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Annual sale of Canadians

It was no surprise when it was announced last week that Vernon Canadians are up for sale. Sale of the Canadians has become almost an annual event.

It was just 10 months ago that a group of local businessmen purchased the team and were determined to turn the Canadians into a contender. Vernon was a contender during the 1978-79 B.C. Junior Hockey League season. But, it cost too much to make the team competitive.

Although no figures are being released, losses for the past season are estimated at more than $25,000. And that was after some budget cuts and tight wallet policies.

NINE LOCAL PLAYERS

Canadians had nine local players on the team and offered their players little in the way of fringe benefits. Then, why did the team lose so much money? Here are some of the reasons.

1. The new owners hoped to increase crowds and gather some working capital by dropping season ticket prices to $25 and selling 500 tickets. Unfortunately, only about 300 adult tickets were sold and they fell $5,000 short of projected revenue.

2. Programs can be a genuine moneymaker for a junior hockey team and the Canadians did not realize a large enough profit on their publication. Main reason was advertising sales started too late — close to the season opener.

3. Equipment costs have gone sky high. Canadians spent more than $10,000 on equipment during the past season. When you consider every hockey stick now costs about $10, it isn't hard to run up that kind of tab.

4. Canadians paid about $10,500 in arena rent over a seven month period. For the team to even break even, the city will have to give them a better deal. A decrease of 30 per cent in rent would save the Canadians $3100.

TRIPS COSTLY

7. Trips to the coast cost more than $3000. Canadians had two junkets to the coast, for league games, at a cost of $1500 per trip. With the price of gas, hotels, and meals, it is no longer feasible for the BC-JHL's two divisions to play interlocking games.

8. Fans were reluctant to support the Canadians after a disastrous 1977-78 season. Even after the team proved itself during the regular season, playoff crowds were sub-par.

9. Canadians now have some genuine opposition from the North Okanagan Hockey League. Vernon Sport Cougars and Grindrod Elks attracted some large crowds during the winter. And there is only a certain number of hockey fans in this area.

TIME NEEDED

10. To operate a junior hockey team, the owners must devote an incredible amount of time. With the exception of Sheldon Bloomer and Ernie Kowal, none of the seven owners had enough time to devote to running a junior 'A' hockey team. As a result, some of the fund-raising projects such as a Christmas tree sale and firewood cutting fell flat on their face.

If Canadians are to continue operating in the BC-JHL, new owners must be found. And that could be almost as tough as breaking even in junior 'A' hockey.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY
5:15 p.m., Mt. Boucherie at Vernon.
MINOR BASEBALL
6 p.m., Creekside Park, C vs. D (Pony).
MINOR LACROSSE
6:30 p.m., Bi-Rite Auto at Kelowna (novice).
6:30 p.m., Kelowna at Vernon Kinsmen (pee wee).
INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S FASTPITCH (6:30 p.m.)
South Division: High Flyers vs. Rockets and Haifadeck vs. Green Backers at VSSS; Choppers vs. Money Bunnies and Hot Stuff vs. VMP Chevettes at Kal Jr. Sec.; Devco Sluggers vs. Homsteady Drywall at Hillview.
West Division: Beernuts vs. Longhorn and Watkins Motors vs. Big Chief at West Vernon; Medi-Cats vs. Boomers at Armoury Park; Stealers vs. Okanagan Upholstery at OK Landing.
North Division: Bluejays vs. Justice, PVAs vs. Chimney Sweepers, and Mighty Molars vs. Bar-belles at Alexis School; PPS Selects vs. Fisher's Glowworms at Beatrsto School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer game is postponed

A Vernon City Soccer League game scheduled Wednesday, between Coldstream Eagles and Vernon Motor Products, has been postponed to a later date. All other games will be played as scheduled. National Hotel is hosted by Lumby; Riverside Dynamos meet Tri-Lake at Silver Star School; and Bib and Tucker battles Consumers Glass and Camelia play Westside Celtics at MacDonald Park.

SPRING BOWLING

Spring bowling leagues start next Monday at Lincoln Lanes. Teams can be comprised of any combination of bowlers. Leagues will run nightly from 8-10 p.m. Merchandise prizes will be awarded at the end of the eight-week league. For further information phone 542-6013.

MILLER HAS SURGERY

DETROIT (AP) — Defenceman Perry Miller of Detroit Red Wings underwent surgery Monday to repair stretched ligaments in his left shoulder, the National Hockey League club announced. The injury, which caused Miller's shoulder to pop out of joint, kept him out of five games during the NHL regular schedule and forced him to wear a cumbersome shoulder brace.

THE BIRD RETURNS

DETROIT (AP) — Mark (The Bird) Fidrych will be restored to Detroit Tigers' roster and start against Minnesota Twins on Saturday. Fidrych has suffered from tendinitis in his right arm — his pitching arm. The start against Minnesota will be his first in a regular game since April 17, 1978. On the disabled list since April 1, Fidrych looked strong in two recent exhibition appearances.

ROGUES FOR SALE

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Businessman Harry Mangurian Jr. put his Memphis Rogues soccer team up for sale again Monday, announcing the offering in an advertisement in the Wall Street Journal. He recently bought full ownership of Boston Celtics of the NBA.

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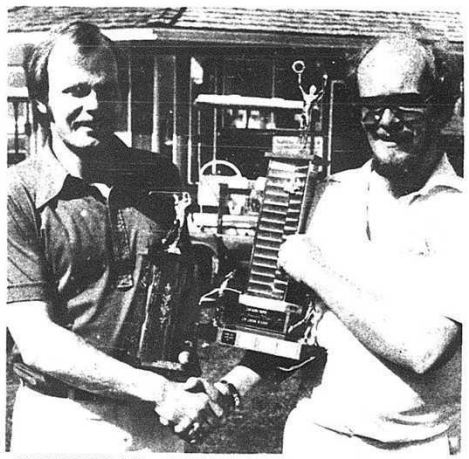

SPALLUMCHEEN Golf and Country Club's annual April Showers Tournament attracted 120 entrants on the weekend with John Bartell of Kamloops, top photo left, receiving the low gross trophy from Spallumcheen pro Pete Wise. Bartell shot a sparkling two-under par 68. Frank Biro of Spallumcheen, bottom left, was given the low net award from Wise. Biro's net score was 62.
(Daily News Photos)

1,000 athletes to compete here

More than 1,000 athletes will be competing in the annual Okanagan Relays Track and Field Meet on Thursday at Polson Park.

The meet, sponsored by W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School, will attract competitors from the Coast, Kootenays, and Okanagan.

Meet Director Greg Fraser told the Daily News competition will be keen. "Every year we attract better athletes and I'm looking forward to this as being our best ever meet."

Vernon elementary and secondary schools will have a total of 300 athletes entered.

METRIC MILE

Highlight of the meet will be the Daily News Metric Mile. Steve Pybus, of Summerland, will be back to defend his title. Pybus set a meet record last year when he covered the distance in four minutes, 16 seconds.

His toughest competition could come from Matt Lightwood, of Nelson, and Mike Fedniyak, of Vernon Senior Secondary School. Fedniyak finished third in last year's race.

The defending girls' champion, Celina Campbell of Lumby, is also back. Campbell set a record of five minutes, 15 seconds in the 1978 meet.

Laurel Brown, of Nelson, is expected to provide Campbell with stiff competition.

HIGH JUMP

Another event that is shaping up as a battle is the senior boys' high jump. Ken Giles of Chase, who cleared a record 1.80 metres last year, is favored.

However, Dave Kent of Seaton and Dale Olsen of VSSS are serious contenders. Kent cleared 1.75m last week at a meet in Vancouver and Olsen has jumped a similar height.

In the relays, L. V. Rogers of Nelson and VSSS are expected to be strong in senior girls' competition. And Seaton has an excellent junior girls' foursome.

The meet gets under way at 10 a.m. and is expected to conclude about 3 p.m.

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Schnare captures aggregate

Vernon Kokanees placed fifth, out of 10 teams, in a level two swim meet last weekend in Kelowna.

The meet gave 12 Kokanees an opportunity to compete against other intermediate swimmers from B.C. clubs. Among the clubs competing were the famed Canadian Dolphins from Vancouver and the New Westminster Hyacks.

Top performer for the Vernon contingent was Phillippe Schnare, who won the boys' 13-14 aggregate.

Jerry Wilson earned ribbons in all six of his events while Bruce Coombes placed in three events, including a first in the 200m individual medley.

Lee Bliss Jr. shaved five seconds off his personal best time to finish third in the boys' 10 and under 100m freestyle.

Kelly Bedard placed in three events, including a third in the 400m freestyle. Edeen Yamada finished second in the 100m backstroke.

Jill Strachan was first in the 200m backstroke while sister Jennifer starred on a relay team. Jennifer, along with Koby Maddocks, Susan Carrie, and Jody Peshko, won the medley relay race and accumulate nine ribbons.

Seaton strong in gymnastics

Bruce Robertson won two events and placed second in two others in a gymnastics meet last weekend at George Elliot Secondary School in Winfield.

Students from 100 Mile House, KLO of Kelowna, Elliot, and Vernon's W. L. Seaton took part in the competition.

Robertson, from Seaton, won the high bar and parallel bar events for open boys. He also placed second in vaulting and rings.

Arlene Turek, competing in the 15 and under class, won the vaulting box and uneven bars event as well as placing second on the balance beam.

Lisa Chabot, competing in the same class, was second on uneven bars and vaulting and third in floor exercises. Zonya Hildebrande tied for third, with Chabot, in floor exercises.

Five Seaton girls earned ribbons in the 16 and under class. Theresa Masters finished third in vaulting, uneven bars, and balance beam.

Yvonne Heck won the vaulting competition while Cindy Pal was second on the uneven bars.

Sandra Ferguson picked up second-place ribbons in floor exercises and vaulting. Mary Jane Rutherford was third in floor exercises.

In open boys, Glenn Breitkreutz placed second on the parallel bars.

Shoot planned next Sunday

North Okanagan Trap and Skeet Club will be holding a registered shoot next Sunday, at 9 a.m., at the clubhouse.

For further information phone 545-5181.

Two Vernon shooters brought home trophies from a meet last weekend in Kelowna.

High singles trophy went to Lyle Davidson, who edged Ed Olson, in a shoot-off. Both local men had scores of 99-100.

Olson defeated Brian Bowman, of Kamloops, in a shoot-off for the doubles title. Olson had a score of 93-100.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MAY, 1974

Patti Murray of Vernon and Gordon Burris of Kamloops teamed together last weekend to win the Under 16 Mixed Doubles Division in the B.C. Junior Badminton Championships held in Vancouver.

A group of cricket enthusiasts in the Vernon area have formed a team and entered the Okanagan Cricket League. Cricket flourished in the area several years ago.

Kamloops golfer wins April Showers tourney

John Bartell carded a 68 to win the April Showers Tournament on Sunday at Spallumcheen Golf Club.

Just one stroke off the pace was former tournament champion Frank Fritz, also of Kamloops.

Vernon's Jim Pearson fired a 73 to place third and another stroke back was Bob Davidson, of the Spallumcheen club.

Low net score was carded by Frank Biro, of Spallumcheen, with a sparkling 62.

One hundred and twenty golfers competed in near-perfect conditions.

The flight winners were:

First: gross Fritz 69; net Bruce Ritchie, Vernon, 67.

Second, gross Billy Bifford, Kamloops, 79; net Merv Weightman, Kamloops, 70.

Third: gross Ben Benoit, Kamloops 81; net Ed Albert, Chase, 69.

Fourth: Gross Bob Fowlie, Kamloops, 85; net Bob Hewitson, Spallumcheen, 65.

Spallumcheen ladies draw

TEE NO. 1
9 a.m. — A. Delen, E. Beaulieu, G. Maundrell.
9:06 a.m. — E. Zamis, J. Jensen, R. Banner.
9:12 a.m. — M. McCusker, E. Myler, R. Von Pentz.
9:18 a.m. — B. Griffin, J. August, G. McMechan.
9:24 a.m. — L. Owen, E. Caldwell, D. Simms.
9:30 a.m. — D. Stewart, L. Kyle, S. Heal.
9:36 a.m. — F. Holland, K. Reid, E. Jack.
9:42 a.m. — P. McDonald, M. Doherty.
TEE No. 10
9 a.m. — D. Baker, V. Nelson, P. Bassons.
9:06 a.m. — S. Penson, C. Schier, M. Howard.
9:12 a.m. — M. Burgess, F. DeWilde, E. Thompson.
9:18 a.m. — S. McDonald, M. Sheare, M. Edwards.
9:24 a.m. — M. Hamilton, F. Leng, E. Paulson.
9:30 a.m. — N. Daisley, M. Good, B. Simms.
9:36 a.m. — I. Stark, G. Lys.

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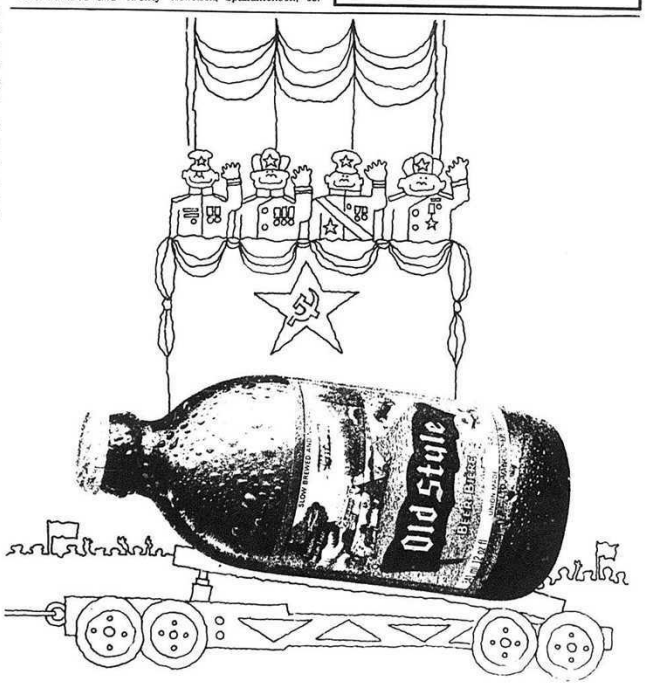

Friday, May 4 1979

The public is invited to attend the official dedication of land to Forestry use and a College sight by the Hon. Patrick L. McGeer, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, and the Hon. Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Onsight, highway 97 at Reservoir Road, south of Vernon.

Attention Senior Citizens

A bus will be provided to get you there and back. Leaves at 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. from the Senior Citizens Centre at Vernon Recreation Complex.

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