

Rocks edge Australians



AUSTRALIAN lacrosse Coach Ken Read is leading his club on a tour of B.C. prior to competing at the Commonwealth Games in

Edmonton. At the games, the Aussies will play the Alberta senior 'B' champions. (Kevin Holte Photo)

The touring Australian national lacrosse team gave Armstrong Shamrocks and a capacity crowd of about 1,000 fans quite a surprise on Friday night.

After losing 5-8 earlier this week to North Vancouver Indians, the Aussies were expected to get humbled by Armstrong. However, the Rocks had to scramble in the third period to post a 17-14 win.

Shamrocks' spokesman Murray Ellis told the Daily News he was impressed with the Australians.

Ellis said, "They team fast. They were a little shaky for a while, but they were sure pressing in the third period."

The Aussies, who had never played box lacrosse before arriving in Canada this week, trailed 4-2 after the first period and 8-2 after the second. In the third, they dominated play and outscored their hosts 12-9.

TOOK LEAD

The game started on a friendly note with Armstrong's defence playing loose and the visitors taking a 1-0 lead. However, then the Rocks realized they were in a game — a

game enjoyed by every fan in the stands. Jack Prokopetz scored five goals for the Shamrocks while Wayne Christian and Jim Maudsley added two apiece. Singles went to Calvin White, Duncan McDonald, Kim Fulton, Adrian Lemaire, Kelly O'Brien, Tony Walcott, Bird Henderson, and Garth Gill.

Doug Carter replied with three goals for the Aussies while Paul Mollison, Dennis Newman, Norm Haley, and Peter Swainger each scored twice. Graeme Artrrim, Mark Steglen, and Greg Mollison added solos.

STICK CHECK

One advantage the Aussies had as a result of their field lacrosse background, was their stick check. When beat one-on-one, they use a long-swinging and dangerous swoop of their stick to check the Rocks.

Australia winds up its tour of B.C. on Sunday when it meets the Prince George Royals.

Next week, at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, the Aussies will play two games against Alberta teams.

MEET THE COACH

Australian coach loves Canadian game

By KEVIN HOLTE

The fact that the Australians have caught onto Canada's National Game of box lacrosse so well may present a major breakthrough in popularizing the game.

Australian coach Ken Read, upon discovering the fastest game on two feet in 1972 when he took in a senior game in Toronto while touring Canada with his field team, loves the Canadian game.

"I would love to see a world championships, it is such a great spectator sport. It would be simply fantastic," said Read.

The Aussies, who paid their own way here and bought all of their own equipment, are working strenuously and are determined to take home as much information on box lacrosse as possible.

ONLY CANADA Australia, United States and England are all known for their field lacrosse while only Canada plays box lacrosse to any degree.

The Aussies have had to endure a number of adjustments to their game. "Box lacrosse is a far more physical. We expected it to be rough, but not quite this rough. Also, we are in our winter now and going from 8-9 degree weather to 20 below is a lot out of you."

The touring club has been practicing in gyms to get used to bounce shots and indoor box for about six months, however, during this time they were also playing field lacrosse and had to adapt to the change every other day.

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legal in field but a penalty in box) and the next week's crosscheck. One day we'd take an unlimited number of steps to make a hit (legal in field) and the next day it would be changing."

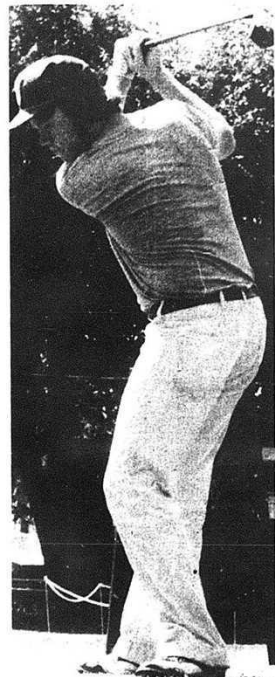
The young team, comprised mostly of second and third string field players, have a few other adjustments to make as well.

"In field you can't touch a player when he doesn't have the ball. We realize the difference very quickly against North Shore."

A good North Shore St. B team beat the Aussies 5-8 in their first game here. The Australians were hung on defence but a scrimmage and short clinic with the Vancouver Burrards helped solve that problem.

SHOTS ACCURATE "In box lacrosse you have to get back quicker and pick up the first man you see. Also, the shots have to be more accurate because of the smaller goal."

Read also expressed concern over the refereeing.



ON THE LINKS

(Daily News Photo)

Vernon's Brian O'Keefe will be one of four teenagers representing B.C. at the Canadian Junior Golf Championships later this month in Nova Scotia. O'Keefe qualified after playing eight rounds of golf, in nine days, on the coast. He will be playing in a tournament in Wenatchee, Wash. next week.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S SLOWPITCH
The Women's Sun Dogger Slowpitch League action this week the scores were: Peavey Sound 8; Dizzy Lizzy's 7; Commongame Kittens 11; Pete's Pals 8; Dynamites 19; Evergreen Turf 12; Boomers 20; Almadra 7; Dizzy Lizzy's 8; Dynamites 6; and Peavey Sound 21, Commongame Kittens 11.

MEN'S SLOWPITCH
In Men's Sun Dogger Slowpitch League action this week the scores were: 1 and 2 Electric 8; Allison Hotel 4; LCB Braves 16; Blue Mtn. Boys 6; Crew 20; 20; Blues 5; Royal Rebels 17; Trinity Thunder 9; National's 22; National B's 10; and Leduc Cats over CUPE Selects by default.

SETS HIGH JUMP RECORD
BESICIA, Italy (AP) — Sara Simoni of Italy bettered the women's world high jump record Friday, becoming only the second woman in history to clear two metres. Simoni, 28, jumped 2.01 metres, netting by one centimetre the existing record of her rival, Rosemarie Ackermann of East Germany.

WINS JUMP-OFF
HICKSTED, England (Reuters) — Ireland's James Korman won a 12-hour jump-off on Friday to win the first event at the international horse jumping meet. Korman won the Willaflicked Tankarv by clocking his clear round in 47 seconds. David Broome of Britain was second

with a 47.8-second clear round. Terry Litchel of Toronto was third on Sympatco with a clear round in 49 seconds.

EXTENDS CONTRACT
CHICAGO (AP) — Montreal Expos announced Friday they have extended right-handed pitcher Steve Rogers's contract through 1983. Rogers, 28, had two years to go on his previous contract and received an additional four years. Terms were not announced. Rogers currently has a 12-7 record with a 2.42 earned run average.

FILES SUIT
CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Indians' president Gabe Paul said Friday his lawyers have filed a \$11-million suit against New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner for holding up sale of Yankees stock owned by Paul and F.J. O'Neill.

Paul, who resigned as president of the American League baseball Yankees and came to Cleveland last year, said he and O'Neill have a buyer for their stock.

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Junior star comes home for final year

Vernon Canadians, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, got just what the doctor ordered on Friday.

General Manager Sheldon Bloomer announced that local product Terry Lowe has decided to play his final year of junior hockey in Vernon.

For the past two seasons, Vernon has lacked a reliable goal scorer, but Lowe will solve that problem in his last two years, in the Alberta Junior 'A' League. Lowe scored more than 100 goals, including 60 last season.

Bloomer said, "Players like Terry don't come along every day. I'm very happy to get a player with his ability."

THREE YEARS
Lowe played minor hockey in Vernon before leaving for Alberta and a three-year stint with the Taber Golden Suns. Despite playing eight in the league in scoring last season, he was not called up for any games by the parent Lethbridge Broncos.

Lowe's father, Odie, coached Vernon to two provincial championships in the early 70's.

Odie said, "I think Terry is excited about playing his final year of junior hockey in his hometown. He is still disappointed about not being called up by Lethbridge, but he is looking forward to playing here."

LACK SIZE
Only knock against the 20-year-old centre is his size. At 150 pounds, he is considered too small for tier one hockey.

Odie said, "When Terry graduated from midget, a lot of people thought he was too small for tier two, but he proved them wrong. He'll go in the corners with anyone and you'll never see him back down."

Canadians' season tickets are on sale at several outlets in the North Okanagan including Ernie's Esso and the Longhorn Pub.



TERRY LOWE, who has been one of the most prolific goal scorers in the Alberta Junior 'A' Hockey League for the past three seasons, will be wearing a

Vernon Canadians uniform this winter. Lowe, 20, has scored 60 goals and had 124 points last season with Taber Golden Suns

DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
MEN'S SUNDODGER SLOWPITCH (TIGER DIVISION)					
1 & 2 Electric	6	6	0	0	12
National's	6	4	2	0	8
National B's	6	2	4	0	4
Blue Mountain Boys	6	2	4	0	4
3rd St. All Stars	6	1	5	0	2
Fraser Canyon	6	1	5	0	2
MEN'S SUNDODGER SLOWPITCH (PANTHER DIVISION)					
Crew 303	6	5	1	0	10
Koo Crew	6	5	1	0	10
National's	6	2	4	0	4
Vernon Optical	6	2	3	0	4
No hitters	6	0	6	0	0
Blues	6	0	6	0	0
MEN'S SUNDODGER SLOWPITCH (COUGAR DIVISION)					
Allison Hotel	6	5	1	0	10
Alison Hotel	6	4	2	0	8
LCB Braves	6	4	2	0	8
Boomers	6	3	3	0	6
Falcons	6	1	5	0	2
WOMEN'S SUNDODGER SLOWPITCH					
Peavey Sound	7	5	1	1	11
Dizzy Lizzy's	7	5	1	1	11
Boomers	7	2	4	0	4
Commongame Kennel Kittens	7	4	3	0	8
Drea mats	7	3	4	0	6
Evergreen Turf	7	2	5	0	4
Blues' Pals	7	2	5	0	4
Almadra	7	0	7	0	0

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BASEBALL
In Quesnel: Enderby Legionnaires in B.C. Senior Baseball Championships. Six teams competing until Monday.

In Richmond: Vernon Kamloops representing the Okanagan in the B.C. Juvenile Baseball Championships.

SLOWPITCH
Molson Men's Slowpitch Tournament at Polson and Alexis Parks. 16 teams competing until Monday.

GOLFING
B.C. Royal Canadian Legion Golf Championship at Vernon Golf and Country Club. 165 entries. Final round on Sunday.

CRICKET
Sixth annual Falkland Pony Cricket and Crickwagon Races at the Stampede Grounds. Events start today, Sunday and Monday at 9 a.m.

Vernon Club ladies' draw

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7:30 a.m. T. Kirk, D. Blois, F. Blantley,
7:45 a.m. J. Netherill, K. Bjornson, I. Bilinski,
7:55 a.m. K. Kindrachuk, P. Whately, P. Davis,
8:05 a.m. P. Taylor, L. Henderson, T. Chapman,
8:15 a.m. A. Haber, G. Holland, E. Brown,
8:25 a.m. F. Whiting, J. Stowell, M. Merrin,
8:35 a.m. T. Trickett, S. Ogasawara, D. Gustafson.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

AUGUST, 1973
With local super stock taking it week off, modified stocks from Langley along with flatirons and modifieds put on a fine show at Tillikum Raceways Saturday.