TEAM OF THE WEEK

With three wins in four games, the Vernon Rugby Club is battling for first-place in the Okanagan-Mainline Rugby Union. Team members are from left, back row, Frank Poustie, Bob Woodroff, Stu Marshall, Dan Martin, Eric Thorner, Glenn Lypchuk, Ross Shannon, Rob Smith, Steve Schmidt, Alan Montgomery, David Watson, and Tom Caverly. Front row, Bruce Aubrey, Mike Hrdlitschka, Bob Shannon, Garth Lord, Ivan Soroka, Cole Haddad, and Rod Montgomery. Missing are Jack Bennetto and Mike Grywacheski. (Daily News Photo)

NO INTEREST SHOWN

Parents warned soccer may fold

Unless parents show some interest, the Vernon Minor Soccer Association may fold.

"That is not an idle threat," according to interim secretary Ghislaine Barber. "Unless some parents get out to the next meeting, there won't be any more soccer in Vernon."

16 ATTEND

Only 16 people, including the retiring executive, attended the association's annual meeting on Monday night at the Royal Canadian Legion. At that time, three people were elected to an interim executive. Joining Barber on the slate are president Clara Schubert and treasurer Marilyn Garrett.

Barber said, "We didn't even have enough people at the meeting to elect a whole executive. We still need a vice-president and some directors.

"I think people have the opinion that if they come to a meeting, they'll get roped into doing something they don't want to do. We won't grab people for jobs if they don't want them.

COMPLAINTS

"We heard a lot of parents complaining this past season. Where are they when they have a chance to come out and air their views?"

For the past three years, soccer has been the largest minor sports organization in Vernon with more than 500 players and 40 teams.

Barber said, "We're serious — darned serious. We're looking for about 100 people at the next meeting. If they don't have enough interest in what their children do to come out and attend a meeting we sure aren't going to do all the work for them."

The meeting is scheduled Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion.

KAMLOOPS 8, VERNON 6

Third period collapse costly for Canadians

Bad and good things are running in threes for the Vernon Canadians. After losing their first three games, they came back to win three straight. On Wednesday night, they collapsed in the third period to lose their third in-a-row.

Kamloops Rockets overcame a 6-4 deficit with four unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes to dump the Canadians 8-6 before 175 fans in Kamloops.

In Tuesday's only other B.C. Junior Hockey League game, Tony MuMrchy scored three goals as Abbotsford Flyers beat Nanimo Clippers 8-5.

GM FURIOUS

For the first time this season, Canadians General Manager Sheldom Bloomer was furious with his club after the game.

Bloomer said, "There was no excuse for losing this game. We had the lead and they've got a nothing hockey team. We've got to make some changes — in a hurry."

Vernon jumped to a 2-0 lead, after one minute, and held a 4-1 margin before the first period ended.

Doug Lidster and Dave Kirby led the Rockets with two goals while Clayton Fehr, Brian Ulbrich, Norm Meyer, and Clint Fehr added singles.

Dean Hascarl and John Mercer scored twice for Vernon with singles from Terry Lowe and Tom Ouchi.

Ian McEachern made 36 saves in the Kamloops goal while Trent Smith stopped 30 shots for Canadians. For the usually reliable Smith, it was his first bad game in eight starts.

Bloomer said, "I'm very disappointed in our defence. We can usually count on (Dave) Schneider, but he got beat bad a couple of times."

PLAYED WELL

One of the few bright spots for Vernon was rookie forward Lance Vachon. Vachon, still of midget age, had his best game as a Canadian.

Defenceman Glen Lockwood didn't dress for Wednesday's game and has apparently quit the team.

Canadians are back in action Friday night, in Penticton, against the Vees. On Sunday, the Vees are in Vernon for an 8 p.m. game.

In Nanaimo, Bill Stewart, Don Werbeniuk, Brad Mammell, Randy Wickware and Todd Seneniuk supported McMurchy's performance.

150 referees attend workshop

More than 150 officials attended the British Columbia Basketball Referees' Convention last weekend in Vernon.

Mel Briggeman, who organized the convention along with Bob Hall, told the Daily News it was probably the finest basketball workshop ever held in this province.

Briggeman said, "Over the weekend, I think we covered just about everything. We started out with a refresher examination and then divided into four groups. The topics covered included officiating mechanics, philosophy, use of signals, and techniques. The four clinicians did a super job."

There appears to be a good chance Vernon will host the 1979 meeting, for the third consecutive year.

Briggeman said, "We heard nothing but praise for Vernon and everyone expressed the hope they can come back next year. We should know in the very near future."

MEL BRIGGEMAN
... dedicated

Veteran official Wink Willox, of Vancouver, said, "I am impressed what Briggeman and Hall are doing for basketball, not only locally, but on the provincial level. It is this type of dedication that makes officiating in B.C. the best in Canada."

Awards given at the banquet on Saturday included sports weekend for two in Seattle to Paul McMillen of Port Alberni, ski weekend courtesy the Vernon Lodge Hotel and Silver Star Sports to Angelo Marchetto of Vancouver, and the goof of the year award to Vernon's Sunny Zimmerman.

NOHL enforces get-tough policy

After only eight games, six North Okanagan Hockey League players have been suspended.

Most severe of the infractions is to George Fargher, of Grindrod Elks, who was assessed a match penalty in a game last weekend. The B.C. Amateur Hockey Association will rule on the suspension and Fargher is expected to get at least three games.

NOHL President Chris Nelson has handed out five, one-game suspensions to other players.

Dave Caldow and Gary Gilchrist, of Vernon Sport Cougars, and Glen Darragh, of Westside Packers, were sat down for an altercation at the end of a game last Saturday, in Vernon.

Gary Stankievich and Larry Black, of Revelstoke Selkirks, received a game for abusing officials last Sunday in Winfield. Stankievich has accumulated 32 penalty minutes, in four games.

Nelson said, "We're not going to put up with any of this garbage. If they want to argue with officials, they can do it from the stands."

Still time to sign up for hoopla

Registrations are still being accepted, at the Recreation Complex, for the Vernon Major Men's Basketball League.

The six-team league offers the best brand of ball in the North okanagan.

The loop accepts registrations on an individual basis and the players are then drafted on to teams.

AT KAL

All games will be played on Monday evenings, starting Nov. 6, at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School.

League spokesman Paul Quesnel said, "We have about 25 players registered so we can accommodate another 25-30."

Cost is $25 per playe.

Meanwhile, the Vernon Men's Commercial League is filled to capacity.

SIX TEAMS

Six teams have registered for the commercial loop, and according to Quesnel, another four are on a waiting list.

VERNON VOLLEYBALL ROUND-UP

HONEYMOONERS

Up-n-atoms over Orangatangs 15-0, 15-4, and 15-7; Speedos over Coasters 15-4, 13-15, and 15-4; Camptown Racers over Wild Ones 15-1, 15-0, and 15-2; Vivacious Volts over Riverside 13-15, 15-5, and 15-11; Crazy Eights over Sumtimers 15-3, 15-8, and 15-4.

MAJOR MEN

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MAJOR WOMEN

Dykes Insurance 1, Vernon Motor Products 1, Village Green 2, Dykes 0; Dykes 1, Hot Shots 1, Woodstocks 1, Justice 1, Bumpers 1, Woodstocks 1, Village Green 2, Woodstocks 0, Bumpers 2, Justice 0; Coldstream Hotel 2, Bumpers 0, Coldstream 2, Justice 0, Village Green 2, VMP 0, VMP 2, Hot Shots 0; Village Green 2, Hot Shots 0.

INTERMEDIATE MEN

Trinity Thunder over Flying Marshmallows 15-4 and 15-5, Thunder over Riverside Rowdies 16-14 and 15-9, Sun Auto Parts over Thunder 15-12 and 17-15, Sun Auto and Rowdies split 15-7 and 3-15, Sun Auto and Marshmallows split 15-9 and 2-15, Marshmallows over Riverside 15-12 and 15-13.

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