

**KENDALL'S KORNER**

**Thank you Canadians**

The following letter comes to us from one of Vernon's most devoted hockey fans, Vic Blinnie.

Having been closely associated with the Vernon Canadians Junior Hockey Team and as self-appointed chairman of the Vernon fans, I would like to express on behalf of many fans I spoke to and I'm sure the feeling of all, our sincere thanks to the Canadians for one of the best years of hockey entertainment in years.

"Though they never fared as well away from home, the home games gave us many close, exciting, hours of good clean, hockey. Again, the majority I spoke with felt that the officiating in junior hockey leaves a lot to be desired. We all sympathize with the boys who sustained injuries, and especially Terry Lowe, whose injury was a deliberate attempt to put him out of the game. And the Kamloops player didn't even receive a penalty.

"We, as fans, do not enjoy that type of good hockey anymore than we enjoy the odd good fan who uses foul language to create trouble on the ice and in the stands.

"Once again, thank you Canadians. We know your injuries prevented you from going further in the playoffs, but you finished in a blaze of glory.

"Good luck to the management, your coach, and each one of you throughout the summer. We hope to see you all next season.

"This letter was written by me on the request of many of the fans. I assume that it reflects the feelings of most, though there may be some who do not share my views.

**RESPECTABLE HOCKEY**

One person who does agree with Blinnie is yours truly. The players and management of the Canadians, brought respectable hockey back to Vernon during the 1978-79 season.

- I have been covering the B.C. Junior Hockey League for seven years, including five in Vernon, and I haven't seen many clubs that provide as much enjoyable hockey as the Canadians.
- Some of the highlights of the season included:
- 1) John Mercer's performance in the playoffs. After being an average player during the regular season, Mercer turned into a playoff hero with 14 points in six games.
  - 2) Dave Dowton and Dave Schneider on the blue line gave Vernon two of the league's top defencemen. Unfortunately, both are 20 years old and will not be back next season.
  - 3) The 6-0 win over Merritt Centennials. After six consecutive losses to the Cents, Canadians socked it to them late in the season.
  - 4) Watching Terry Lowe every game. For my money, Lowe is the smartest player I put on a Vernon sweater.
  - 5) It was great to see seven Vernon Minor Hockey products, and another two players who now live in Vernon year-round, on the Canadians.

**WVHL PLAYOFFS RESUME TONIGHT**

White Valley Hockey League playoff action resumes tonight, at 9 p.m., when Lotus Gardens takes on Coldstream Hotel at the Lumby Arena.

On Sunday at 9 p.m., Lumby Flying Frenchmen tangle with Rene's Barons. Loser of that game is eliminated from further competition.

Two teams, Alton Smoke Eaters and Peerless Pike Blades, have already been knocked out of the double-knockout playoffs. Lumby handed Allison its second loss, 4-2, on Thursday night.

Final WVHL standings are:

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Lumby	11	4	2	73	45	21
Lotus Gardens	13	4	2	73	45	21
Coldstream Hotel	11	7	2	96	67	24
Allison	3	13	2	33	93	17
Peerless Pike	6	13	1	66	103	7
Rene's Barons	3	16	1	50	103	7

TOP SCORERS

PLAYER TEAM	G	A	Pts
Shirley Allison	32	21	53
Williamson Lotus	32	21	53
W. Monchuck Lotus	21	12	33
White, Coldstream	13	15	28
Stonice Lotus	13	15	28
Brooks Peerless	13	15	28
Kelly Coldstream	15	12	27
Beck, Lumby	15	12	27
McDougal Coldstream	15	12	27
Buwell Coldstream	11	9	20
Sparks Allison	9	10	19
Jackman Lotus	9	10	19
Sammarino Peerless	8	11	19
Brown Allison	8	11	19
Reusch Lumby	6	13	16
Cher Peerless	6	13	16
Clerke Coldstream	6	13	16
Turn, Allison	5	14	19

**REMEMBER WHEN**

Canada withdrew from a three-way international amateur hockey contest with Britain and the United States 41 years ago today — in 1938 — because of financial losses in the series' first tournament.

The year before, Canada's senior champions, Sudbury Tigers, had beaten the junior title holders, Winnipeg Monarchs, and England's Wembley Lions and the U.S. Hockey Bears.

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**LOCAL RINKS WIN**

Vernon's Sid Robbins rink, above, won the C event in the recent Fanning Tractor Rink Curling with Robbins vice, third Gord Rowland (left rear), second Anita Rowland (left), and lead Elouise Robbins. Another local rink skipped by Kay Fargher, won the D event with Fargher and third Ron Bekker (left), second Dave Ingram, and lead Diane Holder (right). Forty-eight rinks from B.C. and Alberta competed in the annual event. (M. Hodgson/Photos)



**Cobras invited to football finals**

Vernon Sport Cobras will be representing B.C. at the 1979 Canadian Men's Flag Football B.C. and put on a good showing.

President of the Canadian Flag Football Association Glen Campbell said in a telephone interview from Edmonton that Vernon has been confirmed as an entry in the invitational affair.

Set for the long weekend in October, other teams competing will be from Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick and the host team Nova Scotia.

"We are very pleased to have Vernon as a representative," said Campbell. "Last year Kamloops represented B.C. and put on a good showing."

Edmonton Steelers will be the title last year in Halifax and are again favored to represent Alberta in this year's championship.

The Steelers play in the highly competitive Edmonton Flag Football League which consists of many ex-college players and a sprinkling of experts such as Peter Travis and Pete Shatzko, of the Edmonton Eskimos.

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**Westside takes lead by hammering Cougars**

Brad Owens scored three goals to lead Westside Packers to a 3-3 win over Vernon Sport Cougars in the opening game of the North Okanagan Hockey League semi-finals before 400 fans at the Mt. Boucher Arena on Friday night.

Second game in the best-of-seven series is scheduled Sunday, at 8 p.m., at the Civic Arena.

**TOOK LEAD**

Packers led 1-1 at the end of the first period and 3-3 after the second before scoring four unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes.

Tom Connarty scored twice for the

winners while Tim O'Reilly, and Chad Bodnar, Les Strachan, and Ron Tigger added singles.

Dave Caldwell, Gary Glichrist, and Grant Siddons replied for the Cougars, 30 SAVES.

Cougars netminder Jack Gilroy made 20 saves while Dale Harder blocked 25 shots for the Packers. Cougars took three of four minor penalties.

Vernon General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he isn't worried about losing the first game.

Dye said, "Our guys just weren't up for the game. The whole team, but in particular the defence wasn't sharp. We'd close to within one goal and ease up."

Twice in the second period, Cougars closed to within a goal, 3-2 and 4-3. Third game is also scheduled for Vernon, next Wednesday night.

**IN ENDERBY**

Meanwhile, the other semi-final series gets under way tonight, at 8 p.m., when first-place Grindrod Ekis host fourth-place Rutland Melsons at the Enderby Arena.

Second game in that series is slated for the Rutland Arena on Tuesday night.

**DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT**

- MINOR SOCCER**  
Registration to 4 p.m. at the Vernon Recreation Complex.
- INDIAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Brewed Invitational Tournament at P.V.S.S. in Armstrong. Nine teams competing. Play continues today to 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, championship game at 4 p.m.
- ICE SHOW**  
Vernon Figure Skating Club's Silver Blades Ice Revue tonight, at 8 p.m. at Civic Arena. Special guest is Jim Szabo.
- JUVENILE HOCKEY**  
7:15 p.m., Vernon at Kamloops, (first game of OMMHA finals).
- NORTH OKANAGAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
8 p.m., Rutland Melsons at Grindrod Ekis (first game of semi-finals).
- WHITE VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
9 p.m., Lumby Arena, Lotus Gardens vs. Coldstream Hotel (playoffs).
- 8:15 p.m. (Sunday), Lumby Arena, Flying Frenchmen vs. Rene's Barons (playoffs).
- SUNDAY**
- CROSS COUNTRY RACE**  
9 a.m. Alexis Park, St. John Ambulance Brigade's first 20-mile cross-country race.
- HOTSHOT BASKETBALL**  
12 noon, Recreation Complex, Hotshot finals.
- BANTAM HOCKEY**  
4:30 p.m., Pentlton at Vernon (playoffs).



**BOWLERS OF THE WEEK**

This week's honored bowlers are Laurie Penick, of Knockouts in the Monday 9:11 p.m. league, and Gord Hobb, of Family Affair in the Wednesday 9:11 p.m. loop.

Penick rolled a whopping 819 triple to get 234 pins over her 195 average. Hobb also had an 800-bowling, with 844, to go 223 over his 207 average.

**VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD**

- MONDAY**
- HONEYMOONERS**  
Opposition over Crazy Fights 15-8, 10-4, and 12-15; 11-20 over Soft Touch 15-4, 15-2, and 15-4; and Lemons over Upsets 16-14, 15-3, and 3-15.
- MAJOR MEN**  
Highball Stuffers 2, 57; Selects 1, Ajax 1; 46ers 2; Selects 0, 6ers 2; Ajax 0; Stuffers 2, 6ers 0; Nads 2; Vercom 0; Lucky Lager 2; Vercom 0; Lagers 2; Nads 0; Village Green 2; Nads 0; Village 2; Lagers 0; Green 1; and Vernon 1.
- MAJOR WOMEN**  
Justice 2, V.P. 0; Justice 1; Village Green 1; Coldstream 2; Hotshots 0; Coldstream 2; Go Getters 0; Hot Shot 1; Go Getters 1; Village Green 1; V.M.P. 0; Wood 2; Bumpers 2; V.M.P. 0; Wood 2; Bumpers 2; Go Getters 0; Woodstocks 2; Hotshots 0; Woodstocks 2; Coldstream 0; At Beartooth Power Packs over Six Packs 17-15, 15-12, and 12-15; Moley Crew over Guzzlers 15-9, 15-12, and 16-14; Ballbreakers over Freestylers 15-0, 15-0, and 15-0.
- At Seaton: Geisha Girls over M and M 15-9 and 15-9; Kootenay Six over Fatswhit 15-3 and 15-13; Multi Enterprises over Setters 16-15, 15-8, and 15-7; BJS over Lively 15-1, 14-18, and 15-2; At Silver Star, Sneakers over Scoopers 11-15, 15-2, and 15-9; and PVA over Seven-up 15-6, 15-9 and 9-15.
- INTERMEDIATE MEN**  
Sun Auto Parts 1, Dynamas 0; Crazy Cougars 1, Riverside 0; Wizaras 1, Go Rowdies 0; Rowdies 2, Sun Auto 0; Wizaras 1; Dynamas 0; Wizaras 1; Dynamas 0; Sun Auto 2; Rowdies 0.

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FOLK RINK UPSET

Manitoba captures curling title

By ROBERT PLATT
Up on the heels of a still good snow, a little crusty but the sun and warmth...

OTTAWA (CP) — Barry Fry, and his Manitoba rink from Winnipeg, won the 50th Canadian men's curling championship...

The draw remained in the 12-rink round-robin tournament, but Fry edged Prince Edward Island's Wayne Matheson...

Folk, who finished in a two-way tie for second place last year and was a favorite to win this year...

After failing to the Nova Scotia rink, which finished the competition at 4-7, downhearted Folk said: "I don't like finishing second."

lumbia's Glen Pierce of Vancouver was 4-6, Nova Scotia was 4-7 and Newfoundland's Jeff Thomas...

Surprised Urael with a 5-3 win, Fry defeated Devlin 5-3 and Kerruish defeated Pierce 9-4.

The excess of the club has not overdone its policy of providing a balanced tour and race program...

Irwin shatters record at Inverrary tourney

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP) — A deeply satisfied Hale Irwin, who had used a little psychological play on himself...

Larry Nelson was another shot back at 69-38 and was followed by Charles Coudy, 69-37 and Grier Jones, 67-38.

At 139 were Randy Erskine, Wayne Levi, Bill Rogers and British Ryder Cup player Mark James...

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Cents, Blazers record victories

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Nanaimo Clippers outshot Bellinham 34-22 in the opening game of their best-of-seven British Columbia Junior Hockey League semi-final playoff series...

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP) — A deeply satisfied Hale Irwin, who had used a little psychological play on himself, named back, smiled and announced: "I just putted the hell out of it."

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Jewels reach finals

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Blades clinch a berth

Saskatoon Blades clinched a playoff position and improved their record by doing the same in one of four Western Hockey League games Friday night.

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Cloutier scores number 61

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Quebec goalie Jim Corle missed the first shot on goal but settled down and made 33 consecutive saves as the Nordiques downed New England Whalers 3-1 in World Hockey Association action Friday night.

Fish foursome in tough

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