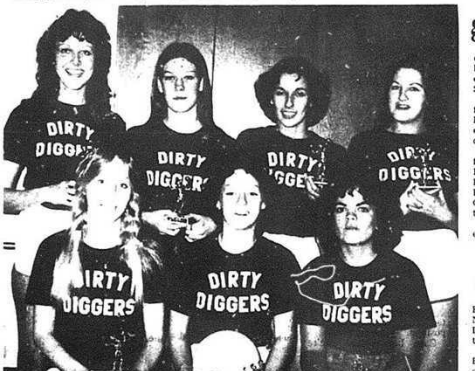
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPS

Freestylers trounced the Gustos 15-2 and 15-7 this week to win the Intermediate 'D' League Volleyball title. The Freestylers are from left, back row, Heidi Moosmann, Janine McGillivray, and Marlene Foote. Front, Irene Kariz and Roseanna Lynch. Missing are Jane Brown, Linda Jensen, and Brenda Grant. Gathips won the consolation title by defeating Silver Six 8-15, 16-14, and 16-4. (Daily News Photo)

KOOTENAY SIX won the Intermediate 'A' title by defeating Thorne Birds 15-8, 15-8, and 15-6. Team members are from left, back row, Carol Douglas, Olga Howes, and Cathy Murphy. Front, Dole Bode, Dulce Marrs, and Jill Nimmo. Missing is Debbie Fisher. Guzzlers won the consolation title. Below, Dirty Diggers won the Intermediate 'B' title by beating PTs. The Diggers are back row, Holly Reirson, Brenda Grams, Laurie White, and Val Seymour. Front row, Elsa Henkelman, Pat French, and Mona Danforth. Fatswith won the consolation trophy.



JUSTICE won the Major Women's Volleyball League playoff trophy by downing Village Green Inn. Justice is from left, back row, Marianne Saltz, Betty Sherk, and Val Powell. Front, Suzy Kohorst and Debbie Albrecht. Missing are Pat O'Neill and Sandy Shaw. Bumpers finished third by defeating Coldstream Hotel.

CAMPTOWN RACERS won the Monday Honeymooners League title by dumping Wild Ones 15-9, 10-15, and 15-12. Team members are from left, back row, Sandy Caldow, Marie Pruden, Brenda Howard, and Betty Murray. Front row, Peter Murray, Dave Caldow and Gary Pruden. Missing is Garey Howard. Upn atoms placed third by defeating Speedos. (Daily News Photo)

Panthers earn consolation title

Vernon Panthers won the consolation final at the Kelowna Invitational Basketball Tournament on Friday night.

The host, Kelowna Owls, won the tourney by defeating Kamloops Red Devils 99-92, in overtime. Panthers dumped Revelstoke Mountaineers 77-66 in the consolation game.

Earlier in the day, Owls knocked Vernon down to the 'B' side by recording 109-73, victory.

Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig was pleased with the club's performance against Revelstoke, but disappointed with its showing in the Kelowna game.

Inrig said, "I know we could have given the Owls a much better game. Kamloops took Kelowna into overtime and we beat the Red Devils earlier this season."

In the consolation final, steals and turnovers told the story. Panthers had a season-low of 19 turnovers, coupled with 19 steals.

Lorne Hanson and Rick Beaton led the Vernon attack with 17 points each while Wilf Haak added 12 and Kelly Olsen dropped in 10.

Panthers held quarter leads of 19-18, 37-28, and 52-46.

Against Kelowna, Vernon fell behind 28-15 in the first-quarter and couldn't recover.

Mike Kakoske and Olsen were the top scorers for Panthers, with 14 and 13 points respectively.

HONORABLE MENTION

For their efforts, Haak and Beaton both received honorable mention in the all-star balloting.

Inrig said, "One thing we did well was foul shooting. Our foul shooting percentage went from an average of 49, up to 74 over the weekend."

Panthers are idle until the New Year when they host North Kamloops Saints, in the league opener, on Jan. 3.

American skiers gains nine berths

Ten skiers qualified to compete on the World Cup Freestyle tour, in the mogul event, on Friday at Silver Star.

Nine of the 10 qualifiers are from the United States. Only Keith Reid, who finished eighth, broke the American domination.

Bruce Bolesy finished first followed by Jack Johnston, Paul Arnston, Rob Salerno, Bryce Veller, Dan Kurdy, Frank Beddor, Reid, David Gottstein, and Mark Whittaker.

In girls' competition, all 12 entrants were from south of the border.

Kay Kucera placed first followed by Liza Sweeney and Katy Murphy.

The competition continues to Sunday, with the ballet event scheduled today and aerials on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

Top 10 men in each of the two events qualify for the 12-meet tour, which starts Jan. 12 in Austria.

Revelstoke gets thumped

Westside Packers crushed Revelstoke Selkirks 14-6 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Friday night at the Mt. Boucherie Arena.

Tom Connatty and Chad Bodnar scored three goals each for Packers. Bruce Walker and Phil McCarron replied with two apiece for the last-place Selkirks.

Revelstoke meets the Cougars tonight, in Vernon, at 8 p.m.

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Buckaroos and flu trounce Canadians

Rob Wright scored three short-handed goals and assisted on a fourth Friday night as Kelowna Buckaroos hammered Vernon Canadians 9-1 in one of three B.C. Junior Hockey League games.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	TPts
INTERIOR DIVISION				
Merritt	35	30	5	0 60
Vernon	33	18	15	0 36
Kamloops	34	16	18	0 32
Kelowna	34	16	18	0 32
Revelstoke	33	14	19	0 28
Penticton	31	12	19	0 24
COAST DIVISION				
Bellingham	33	26	7	0 52
Nanaimo	32	20	11	0 40
Chilliwack	37	17	17	1 35
Langley	38	16	20	2 34
Abbotsford	35	13	21	1 27
Delta	35	5	30	0 10

In other action, Merritt Centennials blanked Chilliwack Colts 3-0 and Langley Canadians whipped Delta Suns 8-2.

Vernon had three players missing from its line-up with the flu, and another five dressed, but were ill. Defencemen Wayne Roberts and Larry Pearson, along with forward Dean Hascarl, did not make the trip.

Canadians' Coach Greg Kvisle said it wasn't a 9-1 hockey game. He said, "They didn't really dominate the play, we just made a lot of costly mistakes in our end of the rink. You can't give up four short-handed goals and expect to win a game."

Brad Sweda, Eric Sanford, Gord Pace, Ross Deutscher, Tom Stranger and Gary Leask rounded out the Kelowna scoring as the Bucks took 2-0 and 4-0 leads before 410 fans in the Regatta City.

ONLY GOAL

Vernon fired 37 shots at goalie Ron Loustel, but Terry Lowe was the only one able to beat the Kelowna netminder.

Vern Hanson, making his first appearance in the Canadians' net, made 23 saves. Hanson joined the team this week from Rutland Molsons, of the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Kvisle said, "You can't fault Vern. We played poorly in our end of the rink and the Bucks made some nice plays."

Midget defenceman Joe Leschuk, who was called up for the game, did a respectable job on the Vernon blue line.

HOST COLTS

Canadians host Chilliwack on Sunday and Kvisle said he isn't sure who he will have in the line-up. He said, "It looks like we're going to have to ask for help from the juveniles or midgets because I can't see all our guys recovering in the next 24 hours."

GOALPOSTS: Canadians are selling Christmas trees at Ernie's Self-serve Gas Station, on 27th Street, across from the Village Green Inn.

Rob Polmatuin made 25 saves to record his first shutout of the season for Merritt.

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