

Smoke Eaters trounce Barons

Allison, Smoke Eaters blasted Rene's Barons 17-6 in White Valley Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Lumby Arena.

In another game, Coldstream Sabres exploded for five goals in the final 15 minutes to beat Lotus Gardens 7-4.

EIGHT POINTS
 Jeff Shirley led the Allison attack with four goals and four assists while Graydon Brown scored four and set up two others. Jeff Todd and Eric Hebert scored three apiece, with Todd adding five assists. Brian Hunt, Fred Johnstone, and Rick Horsley netted singles.

Emery Lacroix, with two goals, Leon Battistone, Robin Lacroix, and Ernie Robatek replied for the Barons.

In the other game, Sabres led 2-1 at the end of the first period and the teams were tied 2-2 after 40 minutes.

SCORED TWO
 Larry Louchhead and Warren Radomsky scored twice for Sabres while Roas McInoull, Steve White, and Pat Maxouk netted singles.

Terry Wetig scored two goals for Lotus while Dan Horchuk and Bob Stein got one each.

Sabres scored three goals, within four minutes, late in the third period when Lotus' two scorers fired.

Coldstream took 10 of 14 minor penalties, one of two fighting majors, and a misconduct.

League play resumes Saturday night when Lumby Flying Frenchmen host Sabres.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Easy victory for Smitty's

Smitty's Pancake House struck three in the fifth end and another five in the sixth end to beat Kellys Stereo 13-2 in Super League Curling this week. In other games, Tri-Lake nippek Kelowna Carpet 4-3, Angies Tavern beat Dave Laidoun 7-4, Cenoka Disposals dumped Dial-a-car 8-2, Bob Harris downed Glenwood 6-0, Fishers' Stoves defeated Ken Genden Optical 6-4, Baron Insurance whipped D and M Construction 7-4, Chase Encounters slipped by Jay Ray's 8-5, and Village Green edged City Esso 8-7.

FASTBALL MEETING

The Vernon Major Women's Fastball League will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room eight at W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School. All women hoping to enter the team in the league are urged to attend.

WOMEN'S DROP-IN

There will be women's drop-in basketball tonight, at 8 p.m., at Vernon Senior Secondary School. There is no charge.

PLAYER RETURNS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—St. Louis Blues announced that coach Barclay Plager was released from the hospital Wednesday and will resume his duties with the National Hockey League team. A spokesman said Plager had undergone a series of tests which showed that scar tissue had formed on his brain as a result of an old hockey injury. His doctors cleared him to return to work, the team said.

CANT CATCH ENGLAND

BELFAST (AP)—Northern Ireland led to in the European Soccer Cup of Nations on Wednesday, and England moved into the quarter-finals without kicking a ball. After a scoreless first half, Tottenham Hotspur star Gerry Armstrong scored the winning goal in the 94th minute.



BOWLERS OF THE WEEK
 This week's honored bowlers are Lorraine Lacroix and Louis Vincent. Lacroix rolled a three-game total of 686 to go 164 pins over her 168 average. Vincent, who has a 210 average, had a three-game score of 874 to beat his average by 220 pins.

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Classic bowlers in regional final

Three Vernon teams have advanced to the regional final of the Provincial Classic Bowling Tournament.

The three teams qualified from the recent house roll-offs at Lincoln Lanes. A total of 78 bowlers took part in the competition.

The men's team is comprised of Ralph Gohmann, Tom Von Hanson, Paul Babineau, Dave McKenzie, and Bill Lyons.

Members of the women's squad are Diane Baker, Coby Fuhr, Angela Murr, Dolores Just, and Pto Vincent. The mixed fiveosome is Herb Ott, Laurie Berrett, Mashie Kassam, Linda Johnston, and Frank Bird.

Only bowlers with averages under 210 are eligible for classic competition.

Winther sent to Brandon
 Mike Winther, of Vernon, has been traded to Brandon Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League.

Winther played one season with the now-defunct Vernon Canadians before joining Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Hockey League, last year.

Winther, and two other players, went to Wheat Kings in exchange for two players.

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Panthers record encouraging win

Vernon Panthers defeated Summerland 67-56 in exhibition high school basketball action Wednesday night at VSSS.

It was the first game of the season for both teams and Coach Rick Inrig, however, there were several encouraging signs for Vernon.

Inrig said, "I'm expecting that year and we made a lot of mistakes. But I saw a lot of things I liked."

28 POINTS
 Kelly Olsen, who led the Okanagan in scoring last year, showed he has no intention of relinquishing his title. He scored 26 points and despite spending a considerable amount of time on the bench.

Lorne Hansen, Ken Arkel, and Greg DeLeneher were battling for the two starting forward positions. However, they want to play first string.

Hansen scored 15 points, including 13 in the second-half. He also grabbed 10 rebounds. But, the most impressive thing about him was the way he drove to the hoop.

Arkel, who saw limited duty last year as a rookie, had 10 rebounds and seven points. If the tall had been dropping for him, he would have scored at least 15.

DeLeneher did everything right, but so he managed only three points despite having numerous lay-up opportunities.

Left-handed guard Jack Stanley did most of the damage for Summerland with 31 points. Olsen and Arkel combined to hold 89' centre Dielti Townsley to eight points.

The Vernon coach also had praise for guard Jamie Reichelt and forward Al Gee. Reichelt, the shortest player on the squad at 5'8", hustled every second he was on the floor. And Gee, playing his first game of senior ball, was tough inside.

Panthers face a formidable foe Friday when they battle Delta Packers at the annual Salmon Arm Invitational Tournament. Packers were ranked number one in B.C. for most of the 1978-79 season. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Five Cougars will miss game

First-place Vernon Cougars will be without at least five players Saturday night when they travel to Enderby to battle Grandrod Elks in a crucial North Okanagan Hockey League game.

Cougars lead the second-place Elks by six points. However, Grandrod has two games in-hand and is the only team to beat Vernon this season.

Jack Gilroy will again be between the pipes for Cougars. Charlie Brisham is sidelined with a knee injury and Jamie McKenzie is still working out of town.

SUSPENDED
 Forwards Grant Sigwick and Terry Love have been suspended for one game as the result of a brawl last Friday against Winfield Raiders.

Defenceman Bob Mayer will also be in the stands nursing a shoulder injury which will keep him off skates for another two weeks. And another defenceman, Bob [?], is listed as a doubtful starter because of an ankle injury.

Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson said, "It is times like this that I'm glad we're carrying a lot of players. If we only had 19 guys on our roster, we'd have trouble getting a

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Young fills in for injured star

By IAN MACLEANE
The Canadian Press

Timothy Young had been overlooked for stardom in the National Hockey League ever since he graduated from Ontario in the Ontario Major Junior Hockey League.

beating Los Angeles Kings 6-4. Oiler's Maple Leafs 4 Goals by the Oilers' linemates Gretzky, Brett Callaghan and Blair Macdonald in the second period had offset a first-period Toronto goal by John Anderson. But scores by Walt McKechnie, Jerry Butler and Rocky Sagantuk in just over two minutes early in the third period restored Toronto's lead, setting the stage for Gretzky's second goal of the game.

Penguins 5 Blues 2 Greg Malone had one goal and drew two assists in the game. Rod Schutt, Gary McAdam, Peter Lee and Nick Libbert also scored for Pittsburgh. Blake Dunlop and Brian Sutter were the St. Louis marksmen. Flames 4 Red Wings 1 Ivan Boldirev scored twice as the Flames won their third straight. Bob MacMillan and Jean Frenovant added the other scores. Detroit's lone marker, by Dale McCourt, had staked the Red Wings to a 1-0 lead in the first period.

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Smyl missed by Canucks

Vancouver Canucks' bubble burst on Tuesday night when they were thumped 5-1 by Los Angeles Kings, at the Pacific Coliseum.

That loss came just 48 hours after Canucks had surprised Montreal Canadiens 5-2.

When the 1979-80 National Hockey League season started, few people expected Vancouver Canucks to be comfortable perched atop the Smythe Division. But, that is where you'll find the Canucks these days.

According to Canucks' Goodwill Ambassador: Babe Pratt, the reason Vancouver is doing so well is, "Hard work." He said, "We've never had a hockey club that worked this hard. It is contagious — everyone is checking and hitting."

It is no coincidence that the man who started the work epidemic, Stan Smyl, missed Tuesday's loss with a heel injury.



SKATE-A-THON

Kevin Miller, 38, and about 100 minor hockey players took part in the recent skate-a-thon at the Vernon Civic Arena. Minor hockey set a target figure of \$7,500; however, an exact total won't be known.

until all pledge sheets are turned in Dec. 1. In the second annual skate-a-thon Broomball Tournament, Radio Station CJIB captured top honors. (Daily News Photo)

Whitecaps plan several changes

AMERICAN PLAYERS in the lineup at all times.

Walters said the Whitecaps anticipate no problems in the area of North American players because Vancouver is a constant producer of quality North American players. Other teams, however, could have problems because of poor development systems, he said.

WILL BE A BLEND

"The Whitecaps will attempt to blend experience with youth in 1980," he said, "and we must be thorough in our scouting of players from not only England, but outside England, too."

"We have a strong nucleus to work from and we will concentrate our team that plays attacking football which is attractive and entertaining for the fans."

Walters recently returned from his native England, where he huddled with scout Paddy Sowden to discuss player acquisitions for 1980. There has been speculation that striker Kevin Hector, midfielder John Sammelis and goalkeeper Phil Parkes might return next season. Walters said no firm decisions had been made about their future.

Mohawks nip Quessel 7-6

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Prince George Mohawks beat Quessel Kangaroos 7-6 Wednesday night to end a four-game British Columbia Senior Hockey League losing streak. The winners spotted Quessel an early 2-0 lead, then came back with five straight goals to take control. The Kangaroos were tied 2-2 after one period and the Hawks led 6-4 after two.

PLAYED IN VERNON

Smyl played a couple games in the Vernon Civic Arena as a member of the Bellingham Blazers. He went on to star on two Memorial Cup champions with New Westminster Bruins. In 1978, he was picked in the third round, of the amateur draft, by Canucks.

Pratt said, "I will be hard to keep Stan out of the line up for a week because he wants to play so badly. And we certainly miss him."

Besides being considered, the team's top defensive forward, Smyl has blossomed into a goal scorer. In 19 games, he has blanketed the red light nine times. Not bad for a defensive specialist who never scored more than 34 goals in his junior career.

NATURAL LEADER

Pratt feels Smyl's value goes far beyond checking and scoring goals. "The kid is a natural leader," Pratt said. "That is why Ernie McLean made him captain of the Bruins — he leads by example. Bruins haven't had a kid that works that hard since Smyl graduated."

While injured, Smyl's spot alongside Thomas Gradin and Jere Gillis is being filled by rookie Brent Ashton. Ashton is another youngster who Pratt is high on.

The NHL Hall-of-Famer said, "Smyl and Ashton haven't played a bad game this season. When you consider Ashton could still be playing junior, he is doing quite a job."

However, when Smyl comes back, Ashton will have to find another spot to fill.

"Smyl is the perfect winger for Gradin," Pratt said. "He complements Gradin's speed with his work in the corners and a tremendous passing ability."

Captain Don Lever, rookie Rick Vaive, newcomer John Hughes and the rest of the Canucks have also come down with a case of hard work and desire. But, it is certain Coach Harry Neale will breathe a sigh of relief when the founder of the disease returns to the lineup.

Calgary beats Portland

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
To hear coach Doug Sauter tell it, things are pretty routine for his Calgary Wranglers these days.

"We played a very simple game," he said after his Western Hockey League division leaders knocked off a tough Portland Winter Hawks club 4-4. "Nothing too fancy, but we just got the job done."

Wrangler goalie Warren Scroderenski stopped 35 shots, while Clint Malarchuk made 37 saves for the Wranglers.

In other games, Victoria Cougars shook their jinx in Seattle by beating the Breakers 4-1 after giving up a goal 36 seconds into the game and basketball Blades hammered Great Falls Americans 82-

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