

# Correale to join juniors?

Centre Mike Correale of Vernon Sport Cougars may jump to Vernon Canadians of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Correale is joined the North Okanagan Hockey League's Cougars at the start of the 1975-76 season. In 21 games with the Cougars he has 11 points.

Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer said: "We asked Vern Dye (Cougars GM) for permission to talk to Correale. Mike said he'd like to try junior 'A', but it depends on his job. We hope to have an answer from him by the weekend."

Meanwhile, Terry Lowe leads a 10-point lead over his nearest team-mate in Canadians' scoring.

Lowe has 81 points, 10 more than John Neild. However, Neild leads the club in goals with 35, one more than Lowe.

After accumulating only two points in his first 30 games, defenceman Wayne Roberts now has five in his last five outings.

Canadians' scoring:

Players	Apts
Lowe	81
Neild	71
Sous	57
Duch	57
Mercer	40
Schreier	35
Dawson	25
Kreider	25
Hawart	25
Mathews	15
Wachon	15
Loewenich	12
Pearson	7
Roberts	5



POINT CLAIRE Swim Club Coach George Gate gives some pointers to Jonas Hutton during a clinic this week at the

Vernon Recreation Complex pool. Gate, one of the most successful swim coaches in Canada, has taught some of the nation's

greatest swimmers including Ralph Hutton and Wendy Quirk. (Daily News Photo)

# Gate conducts clinic for regional swimmers

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Our swimmers and executive want a championship club means.

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One of Canada's foremost swimming authorities, George Gate, is in Vernon this week to conduct a regional clinic. Gate, who is head of the Point Claire Swim Club in Quebec, conducted a similar seminar here last December.

He told the Daily News he has noticed a tremendous improvement in the swimmers since he was here 12 months ago.

Gate said, "I've noticed a definite change in their strokes and technique. It is very encouraging."

Gate started his coaching career in Ocean Falls, B.C., where he coached Olympic silver medalist Ralph Hutton, Jack Kelso, now coach of the UBC swim team, and international competitor Sandy Gilchrist.

Point Claire is the defending national women's champion and placed second in Canada overall this year. Graduates of the Point Claire club include Wendy Quirk, Peter Schmidt, Ann Jardin and Robin Corrigan.

He said public involvement and the support of the facility operators is crucial to a good swim team.

It is through his association with Vernon Kokame's Coach Tom Bryce, who worked with Gate at Point Claire, that he came here to conduct the workshop.

He said, "You have to have the public behind you to make accomplishments don't mean a thing. And you must have co-operation from the people who run your pool. For example, in Point Claire, we don't pay pool rental because the city feels it is beneficial for these kids to belong to our club."

Bryce said, "I felt it was important for us to have a coach of George's calibre come here — is he one of the best?"

"I'm hoping he can stress to

stages of development. Bryce has modelled his club after Point Claire.

The Vernon coach said, "When I came here, there were 21 swimmers in the club.

Last year I got us up to 64 and now we have reached capacity at 85. Our base is starting to produce good swimmers and our club is headed in the right direction."

# Grindrod wins 14th of season

Although it may be the only team enjoying a truly joyous time in the North Okanagan Hockey League is the league's leading Grindrod Elks.

The Enderby-based club won their 14th game of the season Wednesday night in Westside as they outlasted the Packers 6-4 before a good crowd at the Mount Boucherie Arena.

Missing four players due to the flu and a suspension, the Elks received a pair of goals apiece from Bernie Price and

Ron Haggard to beat the fourth place Packers 4-1. Perry Head, Len Barrie, Tom Connolly and Lea Strachan blanked the red light for the losers, who grabbed six of 11 minor penalties.

Dale Harder blocked 28 drives in the Westside net, while his counterpart Ed Forslund blocked 37 shots to gain the victory.

With the win, the Elks now have 29 points, 10 more than second place Rutland Molsons and 18 more than fourth place

### PIN POINTS

DEC 18  
Sunday Mixed 9-11  
Women's high single, Georgina Butler 291, high triple, Marie Mackenzie 637, high average, Inez Buchanan 310.  
Men's high single, Bill Pick 354, high triple, Brian Woodroff 747, high average, Louis Vincent 213.  
Team high single, Slim Pickers -238, high triple, Slim Pickers -792.

TEAM STANDINGS  
Swingline Parents 422  
Untouchables 399  
Stomperes 399  
Single Five 394  
Marauders 394

DEC 19  
Y.C. Seniors  
Women's high single, Cathy Darrach 284, high triple, Allison Penner 219, high average, Allison Penner 219.

DEC 19  
Monday Mixed 7-9  
Women's high single, Lil Jamieson 310, high average, Lil Jamieson 744, high average, Lil Jamieson 744.  
Men's high single, Glen Fey 225, high triple, Glen Fey 784, high average, Marcel Galion 247.  
Team high single, Firebats 1330, high triple, Reid Heating 3717.

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# Thornton pens Steelhead book

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Thornton's book, which has received rave reviews from Vancouver Island and coast newspapers deals with the various phases of steelhead fishing, propagation and protection. It is 140 pages in length and contains 100 photographs. There is humor and personal experience along with advice on how to catch this remarkable game fish.

The author is considered one of British Columbia's leading authorities on outdoor recreation. He has been a member of the life cycle, habits and environment of the steelhead makes his book a reading priority for all sportsmen.

His parents are the son of former Vernon teachers Connie and the late Howard Thornton. Following his early education in Vernon, he attended the University of British Columbia from which he received his Bachelor of Education Degree. He returned to Vernon and was a teacher at the Coldstream Elementary School. He is currently the principal of Brooklyn School in Comox, B.C.

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Besides his latest book, Thornton is the author of two previous published books, "The Ring-necked Pheasant" and "Outdoors Clubs for Juniors." (MH)

# REMEMBER WHEN

James (Tod) Sloan, world-famous jockey of the 1880s, died 42 years ago today — in 1936 at Los Angeles. Then 69 years old and a pauper, having spent all his winnings, Sloan was the originator of the present shortstrapped crouch of the modern jockey.

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