

78 freestylers competing

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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Several of the seeded freestylers, who don't need to qualify for the tour, are also in Vernon, for practice sessions.

They include 1978 world ballet and mogul champion Greg Athans of Kelowna, Darryl and Rick Bowie of Calgary, and 1978 Rookie of the Year Steve Rezendes, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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One freestyler who is in Vernon this weekend, but won't be doing any skiing, is Scott Brookbank, of Salt Lake City.

TURN LIGAMENTS Brookbank is one of the true superstars in the relatively new sport of freestyle. He has won virtually every title possible.

But, on Nov. 20, he tore his left knee ligaments during a practice session and is currently hobbling around on crutches.

Brookbank, 28, started skiing professionally in 1971. He said, "This sport has progressed day-by-day. The only way I have been able to remain competitive is to keep myself tuned in, both physically and mentally."

After earning \$50,000 in 1978, Brookbank was looking forward to his best season in 1979. He said, "My hardest jump last year was a full-in, full-out (a double somersault with full twists on both). But, during summer training in

Austria, I worked on a triple jump and had it ready for competition. A lot of the guys practiced the triple in water and on trampolines, but I think I was the first to actually do it on snow."

FIRST OVERALL During the 1978 World Cup finals at Silver Star, Brookbank placed first overall. And he has no plans to retire.

He said, "I think I'll be able to do all three events very well until I'm 30. If I can continue my year-round training program, I might be able to go longer."

The thought of retirement from skiing doesn't frighten Brookbank, he said, "I have a choice when I retire. I have several diversified fields I can enter."

MOVIE STAND-IN One of those fields is the ski stunts in several films. His most prominent role was as the stand-in for Beau Bridges in Other Side of the Mountain.

The 1978-79 Freestyler of the Year hopes to be back in action for the second-half



STEVE REZENDES ... top rookie

the tour schedule, which starts Feb. 23 in Bromont, P.Q. He said, "I've never had a serious injury before, so I'm following doctor's orders — for now anyway. But, I'll be back better than ever — and everyone on the tour knows it."

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Buckaroos to host Canadians

Collins to miss 12 games

Vernon Canadians can strengthen their hold on second place in the I.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division tonight when they meet the Buckaroos at Kelowna.

Canadians led third-place Kamloops Rockets by four points, with two games-in-hand. Buckaroos are six points back of Vernon.

On Sunday, Canadians host Chilliwack Colts and 2,000 local people will be treated to an early Christmas present. Over the next two days, 2,000 free tickets to Sunday's game will be distributed throughout the city.

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SPECTATORS won't get a chance to see this man in action this weekend at Silver Star.

Scott Brooksbank, of Salt Lake City, Utah, tore his left knee ligaments last month and will be unable to practice this weekend at the Star, however, there will be close to 100 freestylers on hand, including 78 who are competing for berths on the World Cup Tour.

For the first time in competition, several skiers plan to try triple flips. The mogul event was held today with the ballet scheduled Saturday and aerials on Sunday.

Competition starts daily at 11 a.m. (Daily News Photo)



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Panthers end slump at Kelowna Tournament

Vernon Panthers ended a six-game losing streak Thursday night by dumping Prince of Wales 85-61 in the Kelowna Invitational Basketball Tournament.

In other games Thursday, Revelstoke Mountaineers beat Rutland Voodoos 77-71. Kelowna Owls downed Carleton Place 83-71, and Kamloops edged Argyle 56-55.

Panthers are scheduled to meet Owls in semi-final action today. The consolation final is slated for 7:15 p.m., with the championship game at 9 p.m.

Panthers' Coach Rick Irving called the win over the Vancouver school very satisfying. Irving said, "We played a fine, team, ball game. Prince of Wales has a good team and we took the game to them."

Vernon employed a full-court press for much of the first-half and a half-court press in the second-half. Both defenses seemed to vex their opponents.

23 POINTS Rick Beaton led the Panthers' attack with 23 points while Cliff Haak added 21. Lorne Hanson and Mike Kakoske dropped in 10 points each for the winners.

Beaton led all rebounders with 20 while Hanson pulled down a dozen. Haak was the top playmaker with six assists.

Bruce Berger, formerly of Vernon, won four gold medals in the recent British Columbia Secondary School Swim Meet in Vancouver.

Berger left Vernon two years ago to join the New Westminster Hyack Swim Club. At the school m.e., swimming for Lord Byng of Vancouver, he won a gold medal in the 100m backstroke and swam the anchor leg on three first-place relay teams.

PIN POINTS

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