



Lumby to host softball finals

Lumby Royals will host the 1978 British Columbia Senior 'C' Men's Fastball Championships. Royals' spokesman Dewey Thompson told the Daily News he is excited about having the tournament in Lumby.

Thompson said, "I think it will be a boom for softball in the whole area. We're expecting 12 top-notch teams to be on hand."

Royals get a bye into the journey as host.

Thompson said, "When we built the new softball park here, the idea was to have a facility that would house the provincial championships. I'm sure everyone in Lumby will get behind the tourney."

CLOSE VOTE
 Lumby was awarded the event by a narrow margin.

Five areas applied for the tournament and the 160 B.C. Amateur Softball Association delegates awarded it to Lumby by only four votes, over Richmond.

He said, "With the tournament here, I imagine the Vernon Major Men's League will register with the B.C. association. And if they do, they'll have a good chance to win the Okanagan Zone berth."

ON LABOR DAY
 Lumby will continue for four days, over the Labor Day Weekend.

LOCAL TEAMS QUALIFY

Four Vernon skips guided their teams into the upcoming Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel, through

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

The Kelowna Buckaroos won the battle against Vernon Vikings with a 6-3 score, playing before 1,400 fans in Kelowna Memorial Arena in a B.C. Junior Hockey League game. Former Vernon goalie Bob Klim had a great game for the Bucks.

MORE SPORTS ON PG. 10

Kokanees to host fun meet

More than 100 young swimmers will hit the water Saturday for the Vernon Kokanees Fall Fun Swim Meet, at the Recreation Complex pool.

The one-day event will feature freestyle, butterfly, and individual medley events. Forty-four 6 to 12 year swimmers will provide the opposition.

Kokanees Coach Tom Bryce told the Daily News his club is larger than ever. He said, "With 14 first year swimmers, our membership is up to 55. A relatively new program, called Grassroots, has another 22 swimmers taking part - all under the age of 8."

Bryce has added two ex-Kokanees to his coaching staff this year, Tracey Matthews and Chris Francis.

Kokanees are scheduled to take part in several meets this season, including a level II event competition next week at Summerford.

Eleven Vernon swimmers will travel to Prince George on Nov. 4 and 5, with a large group visiting Kelowna Nov. 11 and 12.

Next major meet in Vernon is slated for Nov. 25 and 26.



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WITH 6-1 VICTORY VSSS strengthens hold on soccer league lead

Vernon strengthened its hold on first place in the Okanagan High School Soccer League's north zone by blasting Kamloops Red Devils 6-1 on Thursday at VSSS.

The win gives VSSS 14 points four more than second-place NorKam, which leads Westside by one point.

Westside dropped to third spot by losing a 2-1 decision to Salmon Arm on Thursday. Meanwhile, NorKam blanked Westside 2-0.

KEY GOAL
 Kamloops was in the game until midway through the second half. Al Betton, on a superb individual effort, put VSSS ahead 3-1 and took the steam out of the Devils' attack. Betton broke down right wing, hit the ball with his left foot and propelled it into the far corner of the net.

Gord McKay, with his first of two goals, put VSSS ahead after only two minutes of play.

Ten minutes later, Steve Smith tied the game for Kamloops. But, before the first half ended, Murray Frohlic put Vernon ahead to stay.

HIT CROSSBAR
 Kamloops pressed in the dying minutes of the first half and early in the second-half, rattling two shots off the crossbar. But, Betton's goal changed the momentum of the game.

Pete Strother, Cory Meausette, and McKay later scored insurance goals for VSSS.

Vernon Coach Keith Brookes said the third goal made the difference. He said, "There is no doubt about it, as soon as we got the third goal we broke open and they fell apart."

The VSSS coach had special praise for defender Gary Casperson and Strothers. He said, "Casperson did a super job on defence - he went non-stop for 90 minutes. And Strothers had his best game of the season on the wing."

With two players not available for the game, moving scoring Sam Saito was moved back to the half-line. But, the rest of the forward line rose to the occasion with their highest scoring outburst of the season.

VSSS needs one win, in its remaining two games, to clinch the zone title and host the valley playoffs. Next Tuesday, Vernon travels to Westside. And the final game of the season will be Thursday, at home, against Salmon Arm.

Canadians need wins to keep up

To keep up with the pack, Vernon Canadians need two victories this weekend.

Canadians travel to Penitton tonight to battle the Vees, and on Sunday, the Vees are in town.

Vernon is tied with Kamloops Rockets in the Interior Division cellar, with six points. However, second-place Kelowna Buckaroos have only 12 points and Canadians have two games-in-hand.

Vernon General Manager Sheldon Bloomer said, "We're not getting blown out of any games, but we've got to start winning the close ones. I haven't seen anyone in this league we can't beat."

In Thursday's only BCHL game, Bellingham Blazers scored six power-play goals en route to a 8-4 victory over Chilliwack Coups.

Blazers are leading the Coast Division with 19 wins, in 11 starts.

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