



BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Donna Desmarais, Terry Bucsis, and Len Melbourne are the honored bowlers this week at Lincoln Lanes, Desmarais of Toronto on Thursday 7-9 p.m.,

League, rolled an 889 triple to go 263 pins over her 202 average. Bucsis, centre, had a 717 threesome to go 219 pins over his 166 average. Bucsis throws

balls for Barons in the Wednesday 7-9 p.m. loop. Len Melbourne receives special recognition for his 403 game, including eight consecutive strikes, on Wednesday night.

Two Canadians catch scout's eye

By KEVIN MITCHELL, Daily News Writer

George Burke knows his hockey so when he says he's impressed with certain players in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, you know the guys must have talent.

After all, he's been the assistant coach of the Ohio State University Hockey team since 1984.

Burke was scouting Interior Division teams last week and ended his scouting trip in Vernon Tuesday night when he says three players have been given information on the university hockey program.

"I've talked to Tom Ouchi and Dave Dowdson of the Canadians and Doug Lidster of Kamloops."

Burke didn't come right out and offer the trio scholarships for the next Central Collegiate Hockey Association season, he simply put his foot in the door.

"I haven't committed a scholarship to anyone. I just tell them about the program we offer and then let them think about it. I don't pressure anyone."

LIKES LOWE
Burke added, "Of course I like Lowe (Terry's father) and the BCJHL scoring leader, but it's hard to say what these kids have on their minds."

An old team-mate of both Ouchi, Lowe, Terry's father and Sheldon Bloomer, Canadians' general manager, Burke talked with Ouchi and his wife Mert about Terry at the game.

U.S. and the trip to the Interior was his first ever. "I was impressed with this league. The kids skate well and they pass the puck well."

Burke feels university hockey is a super chance for a young player to combine a sport he loves with an education.

"It's a good opportunity for a kid. Some of them are late bloomers and they get overlooked in the pro draft. They have a year or two to get well organized and disciplined."

To qualify for a scholarship in any school across the border, a player cannot have earned a C average (2.5) or averaged it more a quarter, which Burke says "is a fairly big deal."

Once in school at Ohio State, a hockey player must maintain a C average (2.5) or averaged it more a quarter, which Burke says "is a fairly big deal."

Salmon Arm clubs remain dominant

There is something about playing in Salmon Arm that seems to humble Vernon basketball teams.

Vernon Panthers and Royals lost crucial games in high school action Wednesday night in the Shuswap city.

In girls' play, defending provincial champion Salmon Arm Jewels had a big quarter and went on to defeat Royals 45-29. Jewels have not lost a game to Vernon for eight years.

The Panthers who have enjoyed only sporadic success against the Salmon Arm boys, dropped an 81-72 decision to the Golds.

Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig said, "The second half was killed us. We got in foul trouble, went to a zone defence, and it simply didn't work."



KELLY OLSEN ... great game

One shining light in the log for Vernon was centre Kelly Olsen. Olsen, a Grade 11, scored 38 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, and dominated the paint.

Guard Will Haak was the only other Vernon player to hit double figures with 12 points.

game from Kelly. And Haak and Olsen did not play well in the backcourt. As for the rest of the team, I'd rather not say.

Forward Greg DeLeenheer, still hampered by a knee injury, did not play.

North zone standings are: Salmon Arm (6-2), Kamloops (5-4), Vernon (4-5), Westside (3-5), and North Kamloops (1-7).

HAD QUARTER
In the girls' game, Jewels led 19-6 at half-time and broke the game open in the third-quarter by outscoring Royals 18-4.

Val State scored 15 points for Salmon Arm. Laurie Ferguson was the top scorer for Vernon with 13 points while Sheila Alexis sunk nine and Pat Zsarych added eight.

Royals Coach Deloy Routley said, "There was a five-minute span in the third quarter when we couldn't do anything right. We moved to within four points in the fourth-quarter, but couldn't get any closer."

Maynard Smith was the top sniper for Golds with 23 points while Kurt Persson added 20. Inrig said, "We got a super

Johnstone frustrated after riding the bench

By KEVIN MITCHELL, Daily News Writer

Ed Johnstone admits his career with the New York Rangers has been somewhat frustrating, a feeling that forces him to say "I'll go anywhere I can play regularly."

The 24-year-old Vernon native was in town this week while the National Hockey League All-stars prepare to take on Russia in the 1979 Challenge Series.

"It's been a little frustrating with the Rangers," said the former Vernon and Medicine Hat junior player, "you want to play steady but they're in doing well and that makes it a little easier to take."

Johnstone has played in just 17 games with the Broadway Blues this season as he says, "There are just too many bodies and (Coach Fred) Shero alternates people all the time."

The rugged forward added, "I'm just going to stick around New York and see what happens. It's been tough because he's (Shero), been picking with the same lines and he's not giving me the minutes I need."

As for playing with the Sweden, Ulf Nilsson and Anders Hedberg, Johnstone says "They are super guys, they're the best team I've ever seen. They're there for the team, they're just super players and they've got lots of talent."



ED JOHNSTONE ... wants to play

caused the sudden turnaround in the Rangers, he said, "The Swedes help a lot, but all in all the guys are starting to mature and Shero's style and attitude help as well."

"He tells you what to do and you do it. He doesn't say much, but when he says something you listen. He never gets excited or frustrated, nothing seems to get him upset and he never yells at you. He comes in the dressing room and says a few lines, tells us what we have to do to win the hockey game, and then leaves."

Johnstone added, "Shero does things for the players. Even when he's talking to the reporters after we've played bad, he'll never point his finger at anyone."

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ANNUAL SPIEL GETS UNDER WAY

The annual Valentine's Mixed Bonspiel gets under way tonight, at 8 p.m., at the Vernon Curling Club.

Seventy-two teams will be competing in the four-day event.

First round draw is:

THURSDAY, 8 p.m.	Schaad (Kelowna) vs. Haber
Svucha vs. Craig	Dunoyer vs. Thompson
Benne vs. Bodnaruk	Mayer vs. R. Brier
Folk vs. Sharp	Lockert vs. Aaby
Terry vs. Chanko	Lyster vs. Lighthart
THURSDAY 8:15 p.m.	Sawaak vs. Galloway (Kelowna)
Curtis vs. Burns	Bauer vs. Lachance
Munk vs. Kruy	Wright vs. LeBlond
Paik vs. Waxman	Macdonald vs. Robbins
McIntosh vs. Reardon	THURSDAY 10:30 a.m.
Wilson vs. MacGowan (Kelowna)	N. Mackie (Sic) vs. Hunter
M. Mackie (Sic) vs. Hunter	

Sabres, Lotus record victories

Mike Clerke, Don Schaeffer and Steve White fired two goals apiece as Coldstream Hotel Sabres skated to a 10-6 triumph over Peersless Pipe Blades in one of the White Valley Hockey League encounters played at the Lumby Arena Tuesday night.

John Kully, Gerry Boyce, Dave Fulowaki and Dave Kammerer each blanketed the red light once for the Sabres who held period leads of 4-2 and 6-4.

Clerke and Boyce collected four and three assists apiece for the winners.

Wayne Brown and Terry Sammartino triggered two goals apiece for Peersless Pipe, while singles came off the sticks of Lorne Wilata and Doug Norman.

Brown also collected three assists while Charlie Baker added two.

In the other game played Tuesday night, Lionel Gray, Tom Williamson and Ray Horrochuk posted two goals apiece to spark the Lotus Gardens crew past Allison Stronze Enters 7-3.

Ross MacDonald scored the other marker for the winners, who led 3-1 after the first and second periods.

Jeff Shirley pumped in two goals and Graydon Brown scored the other for the Lasers. Lotus took 14 of 32 penalty minutes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

OPENING CEREMONY

The eighth annual Vernon Winter Carnival Ice Hockey Tournament official opening ceremonies will be held tonight, at 6 p.m., at the Civic Arena. Following the opening, Vernon will play Santa Rosa, Calif. Final game of the day, at 8:30 p.m., has Terrace against Saskatoon.

PLAYOFFS START

Pleasant Valley Hockey playoffs get under way tonight, at 8:30, when the Toros takes on Kinmen in the Civic Arena. In the final league game, played Wednesday night, Tri-Lake Cougars and Toros battled to a 4-4 tie.

EASY VICTORY

Fireworks trounced Cathy's Clowns 9-12 in Intermediate Women's Basketball League action Wednesday night. Cathy Gottfridson scored 24 points. In another game, Blue Demits dumped Head of the Lake 44-13. Alison Ford scored seven points for the winners.

FLYERS WIN

Abbotsford Flyers defeated Chilliwack Colts 3-1 and Nanaimo Clippers downed Langley Canadians 6-4 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday night. In tonight's only game, Merritt Centennials play host to Kamloops Rockets.

Vernon rinks in playdowns

Four Vernon rinks are among the 17 that have qualified for the British Columbia Interior playdowns to be held in Cranbrook this weekend following qualifying play which wound up Wednesday.

Zone champion Randy Brown is joined by Jack Hockey, Dave Simpson, and Wayne Lafcoe.

Hockey won the A event in the qualifying spiel by defeating Bert Gifford of Kelowna 8-5. Barry McPhee of Kelowna won the B event and former B.C. champion Kevin

Smale of Prince George captured the C event.

Lafcoe reached the playdowns through the B event while Simpson went in through the C side.

Other zone champions are Bill Sweet of Nelson, Tam Lancaster of Cranbrook, Peter Sherba of Prince George, Peter Delver of Prince Rupert, and Eric Wiltzer of Kamloops.

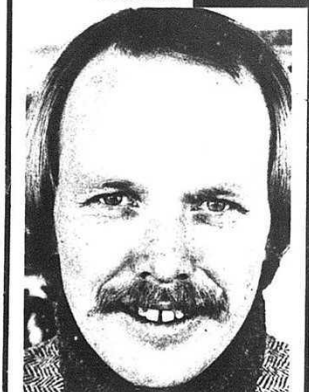
Rounding out the field will be Larry Shaw of Cranbrook, Dave Lovdahl of Kelowna, Mike Shook of Prince George and Don Bogie and Burt Thorne, both of Kamloops.

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