

SPORTS

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Canadians lose four hopefuls

Vernon Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer received some bad news on Wednesday.

Four members of last year's team, who were counted on to form the nucleus of this season's club, may spend the 1978-79 season in the Western Canada Hockey League.

Centre Mike Winther and left wing Darren Hataas looked good in an intra-squad game on Tuesday night and may stick with Medicine Hat Tigers.

IN CALGARY

Calgary Wranglers are down to 28 players and right wing Scott Cozens is still on the roster. And Edmonton, which took over the Elm Farm franchise this year, is impressed with right wing Mike Johnson.

Bloomer said, "That is

great for the kids, but it sure leaves us with a lot of holes to fill. We might still get one or two of them back, but we can't count on it."

At the Canadian's rookie camp on Wednesday in Enderby, there were 28 players on the ice.

LOOKED GOOD

Two Vernon minor hockey prospects, who spent last winter in Alberta, have impressed Bloomer.

He said "(Rich) Creelman and (Terry) Geter have looked good out there. I think they can both help our club."

Creelman didn't play most of the 1977-78 season while Geter spent the year playing college and juvenile hockey in Calgary.

The rookie camp continues until Sunday, when the main camp gets under way.



VERNON CANADIANS of the B.C. Junior Hockey League are holding a five-day rookie camp this week

in the Enderby Arena. About 30 players are battling for places on the team this season. Steven

Kelly, left and Kevin Salfour practice a faceoff as Rod Trentini drops the puck. Five to 10 of the

rookies will be selected to attend the team's regular training camp scheduled to start on Sunday. (Joan Bond Photo)

Navratilova and Evert expect to meet in final

NEW YORK (AP)—They'll tell you the same cliché, but don't be fooled. After No. 1 seed Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Chris Evert were expected to meet in the final, they expect to be facing each other across the net at the U.S. Open.

At stake will be the women's singles championship, a No. 1 ranking and as much pride as these two women can muster. "You don't rise to the top in a very competitive sport without having a special feeling inside that says No. 1 is the only numeral worth having."

"I'm not any more confident than I was before, but I'm going to enter into the final," said Navratilova, the Czech expatriate who was "pushed" too hard Wednesday in downing longtime Eastern European opponent Virginia Ruzici of Romania 6-3, 6-2.

"I'm just taking one match at a time," said the 25-year-old resident of Dallas said. "I'm just getting closer to (the final), that's all."

Evert was tested a bit more in her match against 16-year-old Tracy Austin of Rolling Hills, Calif., proving stronger and steadier, and prevailing 7-6, 6-1.

FLEASHED WITH SERVE

"In the second set I played very well," said the 22-year-old Floridian, who is bidding to become the first woman in more than 40 years to win this event four straight times. "I'm very pleased, especially with my serve. I'm getting better with every match."

The semi-final opponents of the top two seeds were to be decided today when 18-year-old Pam Shriver, the No. 3 seed from Lutherville, Md.,



BJORN BORG ... meets Ramirez

Ramirez of Mexico and No. 2 Jimmy Connors meets No. 6 Brian Gottfried in men's quarter-final action.

In the men's singles Wednesday, two native New Yorkers waltzed into the semi-finals. No. 5 seed Vitas Gerulaitis volleyed deftly in crushing Jimmy John Kriek of South Africa 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. No. 15 John McEnroe polished off Bueh Wails of Phoenix 6-1, 6-2, 7-6.

Kriek, who had a relatively easy draw into the quarter-finals, had his serve broken eight times in the match, doublefaulting 16 times.

A record night crowd for the Open, 15,794, showed up for the Gerulaitis-Kriek match, setting a record total for one day—30,550.

The doubles action heated up Wednesday with the American duo of Marty Riessen and Sherwood Stewart cutting heavy favorites Frew McMillan and Bob Hewitt of South Africa 2-6, 6-2, 7-6. After match point, the volatile Hewitt threw a temper tantrum, pounding his racket three times against the top of the net.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WVHL MEETING

The Western Valley Hockey League will be holding a general meeting Friday at 7 p.m. at the Laramie Hotel. Each team must be represented by two members.

IN FINAL

Four Vernon players have reached the playoffs in the annual Okanagan Tennis Championships, scheduled to end on Sunday. Ray Kimoto is in the men's semi-finals and has teamed up with Lesley Cole to reach the mixed doubles semi. Bob Moffatt and George Calveley are in the men's doubles semi while Cole has reached the ladies' finals.

TAKE VOLLEYBALL TITLE

MOSCOW (AP)—Cuba won the women's world volleyball championship for the first time Wednesday in Leningrad, beating Japan 15-6, 15-9, 15-10. It was reported by Tass, the Soviet news agency. The Soviet Union finished third by defeating South Korea 3-1. In other final games, Hungary beat Canada 3-0 and the Canadians finished 14th in the tournament.

SIGN CONTRACT

BALTIMORE (AP)—Designated hitter Lee May of Baltimore Orioles has signed a two-year contract extending through the 1980 season, the American League baseball club announced Wednesday night. No terms were announced. The 25-year-old May has 94 homers and 380 RBI in four seasons with the Orioles since being acquired in a trade with Houston Astros.

MICHIGAN'S WIFE

CHARGED

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. (CP)—Celeste Genoa Metcalf, wife of Toronto Aeros football star Terry Metcalf, is scheduled to appear in court in Brampton Sept. 15 on a charge of possession of marijuana. RCMP Toronto International Airport said Wednesday that Mrs. Metcalf, 34, was charged last Thursday after Toronto officers discovered 3.8 ounces of the drug in her luggage en route to Toronto from St. Louis at the time.

Two Vernon skaters pass Sixth Figure Test

Seventy skaters from throughout Western Canada, including 40 from the Vernon area, took part in the recently completed Summer Skating School in the Vernon Curling Club.

Test days were held in mid-July and August, and 40 years of age and over.

Registrar Marilyn Prentice noted, "We were very pleased with the high percentage of tests passed including the gold figure and gold free skate tests by Christine McBeth of Kelowna. She already held medals in dance and pair."

"We were also happy that

two local club members, Cathy Coburn and Kelly Prentice, passed their Sixth Figure Test and moved one step closer to their ambition of becoming gold medalists."

Complete test results were:

Preliminary Figure—Vikki Harman, Tannis Chambers, Darlene Gelsbrecht, Lucy Wagner, Antonette Valente, Sheryl Cullum, Robin Tanaka, Nadene Potter.

First Figure—Tannis Oxnary, Diana Hancke, Jamie Hurry, Tracy McGill, Jody Rea.

Second Figure—Shannon Murrells, Marina Short.

Third Figure—Trisha

Tintinall.

Fourth Figure—JoAnn Power, Pam Beavis.

Sixth Figure—Kelly Prentice, Cathy Coburn.

Eighth Figure—Christine McBeth.

Junior Bronze Free Skate—Barbara Harwood, Allison Greenwood, Lynn Hill, Shelley Brears, Tannis Oxnary, Arlette Chambers, Marina Short, Linda Florkevich, Lorraine Medhurst, Karen Charter.

Senior Bronze Free Skate—JoAnn Power.

Junior Silver Free Skate—Lisa Kristiansen, Kelly Prentice.

Senior Silver Free Skate—Cathy Coburn.

Gold Free Skate—Christine McBeth.

Preliminary Dance—Tracy McGill, Jody Rea, Tannis Oxnary, Lynette McEwan, Shelley Brears, Joanna Pearson.

Junior Bronze Dance—Shirley Logan.

Senior Bronze Dance—Sharon Parkinson, Cindy Sten.

Seaton hosts Sunshine Meet

The second annual Okanagan Sunshine Invitational cross-country meet will be held Sept. 23, at 12 noon.

The meet, which is sponsored by the W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School cross-country team, starts and finishes at BX Elementary School.

It is open to everyone with a competitive open category, a jogger's class for fun, and a school category from elementary to college.

The course is four miles long. Competition will be on an individual and team basis.

Medals will be presented to the top three runners in each category and trophies go to the top teams in each group. Certificates will go to all participants.

Meet Director Greg Fraser said, "We designed the Sunshine race to provide a focus for the growing numbers of runners and joggers in the Okanagan."

Last year's run had 150 entries with Summerland's Steve Pybus finishing first overall in a time of 21:39. Entries are available at Seaton and all sporting goods stores.



WENDY PAUSTIAN, one of a rare breed

Fans get to see a female referee

Spectators at last weekend's Canadian Senior 'B' Lacrosse Championships saw a few something they had never seen before — a female referee.

Wendy Paustian, 25, of Edmonton, was one of nine officials assigned to the tournament. Her efforts were confined to minor and a few preliminary senior games because of her inexperience.

"Tournament chairman Fred McKenzie said, 'Wendy has refereed for several years, but never at this level of competition. We didn't want to throw her into a feature game and find she was over her head.'

ON A DARE

Paustian first started refereeing lacrosse, on a dare, about eight years ago.

She said, "I watched a couple lacrosse games and found it very interesting. I had refereed some basketball and a couple friends dared me to try lacrosse. Just for fun, I thought I'd try it — and I loved it."

Her first two years were taken up learning the game by refereeing kids. But for the past six seasons, she has done senior games in the Edmonton area.

IN A FIGHT

One of the most common questions asked her is, "What happens if a fight starts. Her

reply is, "I handle it just the way any other referee would. My partner and I let them get tired, clench, and then move in. So far, I haven't had any major problems."

"The only time I do have trouble is when two teams make up their mind they don't want to play lacrosse. It isn't a easy doing a chippy game when everyone is crying about the calls."

Paustian, who excels in softball and basketball, is one of a rare breed. There is only one female referee in B.C. — at the minor level. And there are two minor officials in Ontario.

IN HER HEART

She said, "A lot of girls have tried refereeing, but haven't really had their hearts in it. As a result, they haven't enjoyed it and quit."

Paustian told the Daily News that after eight years, she is getting a little tired of refereeing. "But she said, 'I don't think I'll quit. I've got lacrosse in my blood — I think it's the greatest game in the world.'"

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NHL official released

TORONTO (CP) — Scotty Morrison, referee-in-chief of the National Hockey League, said Wednesday veteran linesman Malcolm Anford of North Vancouver has been released because, "quite frankly, his performance was just of the mediocre calibre."

Morrison made the statement after Anford said earlier in the day from Vancouver that he was released with 10 years of service because of economic restraints.

"Anford started as a linesman, moved up to a referee. He just didn't make it as a referee. I moved him back as a linesman."

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