

Being crazy helps a lot

You don't have to be crazy to be a long-distance runner, but it sure helps.

Fifty-six brave souls competed in the annual Winter Carnival Six-mile Marathon last Sunday on a course covered in ice and sand, accompanied by cold weather and a steady snowfall.

Like most distance runners, Paul Grozke of Calgary, who won the event, is incredibly dedicated. Grozke told the Daily News he isn't in top shape. To cover a six-mile course in under 32 minutes, would make most of us jump for joy — or fall on our face. After he finished the race, he ran back out on the course to greet some of the other runners.

"I said, 'I'm attending university full-time right now so I don't have much time for training. I'm only running between seven and 15 miles per day. When I'm in school in the spring, I hope to really get back into training by running about 20 miles per day.'"

Grozke admits he wouldn't mind making the 1980 Canadian Olympic team and said he would like to come back to Vernon next February to defend his title.

Maybe we'll get to see him in shape next year!

NAMES IN SPORTS

Wendell Talaber was the most popular person around the Vernon Racquet and Squash Club last weekend.

Talaber is a colorful player who has offended more than one person with his on-court attitude. However, as his victory in the Vernon tournament proves, he is a very talented player.

In many ways, he is like curling's Paul Grozke, of Calgary. Grozke has been called every name in the book by opponents and fans because of his style and lack of etiquette. But, he has established himself as one of the world's best curlers.

Statistics released this week by the Western Canadian Hockey Association show three former B.C. Junior Hockey League players are enjoying great seasons.

Kevin Maxwell, who spent two seasons with Penitence Vees before joining the University of North Dakota, is third in the WCHA scoring race with 58 points.

Mark Taylor, who toiled with Langley Lancers last year, is team-mate with Maxwell, is fifth in the loop with 34.

Glen Merkosky, a Kamloops native who played with the Rockets, is 17th in the league with 26 points for Michigan Tech.

On the subject of hockey, Vernon Sport Cougars haven't exactly had an abundance of forwards in their last few North Okanagan Hockey League games.

Wayne Dye and Les Sato are both nursing injuries. Fred Peropolin is holidaying in Hawaii, and Grant Sinden is also on holidays. Sinden is expected back three weeks ago, but has yet to appear.

If Cougars can get everyone back and healthy before playoff time, they could be tough to beat.

Armstrong's Murray Ellis was recently elected as the new commissioner of the Interior Lacrosse Association.

Ellis has contributed a great deal to the Armstrong Shamrocks' organization over the past few years and if he does the same for the I.L.A., he might be the doctor ordered.

You only have five days left to get in shape for the annual Polar Bear Swim on Saturday at the Lakeside Motor Inn.

70 bowlers in marathon

Seventy bowlers took part in the annual Winter Carnival 20 game Bowling Marathon on Sunday at Lincoln Lanes.

Bob Humphreys earned 100 for placing first in scratch competition with a 5913 total. He was followed by Bob Biro 4629, Len Chahley 4297, Stan Warmidge 4263, Ian Nobbs 4257, Harold Zap 4239, Shig Tabata 4234, and Ed Gale 4214.

Other award winners were: ladies' high single Wipp 320; men's high single Jim Humphreys 386; ladies' high triple Turek 335; men's high triple Tabata 347; ladies' low game Virginia Anderson 124; men's low game Peter Merton 125.

HIGH SINGLES

Winners of \$5 for high single were (men): Frank Gratton 306; Warsnagle 338; Art Clark 316; Tabata 333 and 335; Bob Buchanan 384; Nobbs 311, 354, and 320; Gale 323; Ed Meyer Humphreys 547, and Lynda Nats 501.

Black draws, worth \$40 to the winners, went to Warsnagle, Don Slaak, Alvin Horton, Larry Falconer, and Andy Phillips.

HIGH BLOCS

Men's high blocks, worth \$10, were recorded by Tabata 1129, Nobbs 1059 and 1143, Marcel Croteau 1057, and Humphreys 118.

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O'Keefe Winter Carnival Racquetball Tournament last weekend. Below, Keith Brooks waits for a high shot to come down into range. Brookes, of Vernon, was defeated in the men's senior final. (Daily News Photos)

Vancouver player wins tournament

Some people don't like Wendell Talaber's attitude on the racquetball court, but everyone has to respect his ability.

The colorful 18-year-old from Vancouver captured the second annual Winter Carnival Carling O'Keefe Tournament last weekend at the Vernon Racquet and Squash Centre.

Talaber won the open event by edging Dave Graham, of Prince George, 21-11, 21-21, and 11-4 in a thriller. He also teamed up with Dale Pond, of Vancouver, to win the open doubles event.

QUINTUPLES

Talaber has become one of the most controversial players in racquetball because of his reputed disregard for referee's calls and disrespect for other players. However, he has talent. In 1977, he won the Canadian Junior title. And last year, he placed second in the B.C. Open.

Talaber told the Daily News he was surprised at how well Graham played. He said, "Dave played better than I have ever seen him — man has to be improved."

Pond defeated Ian Sterling, also of Vancouver, in the consolation final 21-10 and 21-12.

Pre-tourney favorite Bill Contradow, of Vancouver, was defeated in the semi-finals by Graham, 21-12 and 21-4. Contradow is a former Canadian senior champion.

BRYAN WINS

Vernon's Ken Bryan won the men's 'B' singles event by defeating Dave Morrison, of Williams Lake, 21-13 and 21-16.

The consolation title went to Trail's Rod Bojceko who dined Ken Mitchell, of Kelowna, 21-13, 21-17, and 11-2.

In men's 'C' singles, Surrey's Ken Hewitt defeated host Merritt Centennialis in the consolation title.

For the Canadians, who have yet to beat the Centennialis this season, it is a must-win game if they hope to catch second-place Kamloops Rockets. Vernon trails the Rockets by five points, with only nine games remaining.

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1980 in prize money. Marcorie didn't win any of the lost (Daily News Photo)

MINOR HOCKEY

Get Peps win in two games

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

Vernon Bloom and Sigalot Midget Peps doubled Rutland 6-2 Sunday and Kamloops 8-4 Saturday in Okanagan-Mainline Hockey League play.

Sunday at the Civic Arena, Rutland took a 3-1 lead in the first period before Vernon came flying back with four unanswered goals in the second.

Glen Hampton scored twice for Vernon while Kevin Fortier added a goal and three assists. Singles went to Tom DeVries, Joe Leschuk, and Wayne Bodnaruk.

Rick Egler, Rob Buckner, and Arnie Tyson countered for Rutland and Brian Tyson.

In Kamloops, the teams fought to a 3-3 first period lead and Vernon led 6-3 after 40 minutes.

Fortier picked up a hat trick for the locals while Bodnaruk added a pair. DeVries, Brad Moore, and David Popelchuk netted singles for the winners.

PUPS SPLIT

Vernon Consumers Glass Pup Peps split a pair of high-scoring OMMHA games last weekend. Blasting Westside 2-2, but dropping a 10-9 count to Kamloops.

On Sunday, it was no contest as Vernon outhit Westside 11-1.

Troy Miel, Darin Chamberlain, Howie Finch, and Jay Stark all contributed four goals and an assist for Vernon. Dennis Holland scored three times while Mike Subershan added a goal and David Calder blinked the red light once.

On Saturday, for the second time this season against Kamloops, the locals blew a big lead. Consumers held period leads of 4-1 and 7-3 before falling apart in the final frame.

Derek Webb and Holland scored three goals each while Chamberlain, Calder, and Jason Howey notched singles.

Kerry Russell was the top sniper for

Kamloops with four goals.

Vernon Wadkin and Pee Wee Dops also split a pair of weekend games, dropping a 4-4 exhibition game to Kamloops Sunday, after whipping Peeps in a 2-1 league game Saturday.

Sunday's game featured some excellent netminding with Vernon's Marlee Freay and Darrell Houston combining for 23 saves.

The Ladd Malowaki made 20 stops at the other end.

Don Balcombe, John Barber, Billy Barron, and Brent Gilchrist shared the Vernon scoring.

Richard Novak led Kamloops with three goals and two assists.

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BIG GAMES

Big offensive games for the locals were turned in by: David Munk three goals and three assists; Balcombe three goals and an assist; Gilchrist two goals and three assists; and Bruce Major with a goal and four helpers.

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Sun Valley Bantams kept up their weekend scoring with Vernon's Marlee Freay and Darrell Houston combining for 23 saves.

Kevin Alschbach of Vernon past Kelowna with two goals while Greg Kowal, Ron Sparks and Rod Schaefer contributed singles.

COACH UPSET

Sun Valley Coach George Beck was totally disappointed with his club's effort against Merritt.

"We took 51 minutes in penalties and deserved them all — we got totally carried away."

Greg Moore, a 1 Tom Day scored for Vernon.

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Saints suffer setback

League-leading Priest Valley Saints suffered two consecutive losses, 70-50 to Coons Bay Rattlers, in Major Men's Basketball League action Monday night at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

In another game, Silver Star outscored Coons Bay 79-70 in overtime victory over Cherry Creek Trappers.

Bill Fittler was the story for Rattlers with 34 points, including 22 in the second-half. Dennis Roberts and Mike Kennis added 11 points each for Coons Bay.

League scoring leader Tony Wolcott was held to 16 points by the Rattlers. Ian Houchin dropped in 12 points for the Saints.

In the other game, Trappers led 42-34 at half-time, but Suns battled back to win the score 79-70 and force overtime. In the extra period, Silver Star's Eric Parker added 17 and Jack Butula was the big gun for Suns with 30 points while Dave Jackson swished 14.

Gary Pruden, with 27 points, and Steve Friesen, with 17, were the top snipers for Trappers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1974

Fred Berry of Merritt Centennialis continued to lead the British Columbia Junior Hockey League scoring race with 50 goals and 50 assists for 105 points.

Marjorie in world

Official results released Monday show Vernon's Marjorie Cameron placed fourth overall in the World Winter Games for the Deaf last week in Meribel, France.

Marjorie, 18, finished fifth in slalom, sixth in downhill, and ninth in giant slalom.

First-place went to Switzerland's ex-World Cup team member Helen Schneider. Only four women succeeded in completing all three alpine events.

Fourteen nations competed in the games.

Gray Cameron, Marjorie's brother, accompanied the eight-member Canadian contingent as acting coach and business manager.

Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 tickets good for

Feb. 14 BIG BONUS PRIZES

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MARKET GALLON is one of Vernon's top bowlers, but he ran into some tough luck in last weekend's Winter Carnival 20-game Marathon at Lincoln Lanes. Seventy bowlers competed for more than \$1900 in prize money. Marcorie didn't win any of the lost (Daily News Photo)

Winners of original, most weirdest tee were these fr

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