

Six teams to compete in Vernon hoop tourney

The two-day Vernon Invitational Basketball Tournament gets under way tonight at VSSS. Six teams, including the host Panthers, will compete in the tourney. At 5:15 p.m., Langley will battle Westside, of Kamloops. Second game has Kamloops Red Devils meeting defending champion University Hill, of Vancouver. And the

game of the night, at 8:30 p.m., puts the Panthers up against another Vancouver school, Lord Byng. Play resumes Saturday, at 10 a.m., with the consolation final slated for 7:15 p.m. and the championship game at 9 p.m. Vernon Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News his club has the depth to win the tourney, but he has a problem. Inrig said, "Four of my players are involved in the valley volleyball championships on Saturday, in Kelowna. They'll be available for tonight's game and the championship — if we make it. But, they'll miss the finals." The four players are forwards Rick Beaton, Jim Axtell and Mike Kakoske,



BOWLERS OF THE WEEK
 Marg Passmore, of Leftovers in the Thursday Matinee League, and Jim Shorter, of Genters TV in the Wednesday 9-11 p.m. league, are this week's honored bowlers. Passmore had a 768 triple to go 252 pins over her 172 average. Shorter rolled a 827 threesome, 388 pins over his 183 average.

CURLING CLUB NEWS



BY RON HOUSTON
 VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

CLOSED LADIES SPIEL
 Thirty-four teams participated last weekend in our first annual ladies' closed and top team was skipped by Abby Bridgeman. We have reserved the ice for the same weekend next year and hope to make this an annual event.

MEN'S GREY CUP SCRAMBLE
 This event, scheduled for this weekend, has been cancelled as there is just too many other things happening.

CRANBROOK CASH SPIEL
 Three local teams are at Cranbrook this weekend looking for some cash in this second annual 32-team cashspiel. Three local teams skipped by Blake Kimura, Dave Simpson and Jack Hockey will do well and don't be surprised if they all qualify.

RED DEER CASH SPIEL
 This past weekend, I had the pleasure of curling in this event with Dave Simpson, Bob Noble and Blaine Carlson. Although we did not qualify, we curled well and had four wins and three losses. Paul Gowski started his season off on the right track as he defeated Roy Talbot in an extra end final to take home top money of \$6,000. This weekend top Alta, and Naak teams go at it in the Calgary Curling Classic and experts see a Gowlish rink final.

FIREFIGHTER ANNUAL SPIEL
 Next weekend, the firemen take to the ice with 32 teams from the interior taking part.

CURLING TIP
 Clearing the Stone:
 Many big shots have been missed due to inadequate precaution taken in clearing the stone's rim for delivery. To be sure the rim is always perfectly clean, turn the stone over and run your fingers around the running edge. Take your broom or brush and clean off the edge. Foreign matter on the rim will lift the edge enough to allow straw and dirt to build up and adversely affect its momentum. A well cleaned rock will push many straws aside as it travels up the ice.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MOLSON WIN
 Rutland Molsons thumped Westside Packers 8-2 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Mt. Boucherie Arena. The win gives Rutland 10 points, two back of the third-place Packers.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
 Fulton Academicals hammered Red Devils 92-36 in Men's Recreation Basketball League action this week at Clarence Fulton School in other games. Okanagan College edged Dirty Dunkers 37-34 and Allison dumped Goldstream Hotel 49-38.

ONE SPOT LEFT
 There is an opening for a team in the Vernon Men's Broomball League. Games will be played Thursday evenings, starting Dec. 7, at the Centennial Outdoor Rink. Registration fee is \$185 per team. For further information phone 545-6055.

HIG PERIOD
 Price and Markle Canucks scored six third period goals on route to blasting Shadows 11-3 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action this week at the Civic Arena. Canucks led 3-1 after the first period and 3-3 after 40 minutes.

SKI CLINIC
 North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club will hold two clinics, for beginners, on Saturday and Sunday. The sessions will run both days from noon to 2 p.m. on the meadow at the foot of the



VOLLEYBALL FINALS
 Rick Beaton goes high in the air to practice his hitting in preparation for Saturday's Okanagan Volleyball Championships at KLO School, in Kelowna. VSSS is one of six teams entered in the day-long affair. Top two schools advance to the provincial championships, from Dec. 7-9, in Mission. (Daily News Photo)

Bloomer learns the hard way

This is Sheldon Bloomer's first year as general manager of the Vernon Canadians. And he is beginning to find out what running B.C. Junior Hockey League team is all about.

Thursday was a day Bloomer would like to forget. First, he received a line-up from Merritt Centenials for their game here Saturday night. On the roster is defenseman Roger Pierces. Pierces spent the 1977-78 season in Vernon until a knee injury sidelined him at Christmas. Bloomer said, "I talked to Roger before this season and he told me he was going to attend college in Red Deer. When he got his release last year, his father assured our club that if he ever returned to the BCHL, it would be with Vernon."

IN KAMLOOPS
 The real cruncher came when Bloomer heard from defenceman Terry Seitz, from Grande Prairie, he was scheduled to join the Canadians in time for

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1973
 Vernon's Randy Brown rink, with Bill Whittton, Bob Welsh, and Blair Hamilton, picked up \$800 first prize in the Salmon Arm Cash Bumped held at Salmon Arm last weekend. Also in the money from here was the Chris Pieper rink, which placed fifth.

NOVEMBER, 1973
 Vernon schools continue gain prominence in the field of athletics as word comes out of Pentleton the Seaton junior girls' team picked up first place in their section of the Okanagan Valley cross-country races over the weekend.

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