

**KENDALL'S KORNER**

**Tournament was great**

Vernon Cougars' hockey tournament last weekend brought back a lot of memories. Many North Okanagan hockey fans, including yours truly, had forgot how good intermediate hockey could be.

It is a long time — probably 20 years — since people have seen that type of hockey played in Vernon. Cougars' General Manager Vern Dye tells us the team broke even on the tourney — and maybe even made a little money. Dye said, "When you consider our club got knocked out two games straight, we have to be happy with the crowds we drew. We're already started plans for next year's tournament."

**DISAPPOINTMENTS**

Dye said two things disappointed him. "First, it was tough to see our guys lose two straight. Goaltending was a problem and I think we were a little over-confident."

"Secondly, I thought Camrose would be bringing a much stronger team. A lot of their key players couldn't make it and as a result, they weren't really competitive."

But, there were plenty of good teams on hand. Grande Prairie Athletics, who took home the \$1000 first prize, Dickson Shamblers, and Fort Abertall Islanders are as good as any intermediate teams in Western Canada.

With a little more contention, Trout Smoke Eaters could also be put in that class. And of course, there was the Grindrod Elks.

Grindrod was the Cinderella team of the tourney. Elks trail Cougars by six points in the North Okanagan Hockey League standings and few observers gave them much of a chance of surviving more than two games.

However, Ed Forslund put on a goaltending clinic and the rest of the Elks showed what a little teamwork can accomplish. At a result, they made it to the final and picked up \$750.

**A LOOK BACK**

I want to round to see the days of "good" intermediate hockey 20 years ago. But, I did see some fantastic intermediate teams in the late-60s and early-70s on the coast.

Former Canadian champion Powell River Regals; Squilicum Canadians, who won the Western Canadian title in 1973; and New Westminster Shmyr Flyers, who went to the provincial finals on numerous occasions, provided a hard-hitting brand of hockey comparable to senior or semi-pro.

Last weekend's tourney featured that kind of hockey. With the continued improvement of the NHL, and the acceptance of the Cougars' invitational tournament, local fans should get an opportunity to enjoy that type of entertainment for many years to come.

**Gilroy back with Cougars**

A month ago, Jack Gilroy wasn't sure if he wanted to play hockey this year, but recently as last week, he considered himself the number three goalie with Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League.

However, Gilroy will be between the pipes this weekend when Cougars take on Winfield Raiders in a home-and-home series.

**BRISKHAM HURT**

The veteran netminder has won the number one puck-stopping job by default. Charlie Briskham reinjured his knee last weekend and will be sidelined indefinitely. Briskham's having his knee drained and may require a brace or other medical attention.

Cougar's other netminder, Jamie McKenzie, is working part of town and probably won't be available for three or four weeks.

**NO CHOICE**

Gilroy, who spent most of last season backing up Briskham, admits he is looting forward to playing regularly, he said. "It will be a challenge for me. Anyway, I don't have much choice because they're stuck for a goalie right now."

Len Leaf, who spent part of the 1976-79 season with the now-defunct Vernon Canadians, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, will be as Gilroy's backup.

Leaf said he'd like to see how he has no idea of taking Briskham's job away. "When Charlie comes back, he'll be number one," Gilroy said.

Vernon hosts Winfield on Friday, at 8 p.m. In another action Friday, Kelowna Packers host Salmon Arm Aces and Rustand Molsons visit Revelstoke Seals.

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon Cougars	9	8	1	0	33	17	16
Grindrod Elks	9	4	3	2	30	42	10
Revelstoke Seals	7	4	3	0	30	42	10
Salmon Arm Aces	9	3	3	3	47	42	6
Winfield Raiders	9	2	3	4	30	44	4
and M Packers	7	2	3	2	37	41	4

  

TOP SCORERS	TEAM	G	A	Pts	PIM
Terry Lowe	Cougars	13	24	37	47
Corey Cloutier	Cougars	12	24	24	37
Dave Caldwell	Cougars	10	16	26	31
Eric Harris	Cougars	10	13	23	7
Wayne Jay	Cougars	10	12	22	18
Greg Gillingham	Cougars	7	14	21	13
Gary Edwards	Raiders	12	5	17	0
Chris Smith	Cougars	6	14	12	17
Grant Simcik	Cougars	6	10	16	41
Len Sabin	Cougars	5	11	16	41
Ron Rappagert	Elks	6	9	15	4
Ken Pickers	Molsons	2	13	15	8
Gary Hewko	Seals	2	13	15	8



**FOOTBALL CHAMPS**

Superior Muffler Huskies recently captured the Carling O'Keefe Flag Football League title by beating Black Russians 39-13. The Huskies are led from left back, Ray Horochuk, Jim Arthur, Rick Irby, Barry Reid, and Leo Gauthier. Front row, Gary Beal, Dan Horochuk, Lionel Gray, Lou Joly, and Allan Schuck.

**Lumby downhill skiers looking for a new area**

LUMBY — The Lumby Ski Club Committee has ruled against leasing and operating the Lumby Ski Hill this season because it would probably operate with a \$7,000 deficit.

In a released statement the committee said it had arrived at the decision after much research, auditing, and meeting with persons involved in the business.

**GREAT LOSS**

"This is a too great" a loss to absorb with no guarantee of the future availability of the facilities," said the report.

Plans had first been to rent the hill and equipment of Chalet Slopes Ltd. for about \$3,000.

In considering the actual purchase, it was the committee's opinion that the appreciated price of \$104,000 for the chalet, land and equipment (not including the slope itself which is leased from Glencairn Farm) as proposed by the company, had been "unrealistically high for the size and needs of the community."

The release states this will not mean the end of the group and its objective to provide skiing.

Instead, energies will be directed to forming a ski club with full association status, which will be known as Lumby and District Ski Association.

**ALTERNATE SLOPE**

Plans are to look for an alternate ski slope, near Lumby, and develop it for next year's skiing, but in the meantime offer several benefits to its members and the community. Those would include: regular meetings and activities of a social nature; equipment presentation by local sports shops; safety classes; beginners classes (there are several good bunny slopes in the area and instructors are available); ski film presentations; bus tours to area ski slopes; local cross-country ski development with marked trails; and tours to other cross-country ski areas.

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**Sabres record shutout victory**

Coldstream Hotel Sabres scored three goals in the first period and went on to blank Rene's Barons 5-0 in White Valley Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Lumby Arena.

In another game, Lotus Gardens dumped Lakeside Motor Inn 7-4.

Gord Henrich scored twice for Coldstream while Bill Simmer, LA and Tommie, NYI Steve Barons added singles. Doug Irwin recorded the shutout.

Barons took 13 of 20 minor penalties.

League play resumes

**NHL TOP 10**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

National Hockey League scoring leaders after Wednesday games:

Dionne, LA	17	22	39
Tanaka, LA	16	29	35
Simmer, LA	15	28	33
Thompson, NYI	14	27	31
Lafleur, WHI	14	26	30
Goffin, WHI	13	25	28
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