

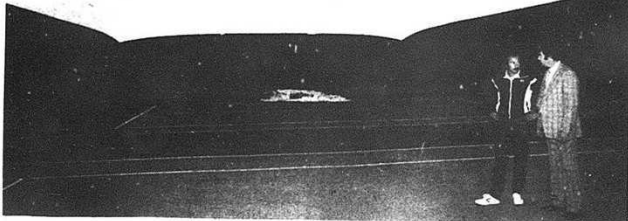
Revelstoke Bruins spoil Vernon's season debut

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INSIDE THE BUBBLE

Village Green Tennis Centre pro Bob Moffat, IER, and hotel manager John Williams, got their

first look Thursday at the interior of the air bubble now covering the tennis centre. The bubble, which

encloses four courts, is now ready for use by the club's members. This is the first enclosed tennis

court complex in the Okanagan and enables residents to play year-round. (Daily News Photo)

Revelstoke Bruins dumped Vernon Canadians 7-4 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action before 650 fans Thursday night in Revelstoke.

It was the season opener for Canadians and despite the loss, Vernon General Manager Sheldon Bloomer said he was pleased with his team's effort. Bloomer said, "I think the shots on goal were indicative of the play — and we outshot them. We've got some problems, but nothing that can't be solved in a hurry."

The Bruins led 4-2 after the first period and 9-3 after the second. Canadians narrowed the gap to 5-4, however, Revelstoke scored two goals in the final three minutes, one on a powerplay and the other into an empty net.

Randy Zimm scored the first three goals of the game

while Ron Flockmurt, Kevin Zaborniak, Dwayne Swanson and Darryl Stanley added singles for the Bruins.

John Neild scored twice for Vernon while John Mercer and Carl Poesech notched solo.

Canadians took six of 13 minor penalties and one of two fighting majors. Lawrence Dyck and Brad Ostrove combined to make 40 saves for Revelstoke while Mike Desjardins, who looked shaky in the first two periods, blocked 32 shots for Canadians.

Bloomer said, "There is no doubt about it, we need one or two defencemen. But, we'll be alright."

Buckaroo. Canadians hope to have Terry Lowe in the line-up for that game. Lowe missed Thursday's contest with a broken finger.

In the only other BCJHL game Thursday, Bellingham Blazers hammered Langley and Kamloops Rockets travel to Langley.

to lead Bellingham to its highest goal total in the club's six-year history. Langley outshot the Blazers 54-40.

In games tonight, Chilliwack Bruins visit Kelowna, Merritt Centennials meet the Vees in Penticton and Kamloops Rockets travel to Langley.

HIKING—ORIENTEERING— Vernon Outdoors CANOEING—CYCLING

By LARRY PETERS

Despite the threat of rain, 14 intrepid members of the Vernon Outdoors Club tackled the summit of Silver Star last Sunday.

Led by Ted Hoyte, we ambled along ample trails beginning at the Bomber shed and ascended to the snowmobile club chalet near the summit. The chalet offered the amenities of home as we enjoyed our lunch.

As requested earlier, the summit began to blaze as we meandered down the crown of Silver Star to our parked cars. Along the trail, several cross-country skiers gazed at the first skiff of snow of the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1: Ken May (542-4288) has planned a hike, which will be a rim walk to Cymal. Meet at city hall at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch and good footwear.

Oct. 1: Anyone interested in a bike ride towards Kalamalka Lake is asked to meet at the city hall at 9 a.m. (542-2483) for details.

Oct. 14: The Vernon Outdoors Club Social will be held at the Tilkum Valley Lodge. Get your tickets early. Phone 545-1178 for further information. Everyone welcome.

CORE program receives praise

By ALISON NEARING/BOURGO

Hunters are more careful and safety conscious in their hunting practices than in past years according to Geoff Swannell, information officer for the North Okanagan conservation program.

He said statistics show a reduction in fire arm accidents that reflects a growing awareness of hunters in the woods.

In the past four years there have been only six fatalities, a reduction of 24 per cent.

"The sloppiness and disrespect shown in the woods in previous years overflowed into the hunters' treatment of animals. We don't get those horror stories anymore," said Swannell.

PROGRAM WORKS

He said the reduction in accidents and the "more humane" killing of animals was probably a result of the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) program becoming mandatory for hunters in 1974.

With the introduction of CORE, all people age 14 and those over 14 who have never been issued a hunting licence, must first take the course before receiving their permit.

The course covers six areas: outdoor ethics, gun-handling and hunter safety, regulations, animal identification, some birds of B.C. survival and first aid, and will be taught whenever there are a sufficient number of in-

terested people.

Swannell said it was unlikely that animals would be left to suffer after being wounded by a hunter.

"A guy who spends time and money buying the equipment and getting into the woods wouldn't just leave his kill behind. Besides being good eating there are also ethics involved," he said.

Swannell said, although it is unwise for a hunter to waste or wantonly dispose of a migratory bird, killed or retrieved by him or in his possession, there is no law of this kind pertaining to the shooting of animals.

"We teach that any effort possible should be made to retrieve all animals but it is of course up to the individual hunter."

Swannell added he thought the real threat to animal life was the loss of habitat through urbanization and construction.

"The land we like best to live on is often the best for animals too, and unfortunately, they're the ones that have to move," he said.

FELDER IN HOSPITAL

CINCINNATI (AP)—Cesar Geronimo, veteran Cincinnati Reds centrefielder, was admitted to a hospital Thursday suffering from pleuritis in his right leg, the club announced.

The Reds said Geronimo, who has been used sparingly in the last few weeks, will not return for the last three days of the 1978 season.

Gutsy effort gives VSSS soccer victory

Vernon edged North Kamloops 4-3 in high school soccer action Thursday afternoon at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Northkam is the top-ranked team in the Okanagan. VSSS Coach Keith Brookes told the Daily News he has never seen a gutsier performance by a high school team.

Brookes said, "I'm very proud of our club — they showed me a lot. It was an tremendous team effort against a good soccer club."

EARLY LEAD

Northkam jumped to a 2-0 lead, after only 10 minutes. Al Betton put Vernon on the scoreboard late in the first half when he headed a cross from Murray Froelich.

Early in the second-half, the visitors made the score 3-1. However, the VSSS defence then tightened, the forwards started cutting, and the flow of the game changed.

Graham Fraser converted a free kick from Sam Salke to narrow the gap to 3-2. Then, Betton tied the score on a beautiful individual effort. He stole the ball from a Kamloops defender, carried it 30 yards, and beat the goalkeeper from a tough angle.

Niners continue winning

Sixty-niners stretched their unbeaten streak to five games with a 4-2 win over Screaming Eagles in Men's Road Hockey League action Thursday night at the Centennial rink.

Sixty-niners have nine points, two more than second-place Vernon Tigers.

Wally Fisher scored two goals for the Niners while Randy Brown and Brad Willis added singles.

Doug Norman scored both goals for the Eagles.

In other games, Tigers edged Ladouk Cats 4-3 and Camels slipped by Gordis' Mini-Motors 3-2.

Jamie McKenzie, Gary Gilchrist, Gary Holte, and Charlie Hatakham were the Tigers' marksmen.

Clay Anderson, with two goals, and Terry Eckstein counted for the Cats.

In the other game, Graydon Brown scored a pair for Camels while Warren Radowsky added a solo.

Rick Cuckey and T. Roseboom replied for the Minis.

Betton completed his hat trick, late in the game, when he let a howitzer go, from 20 yards out, that went just under the crossbar.

Brookes said, "Kamloops had extremely fast forwards. In fact, four of their starters play senior soccer with Kamloops Zinetti."

Although the Vernon coach called it a team effort, he did single out the performance of one player. Brookes said, "Steve Bessket was just incredible at fullback. He looked like a pro out there — I can't remember him making one mistake."

VSSS is back in action next Tuesday when it puts its two-game winning streak on the line in Revelstoke.

Vernon girls win four

Vernon Royals won four consecutive games in girls' high school volleyball action Thursday at VSSS.

Royals dumped Armstrong 15-7 and 15-4 before battering Enderby 15-8 and 15-1.

Vernon Coach Anne Stokes said, "Our players didn't really have to extend themselves against these teams. However, Allison Penner did do a fine job setting for us."

IN TOURNAY

VSSS will be taking part in the Pentiction Invitational Tournament this weekend. Royals' first game is today, at 4:15 p.m., against Kamloops Red Angels.

Stokes said, "There are some great teams in the Pentiction tourney so this weekend should tell me a lot."

Meanwhile, VSSS boys won two of four games on Thursday. The Panthers beat Armstrong 16-14, and 15-7, but lost 15-9 and 16-14 to Enderby.

Enderby also won two games against Armstrong 17-15, 14-16 and 15-6.

Vernon Coach Barrie Reid said, "It looks like it should be an interesting league. All the teams seem pretty even."

Reid singled out the setting of Mike Sticketes and Dave Harding as his team's strong points. He said, "Besides setting, Harding also did some great hitting for us. Dave is a tremendous player."

Panthers are idle until Oct. 12 when league play resumes.

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