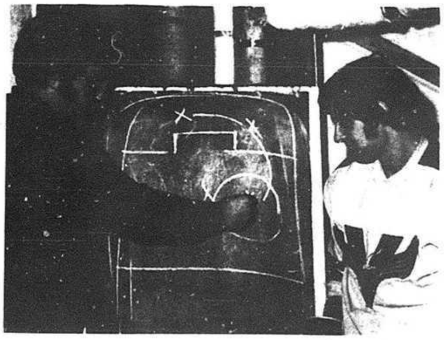

VERNON CANADIANS' Coach Greg Kvisle goes over some strategy on the chalkboard with defenceman Dave Townton. Downton and the Canadians host Revelstoke Bruins tonight.
(Daily News Photo)

Downton anchors Vernon's defence

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Dave Downton doesn't score a lot of goals, he isn't a fantastic skater, he seldom throws a stiff bodycheck, and he hasn't been in a fight all season.

What he is doing on Vernon Canadians? The answer is simple — his job.

Downton is one of a dying breed — a defensive defenceman. For the most part, hockey fans don't appreciate a defensive specialist, but coaches and goalies certainly do.

Canadians' Coach Greg Kvisle said, "There is no doubt about it, Downton has been our best defenceman game after game. He isn't flashy, but he seldom makes a mistake."

FROM REGINA

Downton, 20, is a newcomer to the B.C. Junior Hockey League. He played three seasons in the Saskatchewan Junior 'A' League with Regina Blues and parts of two years with Regina Pats, of the Western Hockey League.

He said, "This is my last year of junior hockey and I didn't want to stick around Regina. Greg (Kvisle) was coming out to Vernon and asked if I'd be interested in playing for the Canadians. So far, I've really enjoyed it."

PUCKHANDLER

Downton has been compared to Bill Vernon, named the outstanding defenceman with the old Essos when they won the provincial title in 1971-72. He is an excellent puckhandler and great pokechecker.

Downton said, "I don't play the man unless I have to. I feel I'm more effective if I can get the puck and get it out of our end."

He doesn't shy away from body contact and does a good job clearing the front of his net. But, he leaves most of the rough stuff to his defensive partner, Wayne Roberts. He said, "Wayne likes playing aggressive hockey, so we complement each other. I know if I make a rush up ice, he'll be back to cover up for me."

22 POINTS

Downton, like the rest of the Canadians, has been playing inspired hockey in recent weeks. In the past four games, the 190-pound rearguard has scored three goals. To date, he has five goals and 17 assists, in just 18 games.

He said, "The team is coming together. The guys are getting to know each other and the team spirit is really good."

Downton feels the teams to beat will be first-place Merritt Centennials and Revelstoke Bruins, who the Canadians host tonight.

He said, "Revelstoke has a big, young club. They're going to be tough. But, since we've started winning, we've gained a lot of confidence and think we can beat anyone. Right now, we're ready for Merritt. I know we can handle them in our rink."

Downton doesn't have any plans for the future and his only goal for the present is, "To have a good year — and complete my junior career satisfied."

BIG REASON

If Canadians stretch their winning streak to seven games tonight, Dave Downton will be one of the big reasons. And don't be surprised if you see him playing in the BCJHL all-star game, in January, at the Civic Arena.

By the way, game time is 8:30 p.m., and advance tickets are available at Ernie's Self-Serve Gas Station.

In BCJHL action Thursday night, Merritt was dumped 8-5 by Coast Division leading Bellingham Blazers, and in a brawl-filled game, Langley Canadians beat Chilliwack Colts 8-6.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1973

Installation of a snow-making system is the big news at Tillicum Ski Area this winter, area manager Sandy Boyd has announced. He said it was necessary to purchase the machine after last year's low snowfall. Plans for the project have been under way since early spring.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Our Legion mixed league got under way last Sunday evening and has a total of 12 teams.

This league curls at 8:30 p.m. and has a good number of beginners who are eager to learn.

JUNIOR CURLING

This league is off to a smooth start with 30 girls and 43 boys taking part.

Times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 4 p.m. The teams have a choice of curling once or twice per week. There are eight teams made up of beginners, and another three with three beginners.

GREY CUP SPIEL

This important event attracted 21 teams last season. The idea here is to enter as an individual and choose your position.

Names are then thrown into a hat and teams made up. It is a two-event spiel and prize money is worthwhile. Saturday night there is cribbage and food, and everyone watches the Grey Cup on Sunday.

All men, from all our club leagues, are invited to join. Enter your name on the draw board at the club.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Business Girls: Karen Mackie, Anita Rowland.

Vernon Ladies: Thelma Trickett, Jan Mori, Abby Bridgeman.

Wednesday A.M. Ladies: Eleanor Reimer, Linda Finch.

Sunday Mixed: Ray Holmes, Al Weidel, Alf Desnoyer.

Friday Mixed: Larry Guenther, Bert Hunter, Dane Marcoux, Glen Bridgeman.

Senior Men: Bert McCallum, Ralph Dangerfield, Rex Ganzeveld.

Monday Men: Dave LaChance.

Tuesday 6:45 p.m.: Dave Podollan, John Poschner, Larry Guenther.

Tuesday 9 p.m.: Jack Hockey, Randy Brown.

Wednesday: Ron Houston, Ken Ganden.

Thursday 6:45 p.m.: Randy Brown, Bob Noble, Dave Simpson.

Thursday 9 p.m.: Tom Lightburn, Percy Briggs, Ken Ganden.

AUTUMN MIXED

Thirty teams are entered for Saturday and curling starts at 11 a.m.

Saturday—11 a.m.: Gord Wilson vs. R. Holmes; Doug McDonald vs. E. Bjornson; J. Kubash vs. G. Marsh; W. Whitton vs. G. Bridgeman; Torgerson vs. D. Wiseman; J. McArthur vs. J. Poschner; J. Crommer vs. P. Briggs; Losett vs. D. Jubenuiel.

Saturday—1 p.m.: R. Houston vs. D. Bridgeman; G. Bell vs. G. Rowland; D. Barnard vs. K. Curtis; D. Macroux vs. T. Wright; L. Guenther vs. T. Marsland; J. Mori vs. G. Hutchinson; D. Anderson vs. Darroch.

Lumby hosts seminar

LUMBY — The executive of the Lumby and District Curling Club recently held a seminar in the local rink.

Jack Hockey, who moved to the North Okanagan last year from Prince George, ran the clinic. He holds a Curl Canada Instructors level one certificate.

Working with Hockey were local curlers Keith Altwasser and John Higgs.

It was a six-hour session emphasizing proper rock delivery, sweeping, and curling etiquette.

Nineteen curlers participated and Higgs, the club president, said sufficient interest has been shown to consider a second seminar.

Dye will help balance scoring

The North Okanagan Hockey League's top two teams are in action, at home, on Saturday night.

League-leading Grindrod Elks host Westside Packers, in Enderby, while Winfield Raiders visit Vernon to tangle with the Sport Cougars.

Wayne Dye will make his first start of the season for the Cougars. The high-scoring left winger is expected to play on a line with centre Les Salo and right wing Grant Sidnick.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson said, "The addition of Wayne should help balance our scoring. He'll make a big difference for us."

To date, 24 of Cougars' 44 goals have been scored by one line — Dave Caldow, Gary Gilchrist and Fred Perepolkin.

Meanwhile, Elks will be trying to stretch their winning streak to eight games against the defending NOHL champions.

Both games start at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Grindrod battles the Raiders in Winfield while Rutland Molsons meet the Selkirks in Revelstoke.

Vernon boys second in valley

The Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' team will join the W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School girls' team at the B.C. Cross-country Championships next weekend in Victoria.

VSSS placed second, behind Salmon Arm, to qualify for the provincial meet.

PLACED SECOND

Mike Fedyniak was second, behind Summerland's Mark Logan, to lead the VSSS squad.

Scott Ivens finished fourth for Vernon while teammate Corey Viala was 10th, Curtis Remple 28th, and Tom Banister 40th. Warren Weisbood and Tom Boer rounded out the VSSS squad.

GIRLS MISS

The VSSS girls team missed qualifying for the B.C. meet by three points.

They finished fifth overall. Team members are Chris Rasmussen, Laura Abbott, Shirley Nilsson, Sheila Alexis, Fay Zwarych, and Veronica Aug.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sid Smith, 32-year-old left-winger of Toronto Maple Leafs, signed up 21 years ago today— in 1957—to play for and coach for two years Whitby Dunlops, Allan Cup championship hockey team. The high-scoring Smith played seven seasons in the National Hockey League and won the Lady Byng trophy for sportsmanship in 1952 and 1955.

SPORTS BRIEFS

FLAMES WIN

Super-Valu Flames hammered Shadows 9-2 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Thursday night at the Civic Arena. Tony Kopp scored four goals for the winners while Gary Field added three. Singles went to Kelly Camalish and Leroy Edwards. Dennis McFarland and Dave Kanester replied for Shadows.

TRAIL RIDE

Three Vernon riders were recognized in a recent trail ride, sponsored by the B.C. Interior Arabian Horse Association. Janice Neufeld, riding Na Maram, and Melanie Neufeld, aboard Camelot, finished third and fourth respectively in the Lightweight Division. Vernon's Pamela Whittle placed third, on Peter Pharroah, in the Junior Division.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

In Women's Intermediate Volleyball action Thursday night at VSSS: Kal Tire thumped Red Willows 15-2, 15-4, and 15-4; Gustos dumped Freestylers 17-15, 6-15 and 15-5; Ballbusters hammered OK Welders 15-2, 15-4 and 15-4; and Catnip beat Silver Six 15-4, 17-15, and 7-15.

WITHDRAWS APPEAL

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies have withdrawn their appeal of the 15-game suspension against winger Wilf Paiement by the National Hockey League, Armand Pohan, club president, announced Thursday. Pohan said an appeal would be futile because of the number of governors who are unwilling to overrule the decision. An NHL official ruled Tuesday that Paiement would be suspended for striking Detroit's Dennis Polonich with his stick in an Oct. 25 game.

WON'T WITHDRAW

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has no intention of withdrawing from the 1980 Moscow Olympics because of the Soviet Union's violation of human rights, Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo said Thursday.

PIN POINTS

OCT 31
Tuesday Coffee

Women's high single, Shirley Green 283, high triple, Linda Johnston 686, high average, Lil Jamieson 227.

Team high single, Corn Chex +210, high triple, Corn Chex +355.

TEAM STANDINGS

Lucky Charms	252
Frosted Flakes	250
Maypo	234½
Boo Berries	231
Corn Chex	220½

November 2
Thurs. Mixed 7-9

Women's high single, Joan Allen 318, high triple, May Turek 759, high average, May Turek 229.

Men's high single, John Tyk 360, high triple, John Tyk 928, high average, Shig Tabata 249.

Team high single, Shoppers Drug Mart 1410, high triple, Mean Machine 3778.

"300" Club John Tyk 360, 316, Shig Tabata 326, Joan Allen 318.

"700" Club May Turek 759, Joan Allen 741, Willie Wendel 722, Leslee Stephenson 717, Betty McGee 715, Kathy Gration 709.

"900" Club John Tyk 928.

TEAM STANDINGS

Sticky Fingers	267½
South Paws	266
McGavin Toastmaster	233½
Village Green Datsun	221½

November 2
Leg. Mixed
Thursday 9-11

Women's high single, Shirley Glaholt 304, high triple, Shirley Glaholt 681, high average, Shirley Glaholt 214.

Men's high single, Gordon Wiffen 375, high triple, Gordon Wiffen 860, high average, Mark Katzalay 235.

Team high single, Aloha's +213, high triple, Aloha's +246.

"300" club Shirley Glaholt, 304, Gordon Wiffen 375, Bob Ferguson 303, Mark Katzalay 300.

"800" Club Gordon Wiffen 860.

TEAM STANDINGS

Aloha's	254½
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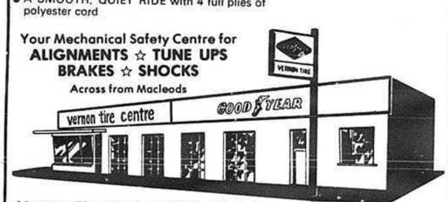

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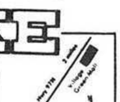

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The same way your carrier feels if he doesn't get paid the first time he calls to collect. Carriers appreciate prompt payment as it's their source of profit, and it encourages them to provide prompt delivery service to you.
Vernon Daily News

Hiking season conclu

By BOB PLA

Camel's Hump wa for last Sunday a Mellows led the par mountain.

This was the en program set down season. It was just because the snow ground in early N was sufficient to r footing unsure. On t the edge of the cliff best of times, to be distance. But the was picturesque with outlined in whi glistening in the sun

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A fitting finale t cessful club seaso started in early A accounted for a total than 200 miles on much "J" stroking i

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. Larry Holmes, who of the week has had attention with the great Joe Louis, spotlight all to himse when he defends h Boxing Council hea title against Evangelista.

The scheduled 15 for the unbeaten Hol be the first defence of title he won from Ke on a decision last Ju

Louis, the feared Bomber of another

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CALGARY (CP) Juntunen, rookie qua with Calgary Stamp the Canadian League, has been for the fourth time Western Conference

But the six-foot-o pound import, who jo Stampeders initially free-agent tryout ca spring, says he does he hasn't had muc chance to play.

The Idaho State could see some actior in a backup role w Stampeders play Winnipeg Blue Bombe WFC semi-final.

"I expected that came to Calgary I see that much action the Stampeders ha veteran quarterback Hufnagel and Ken Jo Juntunen said Thursd interview.

He said he has rookie quarterback Moon of Edmonton E who will meet the w Sunday's game in th final Nov. 18 in Edmor he has seen Moon pla

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