GIRLS 'A' BASKETBALL

Armstrong hosts valley finals

STRONGEST MEN

Noca Dairy's "Udder Guys" proved to be the strongest men in town during the Winter Carnival tug of war competitions, in which grunting and groaning big guys from various community groups and organizations tried to prove they were strongest. In the back row, from left are: referee Jack Scott, Les Ahlster, Randy Lane, Jim Burke, Mal Thomson and Ross Simpson. In the front row from left are Joe Engler, Stan Sprecker, team captain, Dave Trickett and Daryl Shiach. (Daily News Photo)

Pleasant Valley Secondary School, in Armstrong, is hosting the Okanagan 'A' girls' basketball championships this weekend.

Eight teams, including Armstrong, are competing for two berths in the provincial championships, to be held March 1-4, in Gibsons.

Games got under way today with Westayde taking on Revelstoke, Summerland battling OK Mission, KLO of Kelowna meeting Princeton and Armstrong playing Chase.

Games continue today to 9 p.m. On Saturday, action will run from 12 noon to 7:45 p.m.

GOOD CHANCE

Armstrong Coach Tony Wolcott feels his club has a good chance of landing a berth in the provincial tourney.

Wolcott said, "If we play up to our potential, we have an excellent chance. I'd say we are one of the four strongest teams."

The Armstrong coach rates KLO, OK Mission, Revelstoke and his club as the ones to beat.

Wolcott said, "If we beat Chase today, we will probably meet KLO tonight. That could be the game that decides whether we go to Gibsons."

WON SQUEAKER

Early in the season, Armstrong edged KLO by four points in a real barnburner.

The host team is led by centre Sara Enoch, the club's top rebounder, and forward Heidi Schoenberger, the leading scorer.

Six teams in city league

A Vernon Men's City Soccer League will operate this spring.

At an organization meeting this week, a league executive was elected and several people indicated an interest in entering teams.

NAMED PRESIDENT

Ian Gibson will serve as president with Bob Scott as vice-president and Gerry Bettison as secretary. Jim Demokis and Joe Brand, along with one representative from each team, will act as a league committee.

It appears the league will begin with six, or possibly seven teams. Gibson said, "It looks like we'll have either four or five teams from Vernon, with an additional club from Lumby and possibly one from Salmon Arm. When we started discussing the formation of the league, we felt we'd be happy with four teams."

Each club will be limited to 14 players, with a maximum of three registered with Okanagan Valley League teams. Games have been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday nights, at MacDonald Park.

REGISTRATION

Registrations will be accepted on a team, or individual basis. Team registration will be March 10, at the National Hotel. Fee is $50 per team, with an additional $50 bond.

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SPORTS Page

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Canadians in trouble after loss to Revelstoke

Vernon Canadians saw their chances of finishing second in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division sink into the sunset on Thursday night.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
INTERIOR DIVISION					
Merritt	57	45	12	0	90
Kam.	58	33	25	0	66
Vernon	58	30	27	1	61
Kel	56	26	29	1	53
Pent	56	22	32	2	46
Rev	57	23	34	0	46
COAST DIVISION					
Bell	57	46	10	1	93
Nanaimo	54	31	21	2	64
Abbts	55	29	24	2	60
Chill	56	24	30	2	50
Langley	55	20	32	3	43
Delta	55	5	50	0	10

Revelstoke Bruins scored five goals in the second period to dump Canadians 7-5 in Revelstoke. Canadians now trail second-place Kamloops Rockets by five points and both clubs have only four games remaining.

For Kamloops, the magic number is two. Any combination of two wins for the Rockets, or two losses for the Canadians, will give Kamloops the home-ice advantage in the opening round of the BCJHL playoffs.

THREE EACH

Ron Flockhart and Dwayne Swanson each fired three goals for the Bruins while Larence Duke added a single.

Tom Ouchi, with two goals, Dale Sious, John Mercer and Dean Hascarl replied for Canadians.

Vernon trailed 2-1 at the end of the first period and 7-3 after the second.

Goaltenders Lawrence Dyck and Mike Schambers combined to stop 22 shots for Revelstoke while Trent Smith made 33 saves for Canadians.

STOPPED CHECKING

Ouchi told the Daily News his club stopped checking in the second period.

Ouchi said, "We played two good periods of hockey – the first and third. In the second period, we didn't do any forechecking – and for our club to be effective we have to bottle up the opposition in their end."

Canadians outscored their hosts 2-0 in the final 20 minutes and could have scored at least one or two more goals. Ouchi said, "We had plenty of chances in the last few minutes. We just didn't get the bounces."

MUST WIN

Revelstoke, which is tied for fifth-place with Penticton Vees, must win its five remaining games to have any hope of catching fourth-place Kelowna Buckaroos and gaining the final playoff berth.

The Bruins and Canadians face-off tonight, at 8:30 p.m., in the Vernon Civic Arena.

In Thursday's only other BCJHL game, Coast Division leading Bellingham Blazers whipped Chilliwack Colts 8-4.

In White Rock, the Blazers and Colts played even hockey for two periods, ending the second at 4-4, but Bellingham exploded for four unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes.

Bellingham, which outshot Colts 42-24, got two goals from Chris Tucker.

In other games tonight, Kelowna is at Nanaimo, Merritt visits Penticton, and Langley hosts Delta.

CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

The Save Simpson and Abby Bridgeman teams have created a lot of excitement around our club this week. Both teams came close to becoming provincial champs.

Dave and his rink of John Tanorowski, Doug Weir, and Dale Rintoul returned to Vernon on Wednesday night and were honored at the club by about 150 people.

John Williams, of the Village Green Inn, congratulated the team for its fine showing.

Ald. Jim MacArthur extended congratulations on behalf of the city. Ernie Bird, vice-president of the club, spoke shortly on the tremendous interest Dave's team had caused in our city and thanked him for their fine effort.

Jack Hockey, representing the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel, presented Simpson's rink with an official invitation to next fall's classic.

Meanwhile in Prince Rupert, the Bridgeman foursome was off to a fine start and ended up in third spot.

Abby with her teammates Joan Morrison, Betty Pierce and Gladys Leek will be honored at our club tonight from 8-10 p.m. We extend an invitation to all members to attend and show their appreciation.

OTHER PLAYOFFS

—In other playoffs of interest, the Gary Wynne team, from Salmon Arm, is in Victoria to represent this zone in the provincial mixed championships.

—This weekend at our club, we are hosting the B.C. Government Employees Annual Spiel. Draw master Terry Dever has more than 30 teams competing. Curling starts Saturday, at 8 a.m., and winds up on Sunday.

—On March 10 and 11, we will be holding a small club spiel, open to any team (senior, junior, mixed, men or women).

Entry fee is $30 and the total pot will go back to the top teams. Should be some keen competition.

Great turnout for tournament

More than 200 players competed in the recent Winter Carnival Tennis Tournament at the Village Green Tennis Centre.

The tourney ran over nine days and according to Club Professional Rob Moffatt, it was the largest tournament held in the Vernon area in recent memory.

Moffatt said, "We encouraged everyone, regardless of their ability, to enter. The idea seemed to work because I think everyone had some fun."

The winners and runners-up were:

Men's B singles: John Ritchie, Kelly Cromie.

Ladies' B singles: Helen Morgan, Pippa Green.

Men's C singles: Greg Schroeder, Jamie Reichelt.

Ladies' C singles: Donna Ward, Gay Engensperger.

Men's doubles: John Ritchie and Charles Dore, Walter Morgan and Ron Corbett.

Ladies' doubles: Helen Bennetto and Helen Morgan, Helen Ross and Pippa Green.

Mixed doubles: Larry and Helen Bennetto, Walter and Helen Morgan.

Men's master: Frank Knobel, Walter Morgan.

Boys' baseliner: Rob Zimmerman, Jay Zimmerman.

Adult-junior: Sunny and Jay Zimmerman, Ann and Todd Pfefferle.

Martin captures B.C. title

Vernon's Abby Bridgeman finished third in the British Columbia Senior Women's Curling Championships which ended Thursday in Prince Rupert.

Flora Martin of Victoria captured the title after breaking open a tie game against Dorothy Armstrong of Fort Nelson and scoring a convincing 14-5 victory.

Martin, who was both B.C. and Canadian champion in 1974 and 1975, completed the eight-rink bonspiel with a 6-1 record.

Kay Gable of Prince George took second place after edging Bridgeman 6-5 in an extra end during a playoff game, held because both rinks had posted 5-2 records.

The Canadian championships will be held next month in Vernon.

Meanwhile, Dorothy McKenzie of Winnipeg retained the Manitoba senior women's title by defeating Val Allan of Selkirk in two consecutive playoff games Thursday in Dauphin, Man.

Allan, the A-side winner of the modified double-knockout competition, lost 8-5 to B-side winner McKenzie in the first game, then dropped a 12-6 decision after nine ends in the second match.

McKenzie's team is composed of third Simone Rivard, second Ada Sulkers, and lead Eleanor Armstrong.

Pee wees busy during past week

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

The Vernon Pee Wee House League was busy this past week with Boston Pizza blasting Tradeland Realty 9-4, Red Top Grocery dumping Vernon Lodge 12-6, and Tradeland battling the Vernon Pup Reps to a 3-3 deadlock.

In exhibition play, the Lodge tied Lumby 7-7 and Lumby trounced Geniers 7-3. Santa Rosa, Calif., which was in Vernon for the Winter Carnival Pee Wee Tournament, beat Boston Pizza 7-5 and tied Geniers 2-2 and Red Top 8-8.

FIVE POINTS

Steve Dmytriw and Dana McKague, with three goals and two assists and Dale Danallanko, with two goals and three assists, led Boston past Tradeland. Bryan Strynadke added a single goal.

Rob Kubilus and Troy Rotzien replied with two goals apiece for the Realtors.

Stewart Grahame led Red Top past the Lodge with three goals. Danny Martin and Terry Ortloff scored two each for the winners while Toosh McBride, Lyndon Redman, Jim Moore, Derek Marcoux and Benny Sudol netted singles.

Geoff Porter and Tom Ross scored two each for the Hotelmen while Danny Nolan and Frank Wood netted singles.

Colin Fleming, Doug Rossum and Tom Jones scored for Tradeland against the Pups. Dennis Holland, with two goals and Darin Chamberlain countered for the Pups. Steven Schroder assisted on all three Pup goals.

Danny Nolan scored three times as the Lodge tied Lumby. Dmytriw scored twice while Wood and Porter added solos for the Hotelmen.

Terry Roland and Tony Thompson had three each for Lumby.

Kevin Kole led the second Lumby squad past Geniers with two goals and two assists. Shane Reardon also scored twice while Rick Keylan, Dean Freayh and Ron Bosh added singles.

Sean and Brian McGree led Santa Rosa past Boston with two goals apiece.

For Boston, Dmytriw scored twice while McKague, Martin and David Mueller blinked the red light once.

Against Geniers, it was the McGees again, with one goal each, while Gary Schell and Holland replied for the TV crew.

Sudol, Martin and Michael Fronteddu led Red Top past the U.S. team with two goals each. Singles went to McBride and Warren Schneider.

VERNON VOLLEYBALL ROUND-UP

SUNDAY HONEYMOONERS

Sliders 2, Friends 1; Outlaws 2, Hot to go 1; Camptown Racers 3, Old Stylers 0; MCJ Victors 3, Mash 0; Tornados 3, Bailbusters 0.

MONDAY HONEYMOONERS

Up-n-atoms over Upsets 15-4, 15-7, and 15-8; Opposition over Cosmos 15-13, and 15-7; Crazy Eights over Soft Touch 15-0; 15-2 and 13-15.

INTERMEDIATE MEN

Wizards 2, Dynamo 0; Wizards 2, Riverside Rowdies 0; Dynamo 2, Rowdies 0; Sun Auto Parts 2, Dynamo 0; Rowdies 2, Sun Auto 0; Wizards 2, Sun Auto 0.

MAJOR MEN

Vercom 2, Nads 0; Vercom 2, Highball Stuffers 0; Vercom 2, Ajax 0; Stuffers 1, Nads 1; Nads 2, Ajax 0; Stuffers 2, Ajax 0; 46ers 2, Village Green 0; 46ers 2, Lucky Lagers 0; Village Green 2, Lagers 0; Green 2, 57 Selects 0; 46ers 2, Selects 0; Lagers 1, Selects 1.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

At Seaton: Lively Set over BJs 15-12, 15-13 and 10-15; M and M over Fatswith 15-12, 15-7, and 15-13; Dirty Diggers over Thorne Birds 12-15, 15-12, and 15-13; Multi Enterprises over Setters 15-8, 15-6, and 5-15; PTs over Jokers 15-13, 11-15, and 15-4; Geisha Girls over Kootenay Six 15-10, 15-7 and 5-15.

At Recreation Complex: Silver Six over Honey Bunch 15-11, 11-15 and 15-5; Spinoffs over Twin Elves 15-10, 15-6 and 15-12.

At Silver Star: Moonshiners over Seven-up 15-10, 11-15, and 16-14; PVAs over Sneakers 1-15, 15-7, and 15-1; Scoopers over Wonder Women 15-5, 15-5 and 15-4.

At Bearsto: Jim's Motley Crew over Ball Breakers 17-15, 15-9 and 15-5; Freestylers over Six Pack 15-8, 7-15 and 15-13; Guzzlers over Power Packs 15-9, 7-15 and 15-13.

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