

# Canadians name new coach



VERNON CANADIANS' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer, right, welcomes

the club's new coach, Greg Kviale, to Vernon, Kviale, who coached in Creston for

the past two years, returns to his native Saskatchewan every summer to farm.

Vernon Canadians (formerly Vikings), of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, have named a new coach.

Greg Kviale, 24, will take over the reins of the Canadians in September, after spending two years behind the bench of Creston, of the Kootenay International Junior 'B' League.

Kviale replaces Hank Wensley, who coached Vernon for the final four months of the 1977-78 season.

**DEDICATED**  
Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News the club feels very fortunate to get a man with Kviale's dedication to the game.

Bloomer said that Gary coach last year, in the KIJHL, semi-finals, against Spokane. I was very impressed with the way his club played hockey and the way he handled himself on the bench.

Kviale, a native of Wilcox, Sask., does not have a vast background in hockey. He played only a couple of years before coaching two years at the high school level, and then two years at Creston.

In Creston, with an expansion team in 1977, he guided the club to second-place and the division finals. Last season, they lost in the league finals to Castlegar.

Kviale said, "I don't think my age or lack of experience in hockey will hurt my coaching. The kids I coached in Creston were the same age as the ones here. In fact, in some aspects it may be easier coaching here because the club is run more like a business."

**DEDICATED**  
Kviale, who describes himself as a disciplinarian, will treat coaching as a full-time job for eight months. During the summer, he returns to Saskatchewan and farms.

**BRINGING HELP**  
Bloomer said hiring Kviale as a coach will have another advantage. The GM said, "Gary is planning on bringing five-to-10 of the best players from the KIJHL, over for tryouts. And when he comes back here in September, he'll be bringing a few guys with him from Saskatchewan."

Canadians will be holding a rookie camp, in early-September, prior to the main training camp.

# SPORTS

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ON THE LINKS

Brian O'Keefe is the honoree performer this week at the Vernon Golf and Country Club. O'Keefe fired a 36-hole total of 143 to win the Interior Men's Championship last

weekend in Kelowna. He will be taking part in the B.C. Amateur Tournament, July 16, at the Uplands Golf Club, in Victoria. (Daily News Photo)

## DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

**COLLY BASEBALL**  
4 p.m. in Kelowna Tournament, Cougar Equipment vs. Kelowna.

**MAJOR MEN'S FASTBALL**  
6:30 p.m. Alexis Park, Kal Tire vs. Lumby Royals.

**WOMEN'S 3 FITCH (6:30 p.m.)**  
Bookland Bombers vs. OK Tel Polecats and Peavey Sound vs. Dynamite vs. VSSS: Glow Worms vs. Rebel and Goodwin-Burnham vs. Evergreen Turf at West Vernon. Credit Union vs. Smitty's Speed at Armoury Park.

**MINOR SOCCER**  
Division 2: OK Builders vs. 1 and 2 Electric and Roy's Tire vs. Elks 5:30 p.m. at MacDonald; Kal Tire vs. Lumby (6:30 p.m. at Creekside).

**Division 3: Tractor Masters vs. Vernon Sport and Theraft vs. Nick's Randy 10:30 p.m. at MacDonald; Lloyd's Husky vs. Post Control (6:30 p.m. at Creekside).**

**SENIOR LACROSSE**  
8:30 p.m. Armstrong Arena, Kelowna Bruins vs. Armstrong Shamrocks.

**MINOR SOCCER SATURDAY**  
Interior playdowns: 11 a.m., MacDonald Park, Silco Electric vs. Prince George (division 7); 2:30 p.m. McArthur Island Park, Kamloops vs. Silco (division 5).

**GOLFING**  
Okanagan Telephone Golf Tournament gets under way at 8 a.m. at Vernon Golf and Country Club.

**SWIMMING**  
Vernon Kokanee's hosting final swim meet of the year at Vernon Recreation Complex pool. Three clubs competing.

**MINOR LACROSSE**  
9:30 a.m., Civic Arena, Kinmen vs. Bennetta (pee wee).

11 a.m., Civic Arena, Kelowna 2 vs. M and K Ready Mix (bantam).

12:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Armstrong vs. A-1 Windshield (bantam).

10 a.m., Armstrong Arena, Smittys vs. Armstrong (tyke).

12 noon, Armstrong Arena, Armstrong vs. Vernon Blues (midgett).

## Kimoto victorious in tourney

Ray Kimoto won two trophies in the recent Kalamaka Country Club annual tennis tournament.

Kimoto used his experience to defeat speedy Bob Corbett 6-3 and 6-2 in the men's final. He then combined with Wally Morgan to capture the men's doubles crown. Kimoto and Morgan downed John Johnson and Sunny Zimmerman 6-0, 4-6, and 6-0 in the doubles final.

The mixed doubles title was won by Helen and Larry Bennetto who defeated Leslie and Frank Cole in a squeaker, 7-6 and 6-4.

Helen Bennetto and Sherrie Humphreys teamed up to win the ladies' doubles championship by downing Fran Eastwood and Pam Melowes in the final.

The ladies' singles event was a repeat of last year with Leslie Cole having little difficulty disposing of Cathy Irons, 6-2 and 6-1.

## Kelowna goalie keeps game close

Jamie McKenzie scored the only goal of the third period, at 13:34, to give Vernon Tigers an 8-7 victory over Kelowna Bruins in Interior Lacrosse Association action Thursday night at the Rutland Arena.

The win stretches Tigers' unbeaten streak to 12 games in I.A. play.

However, the story of Thursday's game was the heroics of Vernon goaltender Mike Neil. Neil, with a little help from the goalposts, played the game of his life. Goalkeeper saves were not counted, but a conservative estimate would give Neil at least 80 stops. And Vernon rallied to a 2-1 lead in the final minutes.

Gary Holte scored twice for the winners while Terry Knodell, Dan Holte, Bill Kirkland, Gary Turk, Dale Rintoul, and McKenzie collected solos.

Frank Broeders, with two goals, Randy Smith, Doug Parent, Larry Rauluk, Keith Maguire, and Greg Claggett replied for the second-place Bruins.

Tigers were missing eight regulars and had only 12 players dressed. However, Coach Bill Roth refused to use that as an excuse.

**LIKE A MORGUE**  
Roth said, "I don't know what it is about that Rutland Arena, but we always play terrible there. Maybe it is because it is like going into a morgue. Thank goodness we don't have to go back there."

All Bruins' future home games will be played at Kelowna Memorial Arena. Kevin Holte went all the way between the pipes for Tigers, but again, no saves were kept. Bruins were assessed five of nine minor penalties in one of the cleanest games played this season.

I.L.A. action resumes tonight, in Armstrong, when the Shamrocks host Kelowna. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

**GOALPOSTS**  
Ex-Tiger Gilles Berezus was in the stands at Thursday's game. He hopes to secure his release from Coquitlam Advance and be eligible to play this weekend in Rossland.

Rugged Gary Glibhart, who has been out of action for three weeks with a broken finger, will return to action for the two games against the Redmen. He is getting married Saturday.

## Hotelmen alone on top of league

Kal Hotel moved into sole possession of first place in the Vernon Major Men's Fastball League with a 3-2 victory over Lumby Athletics on Thursday night in Lumby.

The win gives the Hotelmen 17 points, one more than Tradeland Realty and Kal Tire.

On Thursday, the clubs were level in scores in the fifth inning, when each team scored once. Kal took a 2-1 lead in the sixth and made it 3-1 in the top of the seventh. Garney Howard singled in the seventh, went to third base on an outfielding error, and scored on a fielder's choice when Art Beck led off with a double, advanced to third on a fielder's choice, and scored on another fielder's choice.

Winning pitcher Ken Richardson gave up six hits while the loser, Ernie Robatek, limited Kal to five hits.

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## Lacrosse playoffs scheduled

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association Commissioner Fred McKenzie today announced playoff dates for four divisions.

A double knockout midgett tournament will be held June 17 and 18, in Kelowna, with five teams competing.

The bantam playoffs, hosted by Vernon, will be the same weekend in the Rutland Arena. The games will be played in Rutland because the Civic Arena will be closed for renovations and the outdoor box, in Coadstream, is not completed.

Armstrong is scheduled to host the novice and pee wee championships on June 24 and 25.

A one-game 'C' final has been tentatively scheduled for the new Vernon outdoor box pending completion of the facility.

## Panther Camp starts in July

The third annual Panther Hoop Camp will get under way July 3 at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

The camp, under the direction of Vernon Panthers Coach Rick Inrig, is designed to develop fundamental basketball skills.

The season for boys going into Grades 9, 10 and 11 will be held July 3 to 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Grades 8, 9 and 10 girls will attend the camp from July 10 to 14, during the same hours.

A special elementary camp for Grade 8 and 7 students will run from July 3 to 7, also from 9 a.m. to noon, at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

Instructors will include Steve Kim from Okanagan College, Brent Krusel of Calgary's Mt. Royal College, Glenn Stinson of VSSS Panthers, Dawn Wetzel of VSSS Royals, and Jill Hewitt of OK College.

Guest coaches will be Bob Shannon of Sutton, Ray Kimoto of Seaton, and Dave Jamieson of Kalamaka.

BY INRIG  
Registration fee, payable by June 21, is \$30 for Grades 8, 9 and 10, and \$20 for elementary students.

For further information write to Inrig, 13511 Sumac Lane, Vernon.



RICK INRIG... camp director

## Baseball tournament in Kelowna

Vernon's Cougar Equipment team is taking part in the Kelowna Invitational Soft Baseball Tournament this weekend.

The Vernon squad, which has been strengthened by the addition of five players from Lumby Loggers and Peter's Theraft, plays its first game today at 4 p.m. against Kelowna.

The locals return to action on Saturday morning. Co-ordinator Art Beck said, "This is our first out-of-town tournament so we don't really know what to expect from our opposition. But, we have a well-balanced club and I think we'll do well."

There are five Okanagan teams and one from the coast, entered.

**CONNORS UNBIBED**  
BECKENHAM, England (AP) - Jimmy Connors, Wimbledon champion, has been snubbed by London's Queen's Club as the headquarter of British tennis. The club confirmed Thursday they have withdrawn his pre Wimbledon practice facilities here.

Connors refuses to play in their \$10,000 Grand Prix event from June 18-20.

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