

KENDALL'S KORNER
Tournament was great



Winter Carnival 1979 is now history! Hundreds of people worked their butts off to ensure the 11th annual carnival was a success. For my money, nobody works harder than the Fox Free Hockey Tournament Committee.

I had the pleasure of working closely with the tournament committee for four days — and nights.

NHL Hall-of-Famer Babe Pratt who has attended all eight pee wee tournaments had some flattering words. Pratt said, "I've been to tournaments in Kamloops, North Vancouver, Peterborough, and all over Canada — and as far as I'm concerned, this is the best. When the kids grow up and look back on their minor hockey days, they'll remember Vernon."

Just for the record, the committee members, under Chairman Jim Albers, are: Gord Nuyens, Retne Holland, Bob Williams, Stew Mitchell, Milt Crabb, George Waple, Gilo Loye, Burdon Bar, Al Weir, and Al Gramine. There are dozens of others (far too many to list) who assisted the committee — and they too deserve credit.

It is lucky for the other groups I don't have any say in which function is named as the winner of the Winter Carnival Trophy, for outstanding event of the year, because my vote would go to the pee wee tournament again.

ODDS AND ENDS

Don't be surprised if Smokey Trumbley's column does not appear in Thursday's edition of the Daily News.

Trumbley is still recovering from his dip in Okanagan Lake last Saturday. I also took part in the Polar Bear Swim, but I didn't dive (or fall) in the water five times.

Smokey was in rough shape when he left the lake. When he got home, he soaked in a hot tub for several hours, but it didn't seem to help.

It was an experience I won't forget for a while.

The junior 'A' hockey games Sunday night at the Civic Arena was a disgrace.

There is no excuse for two teams accumulating 194 penalty minutes. Maybe I'm biased, but I don't think Vernon Canadians were responsible for much of the garbage which took place on the ice.

The blame lies with Kelowna Buckaroos and referee Ulye Blagoin, of Penitentiary. When Kelowna fell behind 7-2, it was evident it didn't want to play hockey any more, and Blagoin clearly lost control of the game. On two occasions, his linesmen were thrown to the ice, by Buckaroos, during fights. Neither player received an additional penalty, or misconduct, for these actions.

If I was a linesman, you wouldn't catch me working in a game with Blagoin as referee.

Prior to Snowarama '79, there was some communication problem between Lions Club officials in Vancouver and local organizers. As a result, the event was cancelled for 400 kids.

It seems that communication problem is still around. We received a letter from the B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children office, in Vancouver, this week. The release named 25 areas which have already, or will within a year, participate in Snowarama '79. Vernon is not mentioned!

Vernon foursome drops first game

Glen Pierce of Vancouver defeated Vernon's Dave Simpson 5-2 Monday in the first game of the best-of-three series that will determine the British Columbia representative in the Canadian curling championships.

Pierce broke a 1-1 tie when he stole a point in the sixth end after Simpson missed a shot, and went up 4-1 in the seventh.

MISSED TAKEOUT

In the seventh, Simpson missed a double takeout with his first rock and Pierce raised a guard with his second shot to remain lying two. Simpson's draw attempt went through the house.

Curling with the Vernon skip are third John Taporowski, second Doug Weir, and lead Dale Rintoul.

Pierce said he thought Simpson controlled the game by keeping the house clean

until the turning point came in the sixth end.

Simpson said, "Pierce shot very well throughout the game. He missed very few stones and it's pretty hard to beat somebody when they don't miss their shots."

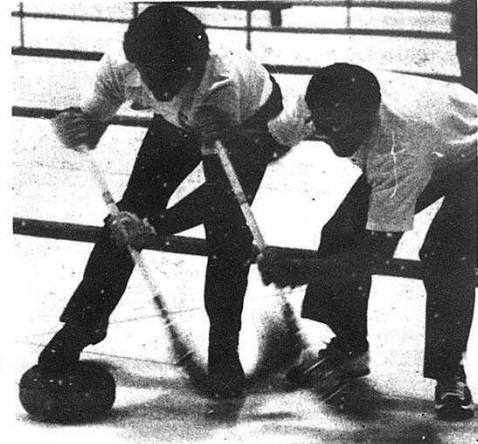
The Vernon rink faces elimination today when the second and third, if necessary, games will be played in Cranbrook.

BRIDGEMAN WINS

Meanwhile, in Prince Rupert, Vernon's Abby Bridgeman recorded two victories on the opening day of the B.C. Senior Women's Curling Championships.

Bridgeman defeated Connie Barker of North Vancouver 8-7 and Flo Makepeace of New Westminster 10-5.

Two-time Canadian champion Flora Martin of Victoria also won two games Monday. Martin whipped Barker 12-1 and Kay Gable of Prince George 13-3.



DAVE SIMPSON'S FRONT END DALE RINTOUL, LEFT, AND DOUG WEIR, WIN OR LOSE, THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION FOR SIMPSON ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE VERNON CURLING CLUB. (Daily News Photo)

Local gal dominates freestyle ski event

Sue Boyd of Vernon won all three senior women's events at the Okanagan Zone freestyle finals at Tillikum Valley Ski Area last weekend.

46 SKIERS

Boyd topped all female competitors in the senior women's ballet, aerials and mogul sections of the Honda sponsored event, which attracted 46 ski buffs, the largest event in the province this season.

Organizer Steve Hubbard wasn't surprised with Boyd's success. "She's a real skier," said Hubbard, "she always does well."

Boyd was of course the aggregate winner in the senior women's section, the only section available for female skiers.

When all the snow had settled, Dave Patatucci, of Vancouver, had placed ahead

of Patatucci beat Blakeburn as Russ Bedell, of Cranbrook, in the moguls and placed second in the ballet behind Blakeburn and ahead of Wood.

Patatucci finished out of the running in the aerials as Wood defeated Ian Checkley, of Prince George, and Bedell for a win in that event.

JUNIOR MEN

The overall winner for junior men was Chris Gaudet, of Prince George, who topped Grant Gillis, of Vancouver, and Jody Landry, of Prince George.

George Stevenston, of Vancouver, fashioned a 1-0 victory in the overall intermediate men's standings, placing ahead of Todd Smith, of Vancouver.

Ernie Wagner, of Prince George, of Vancouver, was scheduled for Big White, in Kelowna, Feb. 24-25.



SUE BOYD ... wins aggregate of Brett Wood and Lance Blakeburn, of Cranbrook and Vancouver respectively in the senior men's overall standings.

Kelowna joins NOBL - four teams in loop

The North Okanagan Baseball League announced today that Kelowna has been awarded a franchise for the 1979 season, thereby boosting the number of teams in the league to four.

That was the most important item to come out of the second year league's annual general meeting, held Sunday in Vernon.

The admission of Kelowna into the league promises to make the NOBL a much better balanced circuit than was the case in 1978, when the league struggled along with just three teams. In addition to Kelowna, Vernon, Enderby and Kamloops (under new management) are returning for another season.

"Clearly the addition of Kelowna makes the league a more viable entity," said Allan Simpson, of Vernon, re-elected the league's secretary-treasurer. "We encountered a number of problems last year trying to run the league with only three teams, though admittedly most of the

problems stemmed from a very poorly operated Kamloops club.

"Now with Kelowna in the league, and Kamloops, which was strongly represented by new management at the meeting, the league has the potential of both becoming the top senior league in the province outside of Vancouver, and of returning senior baseball to a level once known with the old Okanagan-Mainline Baseball League." As well, both Kelowna and Kamloops will be playing in new, lighted, stadiums this summer.

The NOBL will begin play May 6, and play a 24-game schedule, ending July 29, a week before the 1979 B.C. Senior Baseball championships, which this year have been awarded to Enderby (Aug. 4-6).

Soccer loop to be formed

An organizational meeting for a city men's soccer league will be held tonight, at 6 p.m., at the National Hotel.

Games will be played on Wednesday nights, at MacDonald Park, starting in April.

Spokesman Ian Gibson said the loop will consist of four or six teams. Gibson said, "We would be happy with four teams, but if initial response is any indication, we'll have six clubs."

SPORTS ALERT

MEN'S CURLING

Vernon's Dave Simpson vs. Glen Pierce of Vancouver in B.C. curling final in Cranbrook.

JULY 10-11

4 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon Canadians vs. Kelowna Buckaroos.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

At Filton vs. Dirty Dinkers 8 p.m., Coldstream Hotel vs. Allison.

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At Lumby Arena, 7 p.m., Coldstream Hotel vs. Allison. Smoke Entertainers, 9 p.m., Lotus Gardens vs. Rene's Barons.

Local bowlers in Interior meet

Twelve bowlers have qualified to represent Vernon in the Interior Five-Pin Championships next month in Penitentiary.

In a 10-game tournament last Sunday at Lincoln Lanes, 17 men and 14 women competed in the trials.

The men's team is comprised of John Tykalo, 254; Val Andretta 249; Frank Gratton 249; Louis Vincent 248; Barry Gourlie 248, and Art Block 240.

Marv Zwarych, who bowled a 243 total, dropped out of competition to coach the team.

The women's squad is made up of Lori Kupryk 2302, May

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SPORTS BRIEFS

WHAT A GAME!

Super-Valu Flames blanked Raito 17 in Pleasanton Valley Hockey League playoff action this week. Flames crushed their opponent 65-8. In another game, Kinsmen hammered Toros 16-1.

THREE VICTORIES

Vernon's Bruce Berger, now a member of the Hyack Swim Club of New Westminster, won three events at a recent meet at the University of Oregon. Berger captured the 100 yard backstroke, 200 yard backstroke, and 1600 yard freestyle events. He placed second in the 500 free and sixth in the 200 yard free. In addition he was on one first-place team and two second-place relay teams.

INDOOR SOCCER

In Men's Indoor Soccer League action at Kalamalka School, Wanderers edged Barons 4-3. Hawks blanked Kool Kats 1-0, and Roadrunners fought to a 2-2 tie with Strikers.

TEAM QUALIFIES

Gwen Gibson rink of the Victoria Curling Club, Quebec City will represent Quebec in the National Senior Women's Curling Championships, in Vernon, from March 17-24. Gibson defeated Aggie Malar of Montreal in their provincial final.

31 POINTS

Betty Stehr scored 23 points in the 47-33 victory over Armstrong in a recent Major Women's Basketball League game. In another game, Cathy Gottfreidson sunk 10 points to give Lakers a 28-23 win over Enderby.

FINAL GAMES

The Vernon Men's Brown-ball League season ended Monday night at Centennial Park with a pair of 4-2 games. Ballbrushers defeated Toros while Screaming Eagles doubled Veritebrates. Bob Cuning and Brian DeBotto scored twice for Ballbrushers while Gerry Shipley and Glenn Mitchell replied for Toros. In the other game, Jim Wilson scored three goals for Eagles while Greg Lellman added a solo. Bill McIvor and John Werts countered for Veritebrates.

TAKES EARNINGS LEAD

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Puzzy Zoeller's \$32,400 in earnings for a second-place finish in the Hawaiian Open golf tournament lifted him into the lead in 1979 United States golf earnings with \$32,444. The top ten golfers' Association announced Monday. The top ten: Zoeller, \$32,444; Lon Hinkle, \$29,538; 3. Hubert Green, \$24,879; 4. Tom Weir, \$22,350; 5. John Mahaffey, \$21,852; 6. Andy Bean, \$21,852; 7. Les Trentino, \$18,964; 8. Ben Crenshaw, \$18,225; 9. Jay Haas, \$13,192; 10. Wayne Levi, \$13,293.

FOREK NAMED CAPTAIN

CINCINNATI (AP) — Centre Florek Florek, who leads the World Hockey Association scoring race with 84 points, was named captain of Cincinnati Stingers Monday. The title was held previously by Rick Dudley, Basketball League game, who was out last week. But Iain Sabres of the National Hockey League. Smith also named defenceman Barry Melrose as alternate captain.

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Kokanees win Snoball Meet

Vernon Kokanees captured top honors in the Riverside Sno-Ball Swim Meet held last weekend at the "Vernon Recreation Complex Pool."

Kokanees accumulated 540 points, 70 more than second place Lions Gate of Vancouver. Edmonton Olympians finished third with 536 points followed by Kelowna Aqua Jets 266, and Summerland Otters 41.

In individual competition, Kokanees swimmers earned four of the 10 aggregates. Jason Main (8 and under boys), Steven Vandermeulen (9 and 10 boys), Gary Van dermeulen (13 and 14 boys), and Marge Potrynia (senior girls), won aggregates for the final club.

FINAL CHANCE

It was the final opportunity for swimmers to qualify for the upcoming B.C. Winter Championships, on March 29 in New Westminster. And four Kokanees took advantage of the chance. Main, Jennifer Strachan, Leah Biggs, and Dean Southern qualified in the 50 or more events, joining the other Kokanees who have already made it.

Jerry Willows, competing in his first meet against 11 and 12 year olds, recorded a third in the 200 back, fourth in the 100 free, fifth in the 200 I.M., and sixth in the 50 free.

Philippe Schrare celebrated his entry into the 13 and 14 age

group with a sixth place finish in both the 50 and 100 free. Tami Rosman (9 and 10 girls) improved her time in several events and just missed qualifying for the B.C. meet. She earned one third, three fourths, and a fifth-place ribbon.

Chris captured ribbons in every race she entered, including a first-place finish in the 200.

Jennifer Strachan took two firsts, one second, a third, and improved her time in all four events.

FIVE FIRSTS

Steve Vandermeulen, now recognized as one of the top 15 swimmers in Canada in his age group, picked up five firsts and one second.

Chris Main, Steven Vandermeulen, and Leah Albion all shattered a 9 and 10 pool record for 200 breast by covering the distance in 3:30.6.

John Allum returned to senior boys' action with firsts in the 50 and 100 free.

Marge Potrynia and Gary Vandermeulen improved their time and won ribbons in almost every event they entered.

The eight and under boys, Jason Main, Paul Robertson, Trent Smith, Greg Bedard, Jeremy Green, and Robert Gies were more points (per person) than any other age group.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Silder Kathy Kreiner of Timmins, Ont., won Canada's only gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, three years ago today — in 1976. Her event was the giant slalom and she had thought so little of her chances that she had shipped her dress clothes home and had to borrow a jacket and skirt for the post-race news conference.

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