body contact sport and you will always have altercations. I thought we curbed

the brawling this season by making all players on the ice report immediately to their benches when a fight erupted. But, obviously tougher rules must be implemented."

Gardom agrees with actions taken in Ontario in curbing hockey violence. That province has threatened players with possible prosecution if they become involved in a fight.

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See This Color Film at
VERNON BAPTIST TEMPLE
April 30th — 6:00 p.m.
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, April 30th — 7:30 p.m.
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday, May 3rd — 7:00 p.m.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

- GOLFING**
Spallumcheen Golf Club, April Showers Golf Tournament gets under way, at 9 a.m. 176 golfers entered.
- Vernon Golf and Country Club, Attulac Tournament gets under way at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start.
- SENIOR SOCCER**
2 p.m., MacDonald Park, Vernon United vs. Penticton Midsons. National Hotel at Osoyoos Sage. Vernon Rovers at Kamloops. Kelowna Zodiaks at Rutland Trailers, and Osoyoos Rialtours at Kelowna Kickers.
- HIKING**
Vernon Outdoors Club hike to Blue Grouse Mountain. Meet at city hall, at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch.
- MINOR LACROSSE** (Civic Arena)
2 p.m., bantam practice (Brian Job)
3 p.m., bantam practice (John Setter)
4 p.m., bantam practice (Bernie Hauff)
5 p.m., midget practice (Morris Rachwalak)
6 p.m., midget practice (Greg Walakewski)



IN HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

Dirk Sigalek is one of three Vernon handball players taking part in a tournament this weekend in Prince George. The others, all members of the Vernon Squash and Racquet Centre, are Mike Sigalek and Jay Jarrett.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HYLANDS HIGH
Statistics released this week by the Canadian Rodeo Cowboys Association show the Hyland brothers of Salmom Arm, near the top in saddle bronc earnings. Will is currently ranked fourth with \$1813, while Mel is seventh with \$1611.

BOYER NAMED MANAGER
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ken Boyer, manager of Rochester Red Wings of the International League and a former major league player, was named manager Friday of St. Louis Cardinals of the National League August A. Busch Jr. chairman of the board and president of the baseball team, said in a brief statement that Boyer was chosen "after consideration of a number of candidates." Boyer takes over from Vern Happ, who was fired as manager of the Cardinals Tuesday while the team was in Montreal.

SKLADANY TO LIONS
PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Lions of the National Football League announced Friday they have signed Tom Skladany, former Ohio State punting star, to a multi-year contract. His negotiating rights were obtained from Cleveland Browns for the Lions' third-round draft choice this year, and next year's No. 7 pick.

WINGS SIGN DAVIS
HANS SIGN DAVIS — Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League have signed all-Canadian right wing, Mac Davis of St. Mary's hockey to a trout contract. Detroit scout Wayne Macsew said Friday Davis, a native of

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