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Canadians sign a new goaltender

Vernon Canadians will have a new man between the pipes Friday night when they battle the Buckaroos in Kelowna.

Vern Hanson, 18, signed with the team this week and is being given the starting nod by Coach Greg Kvisle. Hanson, from Nakusp, has been playing with Rutland Molsons, of the North Okanagan Hockey League. In five starts with Molson, he had a goals against average of 4.20.

Kvisle said, "I watched Vern play one game with Molsons and we've had him out to a couple practices — he looks good to me. We want to have a look at him in a game situation, so I'm going to start him against the Bucks. Besides, Trent (Smith) hasn't played that well against Kelowna this season."

Since hammering Kelowna 11-4 Oct. 29, Canadians haven't had much luck with the Buckaroos. In their last two meetings, Bucks have recorded 10-7 and 7-4 victories.

Kvisle said he probably won't know his line-up for Friday until right before game time because the flu bug has hit the club.

Tom Ouchi missed last Sunday's game with the flu and that was just a hint of things to come.

Kvisle said, "We've got four or five guys under the weather. I hope they can fight it off."

Canadian's next hime game is Sunday night, against Chilliwack Colts.

Vernon scoring is:

Player	G	A	Pts
Lowe	31	45	76
Neeld	31	36	67
Stous	24	28	52
Ouchi	16	26	42
Mercer	16	23	39
Downton	7	28	35
Schneider	5	27	32
Creelman	13	16	29
Hascarl	13	11	24
Matthews	6	9	15
Dometrick	0	14	14
Vachon	3	9	12
Lockwood	2	8	10
Pearson	7	2	9
Roberts	2	3	5

Three teams in zone finals

Three Vernon teams have qualified to compete in the mixed zone finals this weekend at the Vernon Curling Club.

Doug Smith, Ron Houston, and Dave Simpson qualified from a nine-rink competition last weekend. Smith, with Karen Mackie, Lane Murray, and Sharon Murray, along with Houston, who had Donna Blois, Mark Longworth, and Beth Houston on his team, qualified through the 'A' event.

The Simpson foursome, with Carol Prentice, Larry Wynn, and Jan Mori, went through the 'B' event and defeated defending zone champion Gord Rowland.

Two teams from Salmon Arm, skipped by D. Aitken and Garry Wynne, and one Enderby rink, skipped by Dennis Case, will provide the opposition this weekend. One foursome will advance to the provincial playdowns.

Draw times Saturday are 9 a.m., 12:30., and 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, games will be at 8 and 11 a.m., and 3 p.m., if required.

Sabres tied for league lead

Coldstream Sabres moved into a tie for first-place in the White Valley Hockey League with a 6-4 victory over Lotus Garden on Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Sabres and Lotus have 14 points, one more than Lumby Flying Frenchmen.

Clive Powell scored two goals and set up two others to lead the Sabres while Dave Kanester, Steve White, Joe Clark, and Mike Clerk added singles.

Lester Ouchi, with two goals, Ray Horochuk, and Dan Horochuk replied for Lotus.

The teams were tied 2-2 after the first period and Sabres took a 4-2 lead after 40 minutes.

NINE EJECTED

Coldstream took 18 of 35 penalty minutes and four of nine game misconducts. The nine players were ejected for failing to go to their benches during a first period fight. Among those given the boot was ex-pro Tom Serviss, who was making his debut with Lotus.

BARONS WIN

In another game Tuesday, Rene's Barons recorded their first victory of the season, 4-2, over Peerless Pipe Blades.

Blades protested the game over alleged ineligible players.

Rob McLean scored twice for Barons with singles from Fred Johnstone and Henry Wilson.

Willy Madden and Mike Grywacheski countered for Blades.

Barons held period leads of 3-0 and 4-1.

Japanese team to visit Vernon

The Fujiidera Technical High School team will battle the British Columbia all-star team in exhibition volleyball action next Tuesday at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

The 25-member Fujiidera squad is touring B.C. as part of an exchange program with Japan. On Monday, the two teams will clash in Williams Lake, with another game slated for Wednesday night in Kelowna.

EXCITING BALL

Vernon Volleyball Club Coordinator Denis Murdoch told the Daily News spectators will be treated to some exciting ball.

Murdoch said, "It is my understanding that the Fujiidera team is the third or fourth ranked high school club in Japan. And the Japanese play a very high calibre of volleyball.

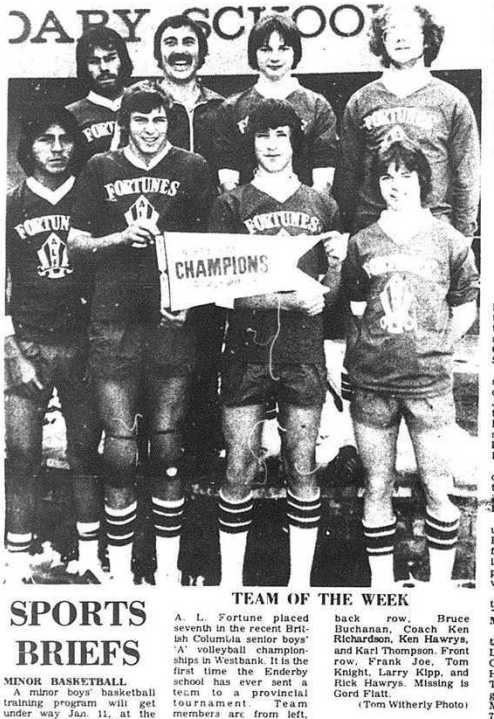
"On the other hand, the B.C. team will give them all they can handle. They placed sixth in the Pacific Rim Tournament last year and have been in training for the Canada Winter Games (in Brandon next February)."

FROM WINFIELD

Only two Okanagan players are on the B.C. squad, Mario Russo and Gary Gatzke, both of Winfield.

Advance tickets are on sale at the Fulton School main office. A limited number will be sold at the gate.

Game time will be 7:30 p.m.



TEAM OF THE WEEK

A. L. Fortune placed seventh in the recent British Columbia senior boys' 'A' volleyball championships in Westbank. It is the first time the Enderby school has ever sent a team to a provincial tournament. Team members are from left, back row, Bruce Buchanan, Coach Ken Richardson, Ken Hawrys, and Karl Thompson. Front row, Frank Joe, Tom Knight, Larry Kipp, and Rick Hawrys. Missing is Gord Flatt.

(Tom Witherly Photo)

SPORTS BRIEFS

MINOR BASKETBALL

A minor boys' basketball training program will get under way Jan. 11, at the Vernon Recreation Complex gymnasium. All 11 sessions will be held on Thursdays. Any boys in Grade 7, 8, and 9 are eligible to register. Cost is $6 per person, which includes a T-shirt. Instructors will include senior coach from the Major Men's League, Vernon Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig, and members of the Panthers.

QUITE A GAME

Super-Valu Flames embarassed Vernon Sport Lakers 23-1 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Civic Arena. Flames held period leads of 7-0 and 13-1.

NUMBER RETIRED

CINCINNATI (AP) — The number 54 worn by 11-year-veteran centre and captain Bob Johnson will be retired by Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League in pre-game ceremonies on Sunday. The Bengals close out their season with Cleveland Browns. Johnson, 31, will retire after the game to become a fulltime executive with the Cincinnati Adhesive Co.

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