(Daily News Photo)

JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPS

The Barb Derry Rink recently captured the Bertelsen Trophy, emblematic of supremacy in the Vernon Junior Ladies' Curling League. From left are, Derry, trophy donor Dolly Bertelsen, third Shelley Sweet, second Jackie Morin, and lead Sandy Grahame. The Kevin Keckalo rink won the Junior Men's League title. From left are Keckalo, third Ted Rowland, second Brian Kohlen, and lead Kelly Lovell. Most improved players in the leagues were Darrell Houston and Tracy Robertson.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Canadians to be sold?

The Daily News has learned the Vernon Canadians, of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, could be put on sale as early as next week.

The sweaters are barely dry from the quarter-final series against Kamloops Rockets and already Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer said he won't be back with the club in the same capacity next season.

Bloomer said, "It is too early to say if I will be involved with the team, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm not going to devote my time and donate $10,000 to junior hockey."

HUGE LOSS

Despite numerous cost cutting measures, the operating loss for the 1978-79 season is estimated at $20,000.

Bloomer said, "At the start of the season, when we purchased the team, we (the new owners) agreed we wouldn't cry about public apathy. But, I think it is time some things became known.

"We set our budget at about $65,000. Due to poor season ticket sales, lack of program advertising, and lack of fan support, we didn't take in near enough money to cover our budget."

But, one incident that occurred just prior to the playoffs is what finally sent Bloomer to the end of his rope.

He said, "It was the day before the playoffs and I got a phone call from (recreation director) Jim Alveberg. He told me we owed the city about $5,000 in arena rent and city council had decided that unless we cleared up the debt immediately, we wouldn't be allowed to use the rink.

SEIZED GATES

"Brian Willows (one of the team owners) spoke with Ald. Frank Williamson and it was agreed that we could use the arena. However, the city seized all three of our playoff gates to cover the debt.

"I'm not saying that the city was wrong in demanding its money, but I think that is a pretty bush way of conducting business."

Arena rent, according to Bloomer, is one of the things that is sinking junior hockey in Vernon, B.C., and the rest of Canada.

$65 PER HOUR

He said, "We figured it out and we pay an average of $65 per hour for ice time. We averaged seven hours of ice time per week, including two, one-hour practices at 10:15 p.m."

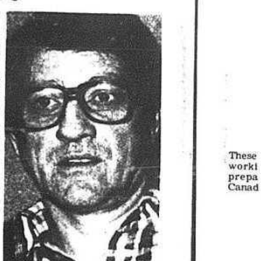
Canadians pay $300 rent for league games and $400 for playoff games. Regular arena rental charge is $28.50 per hour.

Bloomer said, "Look at it this way — if the city charged us $100 per game, it would still be making more than its $28.50 per hour. And we would save about $7,000 per year. We're not asking for special consideration, we just want what everybody else gets."

With only two hours practice time per week, Bloomer said it was impossible to get his club in shape. He said, "We were getting on the ice twice a week, at 10:15 p.m. There were other teams in the league who were getting four or five prime time practices per week. How can we play competitively when there is that much difference in ice time?"

The Canadians' executive will be meeting later this week, and that time, a decision on the future of the team will be made.

Bloomer said, "I like junior hockey and I don't mind helping out. But, I get the feeling I'm beating my head against a cement wall."



SHELDON BLOOMER
...rent too high

In just one year, Canadians returned respectable junior hockey to Vernon and Bloomer was one of the main reasons. If they lose him, they've lost a good man.

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DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

PEE WEE FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PIM	Pts
Kamloops Outdoor	15	3		304	30
Kelowna	14	3	1	357	29
Vernon	12	3	3	242	27
Revelstoke	13	4	1	400	27
Kamloops Elroy	9	7	2	264	20
Penticton	8	10		232	16
Rutland	6	9	3	176	15
Salmon Arm	4	12	2	353	10
Merritt	2	15	1	258	5
Westside	0	17	1	137	1

TOP SCORERS (FINAL)

PLAYER, TEAM	G	A	Pts.	PIM
R Novak K.O.	40	26	66	26
C Mont Rutland	36	25	61	32
D Kramer Kel	26	27	53	12
B Major Vernon	22	26	48	6
T Haas Rutland	22	21	43	10
D Munk Vernon	24	17	41	22
M Rataro Rev	23	17	40	70
B Bruyn Rutland	18	20	38	28
J Barber Vernon	17	21	38	32
K McGilvary K.O.	23	13	36	52
B Kollman Pen	20	16	36	32
G Delcourt Kel	18	18	36	66
M DeAngelis K.O.	15	21	36	24
G Blair Kel	17	17	34	10
M Smith Vernon	15	17	32	6

BANTAM FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P	PIM
Penticton	18	0	0	36	365
Vernon	13	5	0	26	348
Merritt	12	6	0	24	317
Salmon Arm	10	6	2	22	300
Kam Jardines	10	7	1	21	398
Kam Sid Smith	10	8	0	20	397
Kelowna	6	11	1	13	325
Rutland	2	14	2	6	214
Revelstoke	3	15	0	6	392
Westside	2	14	2	6	292

TOP SCORERS (FINAL)

PLAYER, TEAM	G	A	Pts.	PIM
J Pirillo Merritt	34	18	52	59
R Kisser Kam Jardine	28	24	52	38
D Ruppel Penticton	21	27	48	64
K Garfield Penticton	19	26	45	24
G Yasunaga Merritt	25	19	44	8
L Byers Penticton	21	21	41	38
D Hutchuk Merritt	11	30	41	45
K Russell Kam S Smith	17	23	40	8
D Suzuk Merritt	15	21	36	2
R Clarke Penticton	17	18	35	22
R Schwabe Penticton	11	24	35	45
T Harris Merritt	11	24	35	68
Walters S Arm	19	16	34	38
T Day Vernon	15	19	34	64
M Birrasdale Penticton	20	12	32	68
D Corrado Kelowna	18	14	32	28
G Kowal Vernon	17	15	32	20
J Damien S Arm	17	14	31	22
J Armitage Rutland	21	9	30	53
R Bitt Kam Jardine	16	11	27	2
B McMillan Kam S Smith	16	11	27	38

MAJOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Enderby Inn Maids	8	7	1	0	7
Vernon Lakers	8	4	4	0	4
Tri Lake Bullets	8	3	4	0	3
Armstrong	8	2	6	0	2

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blue Denims	9	7	2	0	7
Head of Lake Blues	9	6	3	0	6
[illegible]	9	5	4	0	5
Cathy's Clowns	9	0	9	0	0

MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER

Hawks	9	6	1	2	14
Barons	9	5	3	1	11
Wanderers	9	5	4	0	10
[illegible]	9	3	3	3	9
Roadrunners	9	3	3	3	9
Streakers	9	0	8	1	1

MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

[illegible]	54	47	7	0	47
Vernon Cablevision	54	36	18	0	36
[illegible]	54	34	20	0	34
Ajax	54	25	29	0	25
Village Green [illegible]	54	24	30	0	24
[illegible]	54	22	32	0	22
[illegible]	54	15	39	0	15
[illegible]	54	14	40	0	14

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Vernon Lakers	9	4	5	0	4
Tri Lake Bullets	9	3	6	0	3
Armstrong	9	3	6	0	3

Juveniles even series

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

Some tenacious forechecking and three power play goals highlighted a third period rally that lifted the Vernon Coca Cola Juvenile reps to an 8-6 victory over Kamloops Monday night at the Vernon civic arena.

The Vernon win knotted the OMMHA final series at one game apiece. Third and deciding game goes tonight in Kamloops at 7:00 p.m.

The game was a tale of missed opportunities, both teams fell victim to missed nets, goal posts and outstanding goaltending on numerous scoring chances.

Ralph Charlton on the power play and Gord Miller gave Kamloops a 2-0 lead early in the first period and with just under five minutes left in the period Bob Sophonow narrowed the gap with a short handed goal and two minutes later Dwayne Straiger connected on the power play for a 2-2 period score.

In the middle frame Charlton and Collin Meissner alternated shorthanded goals with Vernon scores by Darcy Anderson and Joe Leschuck for a 4-4 score.

In the final period Charlton finished off his hat-trick at the 1:55 mark and just over a minute later Brian Koronko stretched the Kamloops lead to 6-4.

But after that Vernon started hitting and a rattled Kamloops squad ran into penalty trouble.

Kevin Cooper, Leschuk and Anderson converted three straight power play opportunities to give Vernon the lead. Straiger added an insurance marker at the eleven minute mark and Vernon's sustained pressure halted any chances of a Kamloops come back.

In the nets Vernons' Darren Zupp and Colin Vigdal combined to block 28 shots while at the other end Bill McIntosh turned aside 37.

Vernon Coach Bob Williams said "When we started hitting it changed the whole complexion of the game. It showed me if we really forecheck Kamloops they are going to get disorganized and start coughing up the puck.

"In Kamloops we never skated it was like we had forty pound weights on our backs, but today we were going full out, and if we're going to put it all together in Kamloops we'll have to really dig into the ice."

Williams had words of praise for Midget pick-up Joe Leschuck, "Joe really stood out for us he played a great hockey game."

Meanwhile, the final game of the Okanagan-Mainline bantam championships is scheduled tonight with Penticton hosting Vernon, at 6:30 p.m.

After winning the first game of the series in double-overtime, Vernon dropped the second game, 8-5, at home on Sunday.

PIN POINTS

MARCH 1
Thurs. Coffee Party

Women's high single, Amy Gogel 282, high triple, Ann Ellison 688, high average, Lil Jamieson 216.

Team high single, Jam Tarts - 168, high triple, Intruders - 294.

TEAM STANDINGS

East Side Gang	255½
Intruders	255
Morners	244
Jam Tarts	238
Mrs. of Highways	219

MARCH 1
Thurs. Mixed 7-9

Women's high single, Sharon Redlick 323, high triple, Sharon Redlick 764, high average, May Turek 230.

Men's high single, John Tyk 333, high triple, Shig Tabata 818, high average, Art Block and John Tyk 247.

Team high single, Bi Rite Boomers 1323, high triple, Hi Rollers 3774.

"300" Club, John Tyk 333, Sharon Redlick 323, Gordon Robb 317, Shig Tabata 316, Martha Isobe 306, May Turek 306, Bruce Allen 304.

"700" Club, Sharon Redlick 764, Joan Allen 746, May Turek 743, Heather Robb 741, Martha Isobe 730, Irene Walker 701.

"800" Club, Shig Tabata 818, John Tyk 804.

TEAM STANDINGS

Toro's	278½
Sticky Fingers	273
Village Gr. Datsun	254½
South Paws	252½

MARCH 2
Gym Dandy
Bowling Club

Womens high single, Diane Sherk and Elsie Luchenko 172 each, high double, Timmy Loney 320, high average, Timmy Loney 160.

Mens high single, Glyn Ramsdale 207, high double, Glyn Ramsdale 397, high average, Glyn Ramsdale 198.

Bowler of Week, Maureen MacDonald and Marianne Crouley 32 pins over av. Ed Hammond and Mark Tubman each 104 pins over av.

MARCH 2
Friday I.O.F.

Women's high single, Jana Kassam 280, high triple, Betty Griffin 690, high average, Jana Kassam 198.

Men's high single, Paul Morneau 288, high triple, Nashir Kassam 735, high average, Kevin Gerry 215.

Team high single, Quadra 138, high triple, Quadra 241.

TEAM STANDINGS

V.B.S.	302
Shawn	246½
Quadra	232
Early Birds	223½
Hillbillies	221

MARCH 3
Y.B.C. A.M. Juniors

Women's high single, Sherry Robert 214, high triple, Sherry Tompkins 522, high average, Donna Kirkaln 192.

Men's high single, Zane Kryn 258, high triple, Zane Kryn 572, high average, Kelly Meyer [illegible].

Team high single, [illegible] 1030, high triple, [illegible].

Bowler of the Week, Kerri Anderson av. 109, triple 413, 86 pins over.

TEAM STANDINGS

Pin Dusters	621
Super "5"	620
Flying "5"	543
Cougars	542

MARCH 3
YBC P.M. JUNIORS

Women's high single, Teresa Contin 266, high triple, Liza Wiebe 594, high average, Liza Wiebe 184.

Men's high single, Darren Francks 298, high triple, Darren Francks 634, high average, Kirt Jones 195.

Team high single, Strikers 1167, high triple, Strikers 3167.

Bowler of the Week, Debbie Clarke av. 107, triple 352, 31 pins over.

100 Pins Over Av., Dean Gaidica av. 159, game 261, 102 pins over. Teresa Contin av. 144, game 266, 122 pins over. Darren Francks av. 167, game 298, 131 pins over.

TEAM STANDINGS

Chips	443½
Streakers	351½
Bay City Bowlers	332
Strikers	320

MARCH 3
Bantams

Women's high single, Melodie Shenko 201, high triple, Melodie Shenko 551, high average, Joyce Healey 142.

Men's high single, Michael O'Flynn 269, high triple, Michael O'Flynn 607, high average, Michael O'Flynn 145.

Team high single, Hot Shots 1080, high triple, Odd Balls 3029.

Bowler of the Week, Melodie Shenko av. 138, bowled a 551 triple to go 137 pins over. Joey Shenko av. 89 bowled a 364 triple to go 97 pins over.

100 Pins Over in one Game, Michael O'Flynn bowled a 269 to go 127 pins over his 145 av.

TEAM STANDINGS

Odd Squad	663½
Hornets	636
Kool Kats	619½
Black Panthers	573½
Odd Balls	556½
Hot Shots	551

Series resumes tonight

North Okanagan Hockey League playoffs resume tonight at the Rutland Arena when Molsons host Grindrod Elks in the second game of their best-of-seven semi-final series.

Grindrod won the opening game Saturday night, in Enderby, 3-1. Third game will be played next Saturday, back in Enderby.

The other series, between Westside Packers and Vernon Sport Cougars, resumes Wednesday night at the Vernon Civic Arena.

After winning the series opener 9-3, Packers dropped a 5-0 decision on Sunday night.

VERNON & DISTRICT
MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting and election of officers of the Vernon & District Minor Hockey Association will be held on

Thurs., March 15, 1979
at 8:00 p.m.

at the Vernon Recreation Centre

All interested parents please attend

Six teams in tournament

East Wenatchee and Orange Julius from Wenatchee will join four Vernon teams in the first Molsons-CJIB Can-Am Broomball Cup, set for the Vernon Civic Arena March 31-April 1.

LEAGUE CHAMPS

Vernon Broomball League Champions, the Ballbrushers will be in the tourney as will be the Toro's Fighting Bulls, Screaming Eagles and the Vertebraes.

All six clubs will compete in a round-robin format with games going from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday.

Trophies up for grabs include the Sunshine Promotions Trophy for the best defensive player, the Fred Mann Masonry Trophy for the most valuable player, the Okanagan Lumber Trophy for the top scorer and the Maury Banks Chiropractor Trophy for best goalie.

TUG-A-WAR

Bill Dakin is sponsoring the trophy for a tug-a-war competition and Finning Tractor is giving a trophy to the winner for the girls' exhibition game between the Medi-Cats and the Bank of Montreal.

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