





CHRISTMAS is for the little people and many youngsters got to test their presents, from Santa Claus, at Tillicum Valley on Tuesday. From left are: Tracy Unraw, 5; Jason Folliott, 7; and Michael Unraw, 6. Both Tillicum and Silver Star report heavy skier traffic over the holidays.

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Skiers flock to local areas

Although conditions are not perfect, Silver Star and Tillicum Ski Areas are both experiencing busy holiday seasons.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News the Christmas crowds are on a par with last year.

Woodman said, "The week prior to Christmas, we were averaging 1,500-2,000 skiers per day. On Boxing Day, our crowd was about 3,200 and today we're expecting 4,000 skiers."

SNOW OVERNIGHT

The snow was getting thin in some areas, Tuesday, however, eight centimetres fell on the Star overnight.

Woodman said, "Our conditions are not ideal, but I imagine they're as good as any ski area in Western Canada."

Tillicum Manager Sandy Boyd said his crowds are up considerably over last season.

CHAIR HELPS

Boyd said, "We could use more snow, but our conditions are good. Main reason for the increase in business has to be the new chairlift."

While Tillicum's season pass sales are up 100 per cent, Silver Star has experienced a sharp drop in passes sold.

Woodman said, "There are three main reasons for the decrease in passes — the economy, the late snow, and Tillicum. The chairlift at Tillicum has made that area much more attractive, particularly for the junior skiers."

Silver Star is operating daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. while Tillicum runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Two local snowmobilers earn safety certificates

Bob McDonald and Bob Dacko, of Vernon, have been awarded snowmobile safety instructor certification, the B.C. Snow Vehicle Association announced this week.

They were selected by the Vernon Snowmobile Club and by the BCSVA as candidates for an intensive snowmobile safety instructor certification course at Vernon recently. The successful candidates are now preparing to give further safety instruction locally.

Dramatic reduction in the snowmobile accident rate and death toll in each of the past three years can be attributed, in part, to intensive safety campaigns by snowmobile organizations, government agencies and others, and probably equally to a maturing of the sport and of its participants according to the B.C. Snow Vehicle Association.

GRANT HELPS

"We have conducted extensive safety training programs for years, but we are not resting on our laurels" says Bob Sturgeon, BCSVA President. "With the assistance of a $15,000 grant from the B.C. Department of Recreation and Conservation, under the All-Terrain Vehicles Act and Snowmobile Regulations, we are this year undertaking the most intensive program of snowmobile safety education ever attempted."

Sturgeon said that B.C. has perhaps the most interesting and beautiful snowmobile terrain in the entire world but says the mountains and lakes and canyons which make it so attractive also pose greater hazards than are found in many parts of the North American snowbelt.

BCSVA Secretary-Manager, Bill Shields, of Vernon, is directing the certification courses and has worked with local snowmobile club officials to compile a list of candidates for certified instructors — people with substantial snowmobile experience, considerable natural ability, and a strong sense of responsibility. These candidates are then invited to the nearest of the three certification courses — Prince George, Vernon, and Vancouver, where they participate in two days of intensive instruction, coupled with practical demonstrations.

The certification courses just completed (one more is upcoming in the Vancouver area) are to introduce the instructor candidates to the safety materials they will be using such as instructor's manual, survival booklet, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation (CORE) Manual and other literature. It also acquaints them with audio visual aids available to them for their hometown courses and instructs them in how to use their teaching aids and lesson plans.

PUBLICITY MATERIAL

They are also furnished with publicity materials so they can assist their local media in acquainting the public with the second-stage safety courses they will be conducting locally for the general snowmobile public.

Local courses will include one or more three-hour safety clinics plus classroom courses totalling six or eight hours, over several weeks. All who complete the major course successfully will receive a certificate and a crest.

Interested people are asked to contact McDonald or Duco.



BOB McDONALD
. . . completed course

Rockets whip Canadians 13-5

Kamloops Rockets scored five first-period goals and went on to bomb Vernon Canadians 13-5 in one of two British Columbia Junior Hockey League games played on the holiday weekend.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
INTERIOR DIVISION					
Merritt	37	22	5	0	64
Vernon	37	20	17	0	40
Kamloops	38	19	19	0	38
Kelowna	35	16	19	0	32
Revelstoke	37	15	22	0	30
Penticton	34	13	21	0	26
COAST DIVISION					
Bellingham	38	29	8	1	59
Nanaimo	36	21	14	1	43
Chilliwack	40	19	20	1	39
Langley	42	18	22	2	38
Abbotsford	37	15	21	1	31
Delta	40	5	35	0	10

On Saturday, Nanaimo Clippers trounced the visiting Langley Canadians 6-2.

THREE GOALS

In Kamloops, Doug Lidster led the Rockets with three goals. Allan Graves and Danny Lacasse each added a pair while Elton Allen, Al Radke, Terry Seitz, Murray Matheson, Del Northcott, and Jay Kozak added singles for the winners.

Terry Lowe had two goals for the Canadians who also got goals from Dave Downton, Dale Slous, and John Neeld.

Rockets held period leads of 5-1 and 6-4.

Only 24 hours earlier, on Friday, Vernon had thumped Kamloops 9-3. And the team's inconsistency has General Manager Sheldon Bloomer worried.

Bloomer said, "We're up and down like a yo-yo. One night we look like gangbusters and the next game we couldn't beat a pee wee team."

BAD GOALTENDING

One of Vernon's problems in Kamloops was goaltending. Both starter Vern Hanson and Trent Smith were victimized by several bad shots.

Canadians are idle until Saturday night when they start the toughest part of their schedule by hosting the Penticton Vees. In the following 11 days, Vernon plays seven games, including four on the road.

IN NANAIMO

In Nanaimo, Clippers scored four quick goals in the first period and added another in the second to lead 5-0 heading into the final frame.

Brent Denat scored twice while Dave Wheeldon, Nigel Thomas, Glenn Naylor and Daryl Coldwell added singles for the Clippers.

Andy Deschenes and Garry McDonald scored for Langley to deny Nanaimo a shutout. Next BCJHL action is Friday when Revelstoke Bruins play the Buckaroos in Kelowna and Merritt Centennials meet the Vees in Penticton.



TERRY LOWE
. . . two goals

Tickets available for boxla banquet

Tickets are still available for the third annual Vernon Tigers awards night and banquet, on Friday, at the Village Green Inn.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of individual awards to the three-time Canadian senior 'B' lacrosse champions.

Cocktails will be at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., awards at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Music will be provided by Partie Sound.

Tickets are $10 each and may be purchased at Shopper's Drug Mart, the Village Green Inn, and Jake's Pop Shop.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BOXER SHOT DEAD

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) — Clemente Sanchez, Mexico's former world featherweight boxing champion, was shot to death Christmas Day by an unidentified motorist after their cars collided in Monterrey, police said Tuesday. Sanchez won the World Boxing Council version of the featherweight crown in May, 1972, by knocking out Japanese champion Kuniaki Shibata in the third round in Tokyo. He lost the title six months later to Spaniard Jose Legra and retired from boxing in 1975.

PICK RON GUIDRY

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ron Guidry, the left-handed pitcher of New York Yankees, has been selected the 1978 man of the year by The Sporting News. The weekly publication said Guidry earned the award covering all sports through the strength of his pitching, which carried the Yankees to a divisional baseball championship, pennant victory and World Series triumph.

SKI MEETS CANCELLED

OBERSTDORF, West Germany (Reuter) — Warm weather has caused the cancellation of the international Nordic skiing competitions scheduled for Nesselwang on Thursday and Friday and at Fischen today and Thursday, the organizers said Tuesday.

ENTERS ROWING HALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Larry Klecatsky of the New York Athletic Club has been inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame. He won 38 national rowing championships, 42 Royal Canadian Henley championships and competed in the Olympics five times.

EVERT STILL TOPS

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Chris Evert was rated the No. 1 women's tennis player in the United States for the fifth consecutive year in the U.S. Tennis Association's 1978 rankings released Tuesday. The last woman to be on top for as many straight years was Alice Marble (1936-1940). Billie Jean King was picked No. 2 followed by Tracy Austin, Rosemary Casals and Pam Shriver.

KEEPS BOXING TITLE

BOLOGNA, Italy (Reuter) — Alfredo Evangelista of Spain retained his European heavyweight boxing title Tuesday when he knocked out Italian Dante Cane in the fourth round of their scheduled 15-round bout.

SUBS FOR MacKENZIE

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — Art Devlin, a member of the United States ski jumping team at five Winter Olympics, is the temporary president of the Lake Placid Olympic organizing committee. Devlin of Lake Placid moved up from vice-president after Ronald MacKenzie died of an apparent heart attack Saturday just before the inauguration of the 70-kilometre ski jump. The LPOOC must choose a new president Jan. 17.

FIND BUYER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Shamrocks of the Pacific Hockey League found a buyer Friday a few hours before a threatened walkout by players who haven't been paid this month. David Peterson, owner of the Golden Gaters of World Team Tennis reached an agreement in principle to purchase the Shamrocks and said he'd pay the players before Friday night.

Quebec all-stars defeat the west

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League all-stars started off on the right foot Tuesday in an international hockey tournament with a 5-2 victory over the Western Hockey League allstars.

Also competing in the tournament is Moscow Dynamo, a Soviet senior first-division team. The Olympic and Soviet teams play just three games each— once each against the Quebec, Western and Ontario teams, which play each other twice in round-robin competition.

The championship game is scheduled for Jan. 3 in London, Ont. Other games are being held in Windsor, Niagara Falls, Brantford, Kitchener, Oshawa and Ottawa. Only Quebec, Ontario and the WHL can make the championship game.

SCORES THREE GOALS

Jimmy Mann of Sherbrooke Beavers led the QMJHL team with three goals, including scoring the eventual winner unassisted in the first period. Other Quebec goals were by Bob Crawford of Cornwall Royals and Alan Haworth of Sherbrooke.

Doug Morrison of Lethbridge Broncos and Blaine Wesley of Portland Winter Hawks scored for the WHL all-stars before 2,338 spectators at London.

Cary Farelli of University of Toronto Blues scored two power-play goals to lead the Olympics and Russ Elliott of Thunder Bay Twins of the CHL had the goal that turned out to be the winner.

Elliott scored with 3:56 remaining to make it 3-1 and Mike Foligno scored for the Ontario team with 80 seconds remaining.

Defenceman Steve Marengere of Ottawa '67s got the first goal for the Ontario stars in the last minute of the second period.

Vernon dumps Kamloops

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps blasted Kamloops 5-2 in exhibition hockey action Saturday night in Kamloops.

Kamloops leads the Okanagan-Mainline League, two points ahead of Vernon and Salmon Arm.

Coke Manager Gary Zupp was ecstatic with his team's performance.

Zupp said, "Our guys came up with a super team effort. We couldn't have played any better. If we play like that, nobody will beat us."

Karl Poeschek led the winners' attack with three goals while Mike Correale and Dwayne Straiger added singles. Correale, on loan from Vernon Sport Cougars of the North Okanagan Hockey League, also had three assists.

The teams battled through a scoreless first period and Vernon took a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1973

Vernon senior pup reps were on the road Saturday as they travelled to the Brocklehurst suburb of Kamloops and came away with a big 18-1 win over their hosts.

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