KENDALL'S KORNER

Sports trip is now set



As promised, here is some more information on our sports trip to Vancouver on Nov. 3 and 4.

On Nov. 3 (Friday), we'll see the new-look Vancouver Canucks take on Toronto Maple Leafs.

The following night, B.C. Lions will battle Edmonton Eskimos in a game that could decide if the Leos make the playoffs.

We'll leave the Kelowna Airport on the Friday afternoon and return on Sunday. Total cost of the trip is $129 per person.

Included in the price is return air fare via Pacific Western Airlines, ground transportation in Vancouver, two nights stay at the Sheraton Landmark, tickets to both games, and a little extra-curricular fun.

It should be a great weekend. Anyone interested can book a seat, or obtain further information, by phoning Bill Allum or yours truly at 545-0671.

We have a limited number of tickets, so don't delay.

BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School **Greg Fraser**, who did a super job organizing the second annual Okanagan Sunshine Cross-country Meet last weekend.

Fraser, who originated both the Sunshine Meet and Okanagan Relays (held in the spring), is probably the most dedicated track and field coach in the B.C. Interior.

The grand old man of soccer in Vernon, **Kurt Wendlaff**, is celebrating a birthday today. Kurt is now 50 years young and still going strong.

He'll celebrate his birthday by playing tonight for the Old National Hotel team in Kelowna.

The most surprised person in Vernon these days is VSSS volleyball Coach **Barrie Reid**.

Reid expected this to be a rebuilding year for his team. But, in last weekend's tourney at VSSS, Panthers won six of eight games.

In the process, Vernon split a pair of games with the Okanagan's top ranked team, KLO, and took two games from number-two ranked Penticton Lakers.

Village Green Inn held an appreciation dinner on Sunday night for the players, executive, and wives of the Canadian lacrosse champion **Vernon Tigers**.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of plaques, by the team, to Village Green Inn Manager **John Williams** and Coach **Bill Roth**.

When **Vernon Canadians** open their BCJHL season on Thursday, there could be up to 12 local players on the roster.

Terry Lowe, Dave Schneider, Dale Slous, Karl Poeschek, Rich Creelman, Glen Lockwood, Tom Ouchi, Lance Vachon, Kevin Balfour, Rex Slizak, Bob Sophinow, and Craig Demetrick are among 21 players still working out with the club. And another local defenceman, Bob Hildebrand, is expected out next week.

Canadians' first home game is Saturday night, against Kelowna.



LESLIE COLE . . . singles champ

Vernon players capture hardware

Vernon players brought home most of the hardware from the Okanagan Invitational Tennis Championship last weekend on the new courts in Salmon Arm.

Vernon's Leslie Cole won the women's singles title by defeating Debbie Hymer, of Salmon Arm, 6-3 and 6-5 in the championship match.

Cole also teamed up with Terry Calveley to place second in women's doubles. Pat McLeod and Cathy Harrison, of Kelowna, defeated the Vernon duo 6-4 and 6-5 in the finals.

Ray Kimoto, of Vernon, won the men's singles crown by dumping Moe Herrah, of Kamloops, 6-2 and 6-4.

Kimoto and John Johnson combined to capture the men's doubles title by beating Marcel Labelle and Tim Gamble, of Vancouver, 6-1, 2-6, and 6-1 in the final match.





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TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Winners of the Canada Goose Open Golf Tournament, held at the Spallumcheen Course last weekend, were Bruce Heuchan, left, who had an 36-hole total of 144 for the low gross, and Les Schler, who had the low net score of 130. The tournament attracted more than 120 golfers from throughout Pacific Northwest. Presenting the trophies is Pete Wise, Spallumcheen's club pro.

School soccer season starts today for VSSS

The Okanagan High School Soccer League gets under way today in Kamloops, with the Red Devils hosting Vernon Senior Secondary School.

VSSS Coach Keith Brookes told the Daily News he is optimistic about his club this season.

Brookes said, "We have a good blend of grade 11 and 12 players. I've taken two teams to the provincial championships and I don't think either of them had the depth of this year's squad."

VSSS has four returnees with Kelly Schley, Sam Salko, Al Betton, and Pete Strother. The other grade 12s on the squad are Rod Trentini and Jim Garlick.

SENIOR EXPERIENCE

Brookes said, "Three of the four returnees have considerable experience in senior competition. Saiko and Betton give us two superb strikers while Schley will be our anchor man."

As for the grade 11s, the Vernon coach is particularly high on right wing Doug MacKay, halfback Gary Casperson, and goalkeeper Andy Doyle.

Brookes said, "Goaltending really had me worried, but Andy has looked very good. It is tough to tell this early in the season, however, I'm sure he can do the job."

If VSSS has a particular strong point, it is the forward line. With three grade 12s, MacKay, and Cory Meausette, the strikers have a great deal of scoring potential.

A WEAKNESS

As for weaknesses, Brookes said, "My main concern is, can the grade 11 players show sufficient maturity and steadiness to make our club a contender? Our whole season depends on how the grade 11s adjust."

The teams to beat this year in the Okanagan will probably be Rutland and North Kamloops. Both teams went with grade 11 teams in 1977 so, have their entire sides returning.

VSSS gets a chance to see how good it is on Thursday, at 3:45 p.m., when NorKam is in town.

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SPORTS Page

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SPORTS BRIEFS

NAMED CAPTAIN

Twenty-year-old Dave Schneider has been named captain of the 1978-79 edition of the Vernon Canadians. In a player vote, Terry Lowe and Dale Slous were selected as assistant captains.

FLAG FOOTBALL

In Major Men's Flag Football League play Sunday, the scores were: Block Brothers 51, Vernon Sport Cobras 0; Ernie's Esso 51, Beavers 7; Team Toyota 59, Allison All-stars 0; and Naps 41, Raiders 12. In Intermediate League play, the results were: Toros 27, Untouchables 7; Rebels 26, ICMP Mean Machine 7; Fearless Pipe 19, Fulton 13; and Black Russians 26, Space Dodgers 0.

VERNON WINS

Vernon blasted Rutland 14-4 in Okanagan-Mainline Rugby Union action last Sunday at VSSS. Mike Hrdlitschka and Tom Caverly scored tries for the winners while Mike Grywacheski booted a field goal and Bob Shannon added a drop goal. Vernon, which has a win and loss in two outings, led 7-4 at half-time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for supervision in the Vernon Tiny Tot Recreation Program. Activities such as painting, dancing, reading, hikes, skating, and swimming highlight the program. Anyone interested is asked to phone 545-6035.

LESSONS START

Vernon Recreation Complex Swimming Pool is now accepting registrations for fall swim lessons. The courses offered include mom and me, shorties, tadpoles, pre-beginners, beginners, junior skill, juniors, intermediate skill, intermediates, seniors and diving. First group of lessons starts Oct. 10. For further information phone 545-6035.

CURLING SIGN-UP

Registrations for the Friday and Sunday Mixed Curling Leagues will be accepted tonight, at 7 p.m. at the Vernon Curling Club. Cost is $55 per player.

IMPORT SUSPENDED

TORONTO (CP) — Veteran import linebacker Richard Lewis was suspended indefinitely by Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, a team official said Monday. Lewis had been involved in an automobile accident earlier in the month. The club official said team doctors had examined L wis and pronounced him fit to play but that Lewis contended his back still hurt from the accident.

Williamson tops the field

Larry Williamson won a 'B' heat and the 25-lap main event last Sunday, in the final meet of the season, at Lumby Raceways.

Seventeen cars were on hand for the event.

The results were:

TROPHY DASH: Stan Owen, Dale Lwan, Norma Michaud.

1st B HEAT: Williamson, Jack Ross, (only two cars finished).

2nd B HEAT: David Fellingham, David Hornell, Ross.

1st A HEAT: Dave Sanders, Gordie Lowe, Henry Talbot.

2nd A HEAT: Winston Hosack, Michaud, Lowe.

MAIN EVENT: Williamson, Hosack, Saunders.

MECHANICS' RACE: Bob Pointer, Ernie Ward, Art Stewart.

POWDER PUFF: Diane Douglas, Verley Calvert, Pat Pointer.

SPONSORS' RACE: Darwin Buerge, Gord Wiffen, Ken Smith.

FARMERS' RACE: Del Mayhew.

Meanwhile, statistics released today show Lowe captured the season end point total trophy.

Lowe accumulated 211 points, 20 more than second-place Hosack.

The point standings were: Lowe 211, Hosack 191, Saunders 188, Talbot 176, Williamson 148, Michaud 138, Dwan 131, Owen 100, Rene Talbot 97, Doug Shunter 97, Wayne Currie 92, Jim Klassen 79, Fellingham 65, Jack Rennie 65, Ross 51, Bob Ferguson 46, Leonard Lapp 37, Chris Kennett 35, Art Fiset 28, Wayne Hodel 20, David Hornell 14, and Chuck Haines seven.

Raiders record exhibition victory

Ron Doig scored midway through the third period to give Winfield Raiders a 3-2 victory over Rutland Moisons in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday.

Ron Reynolds and Clare Cassan scored the other Winfield goals while Bruce Hansen and Ken Plotnikoff replied for the Molsons.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 2-2 after the second.

Rutland outshot Winfield 29-28 and took 15 to 29 penalties.

Raiders will host Grindrod Elks, in another exhibition game, next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The NOHL regular season gets under way Oct. 7 with Rutland hosting Winfield.

Vernon Sport Cougars do not see regular season action until Oct. 14 when they host defending champion Westside Packers.

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