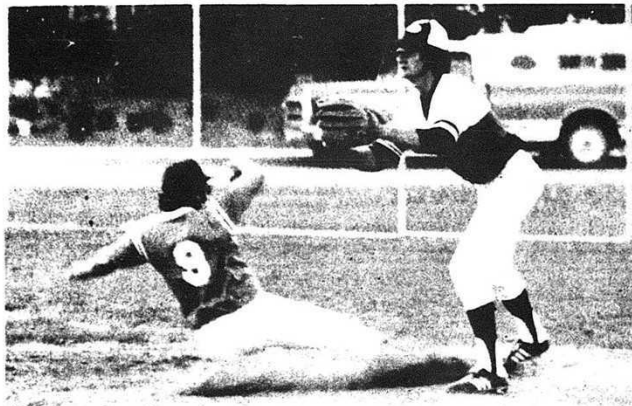


# Rocks reach finals



**KAL TIRE** runner Ken Argue gets doubled-up at first base, after a line drive, during Monday's Major Men's Fastball League game at Alexis Park. Making the catch is Lumbly first sacker Earl Rouck. Tirmen evened the best-of-three semi-final series 1-1 by posting a 7-0 victory. (Daily News Photo)

Armatrong Shamrocks have advanced to the finals of the Kelowna Association finals. Shamrocks defeated Kelowna Bruins 13-8 Monday night, in the Regatta City, to the best-of-three semi-finals 2-1.

The finals will open Wednesday night in Armatrong with first-place Vernon Tigers taking on the Rocks. Tigers are playing their home games in Armatrong due to the renovation program at the Vernon City Arena.

Monday's game was a wild one, marred by a third period foul play. The game started when I.L.A. penalty king Randy Smith, of Kelowna, tangled with Armatrong's Dunc McDonald.

**POLICE CALLED**  
After the fight was over, tensions continued to flare until an arena attendant turned off most of the lights in the building. Both teams were sent to their dressing rooms and police were called to restore order.

Both teams were assessed 20 penalty minutes.

Jack Prokopski scored three times for the Rocks while Bird Henderson and McDonald added two apiece. Armatrong's Singles went to Jim Maundrell, Ken McGregor, Kim Patten, Stu Fitzpatrick, Adrian Lemaire, and Lance McGregor, who also added five assists.

Three of four midgets, called up for the game, scored for Kelowna. Randy Werbig blinked the red light twice while Doug Talayna and Chris Rea notched singles. Bruins' other snipers were Greg Caggett, with a pair, Bert Parent, and Smith.

The teams were tied 4-4 at the end of the first period and Shamrocks led 9-6 after the second.

Parent, the Bruins' player-coach, said, "I thought our guys played very well. We were missing a few key players who could have made a difference."

**FIFTY-goal man** Keith Maguire was out of action, with a broken nose, as was Dave Newman and Bob Webber, both with knee injuries.

## KENDALL'S KORNER

### BCJHL has company

Swimmers, water skiers, and sunbathers are enjoying a beautiful Okanagan summer. But, in less than two months, the hockey season gets under way.

One league that is going to have its problems this year is the B.C. Junior Hockey League, and in particular, the Interior Division.

The BCJHL has been plagued by poor attendance and financially-troubled teams for several years. The last thing the league needed is competition — and that is what its god, Intermediate hockey has returned to the Interior and you can bet your bottom dollar it is going to hurt the juniors.

**HARDEST HIT**  
Hardest hit will be Kamloops Chiefs. Kamloops Cowboys, a collection of ex-pros and junior graduates, played an exhibition intermediate schedule last year and drew in excess of 1,000 fans per game. This year, as a member of the tough Cariboo Hockey League, the Cowboys are expecting to average between 1,000 and 1,500 spectators.

Chiefs, on the other hand, averaged about 300 fans last year, and with the Cowboys going strong, may not be able to give tickets away.

In the Okanagan, Kelowna Buckaroos, Revelstoke Bruins and Vernon Vikings are going to feel the pinch from the North Okanagan Hockey League. The NOHL has been around for a long time, but has never been as strong.

**IN KELOWNA**  
In the 1977-78 season, the NOHL improved in leaps and bounds. The two Kelowna area teams, Molson and Westside Packers, drew large crowds most of the season. In fact, when they met in playoffs, the fans were hanging from the rafters at the Sutherland and Mt. Bouchette Arenas.

On the other hand, Kelowna Buckaroos, one of the BCJHL's most stable franchises, experienced a sharp drop in attendance last year. Part of the drop can be attributed to less than sensational season by the Bucks. But, the NOHL hurt a lot too.

In Vernon, the two NOHL teams didn't draw particularly well. But, neither did Vernon Vikings.

With one strong NOHL team in the city this year, Vikings have their work cut out. Unless the juniors can provide fans with a winner, Sport Cougars may turn local spectators into intermediate supporters.

The Revelstoke Bruins are in trouble. Bruins drew only family and friends last year and with the Selkirks in the NOHL, even their kin might desert them.

**FAN FAVORITES**  
Selkirks have long been the fan favorites in Revelstoke. But, when the Monashee League folded after the 1976-77 season, they had no place to play. The NOHL admitted Selkirks this year as a replacement for the Vernon team which folded — and that could spell doom for the Bruins.

By Christmas, we'll know if intermediate and junior hockey can live together in the Interior.

Because of low budgets and limited travelling, the intermediates will have no difficulty. But, with budgets of \$50,000 to \$90,000, the junior A teams could be hard-pressed to survive.

## DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

**JUVENILE BASEBALL**  
6 p.m., Polson Park, Vernon vs. Kelowna in sudden-death playoff game.

**MAJOR MEN'S FASTBALL** (8:30 p.m.)  
Kal Tire vs. Lumbly Royals at Lumbly Ballpark; Tradeland Realty vs. Kal Hotel at Alexis Park. (Both semi-final series tied 1-1).

**SENIOR CO' LADIES**  
7 p.m., Kelowna, Coldstream Hotel vs. McClelland Logging.

**SOCCER COACHES' CLINIC**  
7:30 p.m., MacDonald Park, all coaches invited.

**WOMEN'S SLOWPIECH** (6:30 p.m.)  
ALVSS: Peter's Falls vs. Dynamites; Boomers Auto vs. Peavey Sound; Commonage Kittens vs. Evergreen Turf; Almida vs. Dizzy Lizzy's.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**HOLDS AUTOPEY**  
BOLOGN — Italy (AP) — An autopsy on the body of middleweight boxer Angelo Jacoppucci showed that his fatal bout with Britain's Alan Minter, officials said Monday. They reported slight damage to the brain and rupture of two veins in the same area, but said they may have been caused by the emergency surgery Jacoppucci, 29, underwent after being knocked out. He died Friday.

**SKIER IN HOSPITAL**  
LAUSANNE, Switzerland (Reuters) — Swiss ski star Lise-Marie Morerod has a fracture of the spinal column and likely will be in hospital for several months, doctors said Monday. They ligged the statement after Morerod, 22, World Cup winner in 1977 and runner-up this year, was transferred to Lausanne's University Hospital from a hospital at Martigny for treatment of injuries suffered in a car accident Saturday.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**  
JULY, 1973  
Kelowna's Dave Barr, who won last week's Ogegope Open has been named to Golf World's second All-American NCAA team.

## Daily News SPORTS Page

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6 VERNON DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1978

## Both series now deadlocked

Kal Tire hammered Lumbly Royals 7-0 and Tradeland Realty thrilled Kal Hotel 6-2 in Major Men's Fastball League semi-final action on Monday night.

Both best-of-three series are now tied 1-1.

At Alexis Park, Dave Friesen threw a three-hitter to lead Kal Tire past the Royals. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth when Rick Cuckey singled and came home on Mike Perspokin's home run. Then, Al Wejr singled and trotted home on Friesen's runner-up.

Tirmen added three more runs in the fifth inning. Cuckey went to first on a fielder's choice, to third on a drive, and scored on a passed ball.

Dave Johnson, who reached base on the error, and Perspokin, who was safe on a fielder's choice, both scored on Wejr's single.

Gerald Altvasser, who was relieved in the fourth inning by Earl Rouck, was tagged with the loss.

Ken Argue laid down three successful sacrifice bunts for Tirmen.

In Lumbly, Realtors scored three runs in the first and another three in the third to take a 6-0 lead.

Kal Hotel got its only runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

**THE HERO**  
The hero for Tradeland was pitcher Grant Jordan. Jordan pitched a tremendous game, limiting the Hotelmen to five hits.



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Calgary offence adds ex-Bomber

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Mark McDonald will be a man with a mission tonight when he dresses for Calgary Stampede in a Canadian Football League game in Vancouver against British Columbia Lions.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL ROUND-UP

By THE CANADIAN PRESS AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST... Boston... Milwaukee... Baltimore... New York... Detroit... Cleveland... Toronto...

Martin resigns after long battle



DON MURDOCH... pleaded guilty

Murdoch suspended for year

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Rangers right winger Don Murdoch, who pleaded guilty in court last April 24 to possession of cocaine, says his future in the National Hockey League is uncertain after being slapped with one of the stiffest suspensions in recent league history.

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Yankees pitching coach Bob Lemon was suspended for 30 days Monday, Billy Martin coked the gun. When he sharply criticized the outfielder, Martin in fact aimed it right at his own head.

Rose continues hitting rampage

NEW YORK (AP) — Resounding the chant of a knick-hostile Shea stadium crowd, Cincinnati's Pete Rose tied the modern National League baseball record in a streak of 37 consecutive games Monday, striking a pair of singles in the Reds' victory over New York Mets.

Mitchell refuses to report

BALTIMORE (AP) — Running back Lydell Mitchell's fines continued to mount up Monday as he remained away from Baltimore Colts' training camp.

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