

KENDALL'S KORNER

Names in sports

The first British Columbia Winter Games will be held in Kamloops from March 1-4. Like the summer games, staged last August in Penticton, the winter event will feature athletes representing eight B.C. zones. No competitors will have competed at the national or international level are eligible.

Five Vernonites are ready involved in the Kamloops Games - a either zone sport representative, or a participant.

EDNA PALFREY (figure skating), and **REBEY TWYFORTH** (figure skating), co-ordinators for zone two (Thompson-Okanagan).

MARCI KOENIG (bowling) and **YOSHITAKA MORI** (judo) will act as assistant representatives.

Congratulations to **GARY GILCHRIST** who'll be tying the wedding knot next week.

Gilchrist has spent the last four summers with Vernon Tigers lacrosse club. He is currently playing with Vernon Sport Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League.

KURT WENZLAFF, who recently turned 50, is still playing soccer with Vernon's Old National Hotel, in the Kelowna Interley League. However, he isn't the oldest player in the loop - one Kelowna team has veterans aged 60 and over.

Ex-Vernon junior star **ERNIE GARE**, who now plays with Trail Soccer Externs of the Western International Hockey League, is off to a good start. His club dropped a 4-3 decision to Calgary last weekend, but Gare scored two goals.

Kelowna's Okanagan College won an invitational field hockey tournament last weekend.

Two of the Okanagan stars were VSSS

grades **JILL HEWITSON** and **LEANNE WILLMS**. Hewitson, a goalie, recorded a shutout against a tough Vancouver Community College team.

Ex-Vernon junior goalie **KEITH FERRO** joined Quesnel Kangaroos of the Cariboo Hockey League this week.

Ferro, who spent two years here, played last season with Merritt Centennials of the Northern Interior Hockey League.

Vernon's **EDDIE JOHNSTONE** had a good pre-season campaign with New York Rangers, of the NHL.

With ex-Vernon junior **DON MURDOCH** suspended by the NHL, Johnstone is getting plenty of ice time. Eddie scored four goals in exhibition action.

Another ex-junior star who made good, **TOM SERVINS**, has retired from pro hockey.

Servins spent nine seasons in the pros, including stints with three WHA teams. He played the 1977-78 season in Finland.

This year he plans to play for Toros, in the Pleasant Valley Hockey League.

VSSS soccer star **SAM SAIKO** is one of the best high school players in the province and would no doubt like to make it to the B.C. championships this year.

Many North American Soccer League teams send scouts to the provincial tourney and it would give Sanko a great chance to be noticed.

Canadian Lacrosse Association official **KEITH CLARK**, of Oliver, died of cancer.

He was convener at the 1976 Canadian senior lacrosse championships in Winnipeg - the first time Vernon Tigers won the national title.

Canadiana edge Flyers for third straight win

Vernon Canadians stretched their winning streak to three games Friday night with a 3-1 victory over Abbotsford Flyers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 400 fans at the Civic Arena.

However, to continue the streak, Canadians will have to improve their play in the defensive zone.

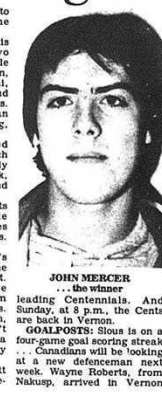
Vernon General Manager Sheldon Broomer said, "We were terrible in our end of the rink, we just weren't checking it out. We don't start checking a lot tougher, we're going to have problems."

Abbotsford took a 1-0 lead early in the game, and for the first five minutes, looked like they were going to blow Canadians out of the building.

But Vernons gained its composure and led 2-1 after the first period. Canadians held a 4-2 edge after the second.

In the third period, Vernon led by two goals on three occasions. However, each time, sloppy play in the defensive zone enabled the Flyers to pull to within a goal.

Only a stick save by goalie Trent Smith, on a centering



JOHN MERCER ... the winner leading Centennials. And Sunday at 8 p.m., the Centa are back in Vernon.

today. He is 20-years-old and 266 pounds ... Need has nine points in Canadians' last two games.

In other BCHL action Friday, Penticton Veees d'owned the visiting Kamloops Rockets 4-2 and Kelowna Buckaroos dumped Langley Canadians 6-4.

Vernon's Greg Wilson and Greg Egan each scored two goals while Al Radke got both goals for Kamloops. The Rockets fell behind 2-0 in the first 30 seconds of its game against Penticton and 5-0 by the end of the opening period.

Goalenders Dave Glibbard and Darrel Jensen combined to stop 32 shots for the Vees and Ian McEachern blocked 29 for Kamloops.

Kelowna's Buckaroos grabbed a 5-0 first-period lead and got two goals from Tom Stranger, whose effort was bolstered by goals scored by Dale Schmidt, Gary Caribon, Brad Swadlow and Bob Wright. Langley got second-period goals from Danny Held, Wade Campbell, and Bob Wright ... Canadians will be looking at a new defence next week. Wayne Roberts, from Nakusp, arrived in Vernon



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Cougars host Packers - Gillie makes debut

By KEVIN MITCHELL

Daily News Sports Editor

Vernon Sport Cougars open their 1978-79 North Okanagan Hockey League season tonight when they host the champion Westside Packers at 8 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

Both clubs have missed several new players this season and one of the most prominent is Cougars' Gary Gillie.

When it comes to playing hockey, Gillie has played for keeps.

The 21-year-old ex-Medicine Hat Tiger left-winger is one of the dedicated performers and the Cougars are glad he's around.

"Gillie" as he's called by his teammates decided to stick around Vernon this season rather than return to Nelson for another season with the Western International Hockey League Maple Leafs.

Gilchrist was born in the "hockey haven of Moose Jaw, Sask. and moved to Vernon with his family seven years ago.

MADE WINGS

After playing one year of midge house league and juvenile rep hockey in his city, Gillie surprised everyone by earning a spot on Joe Tennant's high-flying Viking squad.

And the somewhat chunky Tennant was one skipper Gillie had high praise for, saying, "There wasn't really anything I liked about Joe, but he made you work hard, he kept you sharp."

And working hard and staying in shape were two of Gillie's first assets as he will be the first to admit. "I was a terrible skater when I first tried out for the Vikings. The only reason Joe kept me around was to fight."

And fight he can.

for the International Hockey League Fort Wayne Comets rather than return to the Hat as an overage junior.

An early cut in Fort Wayne, Gillie was a victim of the numbers game as the Comets had 13 returned and could only sign 15 players.

Gillie terms himself as an offensive type forward who likes to use the snap or wrist shot.

And being a rugged individual on the ice and quiet as a kitten on the street, you would think his big league title would be things in Vernon and Dave Schultz or Don Salek.

But his all-time favorite skater is Frank Manovich. "Who has always been my favorite, but he's retired."

DISAPPOINTED

And although he says he was a little disappointed he wasn't selected in the junior lottery, Gillie said, "I never really thought I would make it."

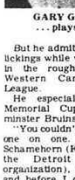
But his line-mates in the Hat may give him something to be proud of as Ron Arestehoff and Brian Hill are given good chances of making the Buffalo and Atlanta clubs this season.

While Gillie has been known to ring a few bells on opposing players, his only bells he'll be hearing in a week are the wedding variety as he gets set to face off Vernon's attractive Wendy Burns.

NOT THAT HOT

Gillie is not sure how the Cougars will do this season, saying, "Everyone says we have a good team, but I don't know. From what I've seen of Westside they're not all that hot."

And hot, that is smoke, is what fans can expect to see coming from Gillie this season.



GARY GILCHRIST ... plays for keeps

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

Former Vernon junior hockey ace, defenseman turned forward, Tom Serviss, has been cut by Los Angeles Sharks of the World Hockey League.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

DOUBLES CHAMPS

Bob Moffatt and George Calveye combined to win the recent Okanagan Tennis Championships in Kelowna.

HAQUET TONIGHT

The B.C. Basketball Officials Convention banquet will be held tonight, at 7 p.m., at the Golden Crown Restaurant. More than 130 officials are attending the three-day event, which ends Sunday.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Vernon Trakers Ladies' Basketball team will be held next Thursday night at the Recreation Complex. Any woman, 18 or over, is invited to attend the workout. The team travels to tournaments throughout the Okanagan.

FREE HOCKEY

There will be free shiny hockey session weekdays, except Wednesday, from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Vernon Civic Arena. Also, there is free public skating on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Both programs continue to March.

NELFORD SHARES LEAD

NIMES, SHRAE (AP) ...

VSSS wins eight

Vernon is making a determined effort to defend its title at the Rutland Invitational Girls' Volleyball Tournament.

VSSS, which has won the victory the past two years, recorded eight consecutive victories on Friday night.

Vernon bombed Rutland 15-3 and 15-2, edged Kelowna 15-12 and 15-11, whipped Penticton 15-7 and 15-5, and thumped Kimberley 15-4 and 15-2.

Play continued today with VSSS scheduled to meet North Surrey, Castlegar, and North Kamloops.

Vernon Coach Anne Stokes said he, girls came up with a superb team effort. She said, "Our club has never played better. In particular, Janice Morden and Kim Dantzer had their best games of the young season. We'll be tough to beat today."

Stiffest opposition could come from North Kamloops, who Stokes said, "is probably the only team here that might beat us."

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