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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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Last weekend eight of our local teams participated in the 32-team spiel and seven of the teams were in the prize.

Karen Mackie and her young team of Sharon Murray, Marg Dever and Adaline Brown connected for a five straight win and won the A event trophy as they knocked off another Vernon team, skipped by Jean Skobalski. To get to the finals Karen had to get by a tough team skipped by Marg Balmore.

The B event was an all-Vernon final with Jan Mori defeating Maura Fleming and C Event was won by the Shirley Wells team as they edged Phil Flare. In the finals. All the girls commented on the improved ice conditions at Armstrong and some of the work done to their refrigeration unit this summer must have been worthwhile.

CRANBROOK INVITATIONAL CASH SPIEL
It would seem that patience, practice and the desire to win are paying off for the team of Jack Hockey, Doug Smith, Terry Dever and Lane Murray.

This past weekend, they travelled to Cranbrook hoping to qualify and win the \$8,000 first-prize money. Well along with two other Vernon teams, they qualified and ended up in the finals against Jim Lyons, from Fincher Creek, Alberta. The Lyons' team prevailed and Jack and team had to settle for second prize of \$3,000. They were pleased to be in the finals but not really satisfied because if they had carried the way they can, top money would have been theirs. Next challenge for this team is some play in January, then off to the BCCA Playoffs in Feb. at Cranbrook.

It was a good spiel for all Vernon curlers. Blake Kimura and Dave Simpson also qualified but lost out in their first games on Monday. Bob Welsh and Wayne Laface curled with Bert Gretzinger and they also qualified. This must be the first for Vernon teams to have all them qualify. These teams are all curling well, and along with 13 other rinks, make up the Tuesday 8 p.m. draw at our club. About eight of these teams are real strong and these are some good games to watch.

KAMLOOEPS SENIOR MENS SPIEL
Seven teams skipped by Jim Griffen, Ed Coulter, MacCallum, Tom Jenner, Cam DeBlond, Ralph Dangerfield and Geo. Morrow travelled to Kamloops last week and four of them were in the money. The teams of Ed Coulter, Geo. Briscoe, W. Nixon and H. Milbrant captured B event. Hopefully we will see some of the Kamloops curlers to our first annual Senior Men's Spiel at the end of January.

CALGARY CASH SPIEL
Ron Mills from Saskatoon defeated Ed Lukowich, last years Brter winner, 7-5 in the finals to pick up top money of \$12,000.

Other teams in the loot were Doug Wankel, Rick Folk, Hec Gervais, Paul Gossell, Tony Eberts and Don Molecky.

In the first round, it was the two top ranked teams teeing off and Lukowich defeated Gossell 3-4 as he counted two on the 10th end.

CURLING TIP
With the success of Paul Gossell and other top teams in Canada that use the push broom the interest has increased substantially in our club there are probably 50 or 60 curlers using them. There are pros and cons, but one thing is sure, the brush will loose hair just as the corn broom loses straw and a hair under the rock does more damage than a straw. To help yourself if you use a brush each time you have finished sweeping a rock, take and rub off any loose hairs that could cause trouble.

Vees entertain Canadians tonight

Vernon Canadians can regain sole possession of second-place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Inter-Division tonight when they travel to Pentiction to battle the Vees.

Canadians and Revelstoke Bruins are currently tied with 24 points, 20 back of first-place Merritt Centennials.

In BCHL play Thursday night, Duane Swanson scored his second goal of the game as the Vees took a 2-1 overtime decision over Chilliwack Colts.

In another game, Kamloops Rockets had a three-goal third period to defeat Kelowna Buckaroos 8-4.



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Vernon's Jack Hockey rink finished second in last weekends Cranbrook Cash

Spiel. Jim Lyons, of Pincher Creek, Alta., beat Hockey in the final.

Members of the Vernon foursome are from left, Hockey, third Doug Smith,

second Terry Dever, and lead Lane Murray. (Daily News Photo)

Vernon girls qualify for championship round

Vernon Senior Secondary school has qualified for the nine-team championship round at the British Columbia girls' volleyball tournament in New Westminster.

VSSS won three of five matches, in round-robin play, on Thursday.

Spectrum, of Victoria, edged the locals 15-13, 7-15, and 15-12. The only other loss was to John Oliver, of Vancouver, 18-11, and 15-12.

Vernon recorded victories over Mount Douglas, of Victoria, 15-8, and 15-7; New Westminster 6-15, 15-8, and 15-7; and St. Thomas Aquinas, of North Vancouver, 15-12 and 15-5.

THREE UNBEATEN
Of the nine teams left in contention for the provincial title, only three, Spectrum, Mission, and Comhillam's Centennial are undefeated.

Vernon was scheduled to

take on Fort St. John, Centennial, and Smithers today. VSSS is slated to play three more matches Saturday. Two top teams will battle for the B.C. title on Saturday night.

Vernon Coach Anne Stokes told the Daily News she is pleased with her club's performance.

BLEW LEAD
Stokes said, "With a little luck, we could be undefeated. Against Spectrum, we blew a

12-2 lead in the final game. And John Oliver isn't that good — they didn't even make it to the championship round."

VSSS can finish no worse than ninth and could finish considerably higher.

Stokes said, "I can't see us finishing out of the top six. If we get a couple breaks, who knows."

Mission and Centennial, the lower Fraser Valley's two representatives, were the top-ranked teams prior to the tourney.

DEMOTED LINSEMAN
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers have assigned centre Ken Linseman, recovering from a fractured ankle, to their American Hockey League farm club at Portland, Me.

Eagles earn their ranking

MEI Eagles trounced Vernon Panthers 114-78 in exhibition high school basketball action Thursday night in Abbotsford.

Eagles are ranked number one in the province and Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News they deserve that honor.

Inrig said, "MEI has a super basketball team. Their shooting is just incredible. They have 14 great ball players."

Panthers stayed close in the early going and trailed 66-48 at half-time. But in the second-half, Eagles ran away from Vernon.

NO DEFENCE
Inrig said, "We didn't have any defence — our half-court press was useless. I don't know if the trip hurt us, but we sure didn't have the legs."

Rick Beaton scored 14 points for the Panthers while Kelly Olson added 12.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE
The Vernon coach said his club has to look at the game as a learning experience. He said, "I'm sure every player on our team learned something from MEI. I don't feel too bad about the loss because MEI beat North Delta by 33 and Nanaimo by 15 and



RICK INRIG ... Incredible team

Interior tourney under way

The Molson Interior Invitational Tournament is now in full swing at the Vernon Racquet and Squash Centre.

Sixty racquetball and four handball players, from throughout the interior, are competing in the event.

Some preliminary games were played earlier this week, however, the out-of-town entrants start play today. Finals are scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Highlight of the tourney will be the round-robin, open, racquetball event. Five players including Riley Dwyford and Gregg Cauffield of Vernon, are vying for top honors. The other entrants are Doug Smith and Frank Rost of Kamloops along with Lance Richards of Kelowna.

Centre Manager: Debbie Sigale-Pitman said, "I expect competition to be tough in all events, but particularly in the open class. The five entrants are among the best in the interior."

First game for the locals is at 8:30 p.m. against the host team. Play continues all day Saturday.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1973
Langley Lcnds and Kelowna Buckaroos proved they can win against teams from another division of the B.C. Junior Hockey League last weekend, using victories to move ahead in league standings. The Buckaroos smashed the Nanaimo Clippers 7-2 then won 5-3 against Bellingham, Wash. The Lords drubbed Pentiction Broncos, 10-2, to vault ahead of Nanaimo in first place in the coast division.

WRESTLING

ALL STAR WRESTLING

Friday, Dec. 8, 8 P.M.
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MAIN EVENT

"Rematch" Jake Roberts	vs.	"Rematch" Texas Outlaw
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*Goldschlagers will be headlined to "Salvatore Martino" on the outside of the ring. So there is no interference.

TAG TEAM

Crankovich & Alaskan	VS	Martino & Sharpe
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