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Look back at tourney

Last weekend's Canadian Senior 'B' Lacrosse Championships in the Vernon Civic Arena, proved a lot of things. Among them were:

—Vernon Tigers are for real. It is possible for a team to get lucky and win one national title. Two championships make a team great, but three titles warrant being called a dynasty.

People got to see Tigers at their best last weekend and they obviously liked what they saw.

—Lacrosse is a good spectator sport. Hundreds of people had never seen a lacrosse game until last weekend. The opinion of the new fans was unanimous — they loved it.

Many die-hard hockey fans said they preferred lacrosse. The Tigers have a lot of new fans for 1978.

—Senior 'B' lacrosse in Canada had come a long way in the last few years.

Just a decade ago, senior 'B' was for over-the-hill players and guys coming out of junior not good enough for senior 'A'. Things have changed and senior 'B' now provides an excellent brand of lacrosse.

—Quebec is truly a bilingual province. Mike Mitchell, manager of the Alkwasane Warriors, spoke at the banquet in English, and then his native tongue, Indian. Mitchell and the entire Quebec contingent added a lot of class to the tournament.

—The rivalry between Vernon and Armstrong Shamrocks has gone too far.

Lacrosse officials from throughout the province were at the tourney — cheering for the Tigers. Yet, Armstrong fans booed every move Vernon made and exchanged insults with the Tigers' fans.

A rivalry is good, but there is no place in amateur sports for hatred.

—The seats in the south end of the Civic Arena are needed.

Renovations plans call for those seats to be removed to accommodate a new entrance and foyer. Although the arena is filled to capacity on only rare occasions, it would be impossible to stage a major sporting event in Vernon without those 300-400 seats.

—As long as Jim Bishop is around, the idea of professional lacrosse will never die.

Bishop, considered Mr. Lacrosse in Canada, spearheaded the formation of the now-defunct pro league in the east in 1974. He said, "Someday, pro lacrosse will return and be successful. Lacrosse is just too good a game not to go pro."

—Art Horley and Fred McKenzie have to be two of the greatest lacrosse promoters in Canada. It was their dreams, hard work, and the effort of about 40 other committee members who made the tournament such a success. Without Horley and McKenzie, Vernon would never have hosted the President's Cup.

—It is time senior 'B' lacrosse in the Okanagan took off.

With the exception of Vernon and Armstrong, the Interior Lacrosse Association has not improved.

—To keep the game growing, and develop a strong league, other clubs in Kelowna, Roseland, and hopefully Kamloops have to get their acts together.



Diane Baker and Bert Andre combined to win the senior, mixed, 'two-ball' competition on Thursday at Spallumcheen Golf Club. The winning duo

ON THE LINKS

combined for a low gross score of 91. (Daily News Photo)

Mitchell named head referee

Vernon resident Stew Mitchell has been appointed head referee for the North Okanagan Hockey League for the 1978-79 season.

Mitchell, who started officiating in 1970, has an extensive background in referee administration.

He served for two years as head referee for the Vernon Minor Hockey Association and also spent two years on the rules committee for the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

Mitchell is still an instructor for the BCCHA.

League President Chris Nelson said, "We feel fortunate to get a man with Stew's background to help our league."

Bob Kemp, who acted as head referee last season, has become a league director this year.

The NOHL season gets

under way Oct. 7 with Kelowna Moisons hosting Winfield Raiders. Other teams in the league are Vernon Sport Cougars, Grindrod Elks, Westside Packers, and Revelstoke Selkicks.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1973

Vernon-born Mark Corbett brought back the major awards from the three-day Okanagan Valley Invitational Tennis Tournament held at the Kalamalka Country Club on the weekend.

TOURNEY OPENS

A junior open golf tournament, featuring young golfers from all parts of the North Okanagan takes to the Spallumcheen fairways this Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



STEW MITCHELL ... for NOHL.

BCJHL moves to curb violence

The British Columbia Junior Hockey League will attempt to crack down on violence in 1978-79 with stiff suspensions, says Vice-President Ron Livingstone.

Livingstone said that league governors have decided that an automatic five-game suspension will be handed out this coming season for the first player on either team leaving the bench to join an altercation on the ice.

Vernon Canadian's General Manager Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News he is all in favor of the stiff penalties.

GOT TO GO

Bloomer said, "The bench-clearing and unnecessary violence has got to go. Coaches and players should be suspended. This league has talked about clean-up, now it is time to do it — let's play hockey."

Livingstone said the governors prepared to boost the suspensions if necessary because of problems last season.

The BCJHL final last spring between Nanaimo Clippers and Penticton Vees was halted after a violent game in Nanaimo. Penticton pulled its team from the playoffs and subsequently was fined by the league.

The Nanaimo-Penticton series gave our league a black eye," said Livingstone.

"During the summer there

was a consensus among the league owners that some strong measures had to be taken.

COACHING PROBLEM

He said the question of handling violence boils down to the coaches "because that's where the control of the kids lies."

Delta and Chilliwack have been added to the BCJHL for the coming season, joining Langley, Nanaimo, Abbotsford and Bellingham in the Coastal Division.

The Interior Division

consists of Revelstoke, Penticton, Merritt, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops.

Livingstone said each team will play a 42-game schedule.

Meanwhile, at the Canadians' rookie camp in Enderby, there will be an intra-squad game Saturday at 2 p.m.

Bloomer said, "It will be the final chance for the local kids to show us what they've got. We'll be holding over about 10 players for our main camp, which starts Sunday."

Enderby player earns scholarship

Larry Stankoven, of Enderby, has accepted an athletic scholarship at the University of Calgary.

All expenses will be paid by Calgary Canucks, defending Alberta Junior 'A' Hockey League champions.

Stankoven, 18, played defence for B.C. Junior Hockey League champion Merritt Centennial in the 1977-78 season. With the Centa, he was the highest scoring rearguard with 18 goals and 48 assists, for 66 points, in 74 games.

Stankoven is following in his

brother Bill's footsteps. Bill went from minor hockey to Kelowna Buckaroos, where he played goal for two seasons before accepting a four-year scholarship at the University of North Dakota.

Larry will major in commerce in Calgary.

Several BCJHL teams were interested in acquiring his services, however, he decided to go to Calgary. "Because of their outstanding scholarship program and they encourage hockey with education."

Larry is the second oldest son of Gus and Winnie Stankoven.

Pre-season camp starts Sept. 25

Boys between the ages of seven and 16 are eligible to take part in the Vernon Pre-season Hockey Training Camp.

The camp consists of a two-week period beginning Sept. 25. Each boy will get 10 hours on the ice. A maximum of 80 registrants will be accepted in each age group with the 7-9 year olds on from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., the 10-12 group from 5 p.m., and the 13-15 category from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

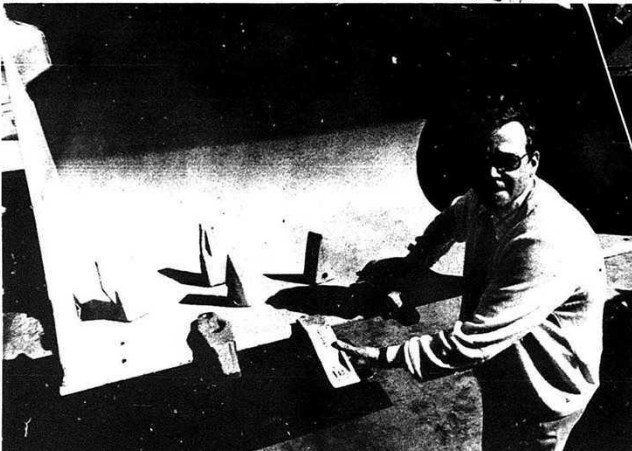
The program will highlight skating techniques along with

the fundamentals of the game. Fun games and scrimmages will also be part of the training camp.

Camp director is Hank Wensley. Wensley has an extensive background in coaching and is in charge of the Vernon Midget Reps this season.

Wensley will be assisted by George Beck, now coach of the Vernon Bantam Rep team. All participants must be fully equipped.

Registration fee, of \$17, will be accepted at the Recreation Complex from Sept. 15 to 20.



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