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Scandals in Arizona

Payoffs, bribes, and recruiting of athletes, by United States colleges, has been a hot topic of conversation for the past decade.

Todd Pfeifferle, of Vernon, is currently attending the University of Arizona and has heard some interesting stories since enrolling there in September.

Pfeifferle, one of the top tennis players in the Okanagan, doesn't have time to compete in sports this semester. But next year he hopes to make the university tennis squad. He was home for a visit last weekend and had some campus gossip.

Pfeifferle said, "You wouldn't believe what goes on there. It's common knowledge that football players don't attend classes. They get good marks, but nobody ever sees them."

Arizona recently forfeited its first nine football games this season when the Pacific Athletic Conference discovered the school was using eight ineligible players. Arizona had a good shot at landing a berth in the Rose Bowl, but now cannot compete in any Bowl games.

EIGHT STARTERS

Pfeifferle said, "The eight players were getting credit for courses that they had never attended. All eight were starters on the football team and given 'B' grades in their classes."

"The talk is that the university may be placed on probation for one or two years. That would cost the school a lot of money because it wouldn't be eligible for any Bowl games during the probation."

"The feeling at the campus is that it was our turn to get caught. Everyone does it, but they picked on Arizona this year. Two years ago it was Oklahoma State."

The player eligibility is the second major football controversy at Arizona in the past two years. Frank Kush, the second most successful college coach in history, was suspended last year after he allegedly hit painter Kevin Ruledge after a game.

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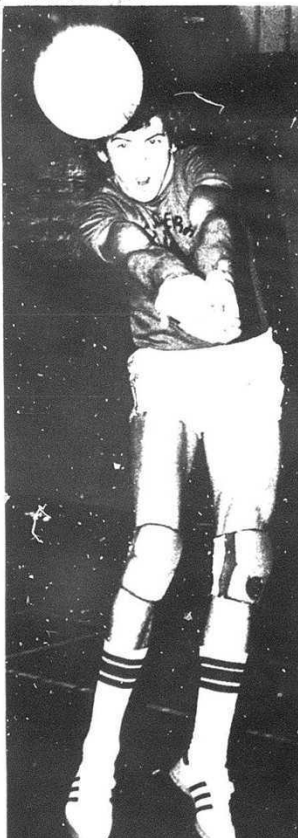
Ruledge filed a \$1.1 million suit against Kush. Kush denied the charge and it appeared it would be one man's word against the other — that was until Ruledge's lawyers did some digging.

They came up with four signed statements, from other players, backing up Ruledge's charge. And five assistant coaches confirmed, in written statements, that Kush struck the player.

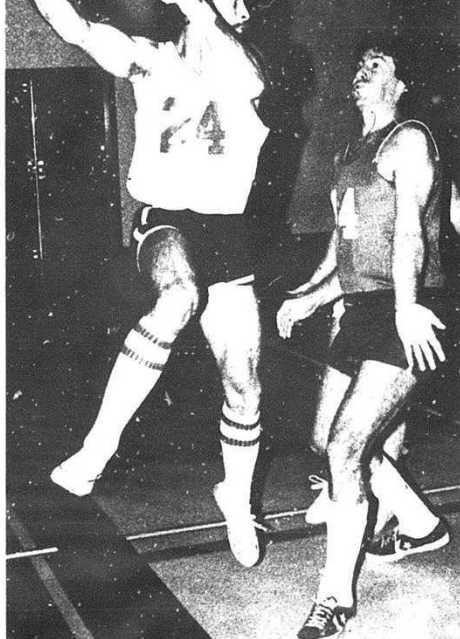
Pfeifferle said, "The whole Kush incident was covered up for almost a year until the public found out about the signed statements. Now, rumor is that Kush has been accused of hitting other players in the past. It is really a mess."

Kush, who has been replaced by Bob Owens, has replied to the charge by filing a \$40 million suit against Ruledge, Ruledge's parents, the university, and a handful of others.

Pfeifferle said, "I had no idea what goes on in college athletics. It looks like everyone, including the university administration and alumni, is involved in the controversy one way or another."



MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Tom Knight of Allens sets the ball during Major Men's Volleyball League action Monday night at W.L. Seaton Junior Secondary School. Allens won four of six games they played this week. (Daily News Photos)



Paddington Station's Dennis Roberts battles to keep the ball inbound while guarded closely by Gary Pruden, of Trophy Gallery. Pruden scored 33 points, but it wasn't enough as his club dropped an 80-76 decision in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action Monday night. Roberts scored eight points for the winners. (Daily News Photos)

Silver Star needs snow

Silver Star Ski 'rea needs at least one good dump of snow before it can open for the 1978-80 season.

The base is currently from 12-18 centimetres depending what part of the mountain.

Area Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News at least another 12 centimetres is needed before the area will open. Woodman said, "One good dump would probably be enough. But, the weather forecast isn't too encouraging."

The forecast calls for a high pressure zone which could mean little or no snow for the next three days.

Woodman said, "We've been ready to open for about two weeks. Our normal opening date is about Dec. 1 — any later than that and we get a dry concern."

If the good dump of snow does not come by Friday, the star's opening will be delayed to Dec.

Most other Western Canadian ski areas are experiencing the same problem.

Grouse, in Vancouver, opened on a limited basis last weekend; Paskapoo, at Calgary, has opened some runs with man-made snow.

Whistler, near Vancouver, hoping to open next weekend; Big White, near Kelowna, needs more snow; and most other areas are predicting a Dec. 8 opening.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lumby girls record shutout

Lumby blanked Kamloops 2-0 in senior girls' hockey action last Sunday at the Lumby Arena. Sandy Moss scored both goals on passes from Bernie Irmen and Rita de Witt. Elaine Beaton recorded the shutout.

35 SHOOTERS

About 25 people took part in the North Okanagan Trap and Shoot Club's Grey Cup Turkey Shoot last weekend. Major prizes went to Don Lehman, Roy Farnsworth, Tim Hooper, Art Salt, and Rod Power.

WON SPIEL

Vernon's Ralph Dangertfeldt rink won the recent Kamloops Seniors Bospital. Other local curlers who placed were: George Morrow fourth in 'B' event; Austin Blair second in 'C' event; and Tom Jenner second in 'D' event.

HOCKEY TOURNEY

Central North Thompson Hockey Association will hold its fourth annual commercial hockey tournament Feb. 1-3, in Clearwater. The tourney is open to eight teams and entry fee is \$100. A total of \$700 prize money, including \$400 to the first-place club, will be presented. Anyone interested is asked to phone 674-3329 or 674-3876.

THREE GAMES

There are three games scheduled tonight in Intermediate Men's Basketball League action at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Superiors play Cairns at 7 p.m., Colts meet OK College at 8:15 p.m., and Fulton takes on Professionals at 9:30 p.m.

DENNIS O'BRIEN QUILTS

BOSTON (AP) Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League announced the retire-

Hotelmen defeat Lo-Cost

Coldstream Hotel put up a 2-0-1 record in the second-half to beat Lo-Cost Lumber 72-57 in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action Monday night.

In another game, Paddington Station ripped Trophy Gallery 80-78.

Coldstream and Lo-Cost were tied 38-38 at half-time. However, Hotelmen started the second-half with 10 consecutive points and limited Lo-Cost to 16 points the rest of the game.

Jack Batula was the offensive leader for Coldstream with 28 points. Mike Koskonk sunk 18 points for the winners while Gary Stone added 10.

Morris Vardabasso was the leading sniper for Lo-Cost with 25 points while Glen Sheehouse dropped in 20.

In the other game, Paddington Station trailed by as much as seven points in the second-half before coming back.

Bill Pittcher scored 21 points to pace the Paddington attack while Bill Kindness sunk 20 and Peter Wolgram added 14.

Gary Pruden, with 33 points, and Bill Haworth, with 18, replied for the Gallery.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1974 From the sandy shores of Hawaii to Vernon, the Kamehameha boys' volleyball team will tackle the Vernon Secondary School volleyball teams this week at VSSS.

THOMSON SENT DOWN ST. LOUIS (AP) St. Louis Blues have sent left winger Floyd Thomson back to their Salt Lake City farm club, the National Hockey League team said Monday.

Thomson, who had two goals and three assists in 11 games with the Blues, has been sent down from the Golden Eagles of the Central Hockey League when four St. Louis players were sidelined by injuries.

BAKER JOHN RANGERS NEW YORK (AP) New York Rangers of the National Hockey League said Monday they have assigned goaltender Doug Soetaert to the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League and recalled netminder Steve Baker from the Nighthawks.

On Friday, John Davidson, the Rangers' first-string goalie last year, asked to be sent to New Haven while he works his injured knee back into shape.

Vernon Wayne Thomas has been handling most of the Rangers' goaltending duties recently.

NEELD SETS RECORD

Vernon graduates lead WHL teams

Two former Vernon Junior stars are currently leading their Western Hockey League teams in scoring.

John Neeld, who spent the 1976-79 season with the now-defunct Vernon Canadians, is the top scorer on Seattle Breakers with 12 goals and 29 assists for 41 points, in 26 games.

Neeld set a league record for assists in one game last Saturday night when he set up seven goals as Breakers whipped New Westminster Bruins 14-5. The old record, of six assists, was shared by 18 players.

LEADS BRANDON Mike Winther, who played in Vernon during the 1977-78 season, is the leading sniper on Brandon Wheat Kings with 17 goals and 17 assists for 34 points in 34 games.

Winther, 18, was recently traded to the Wheat Kings by Medicine Hat Tigers. And according to his father Paul, it is the best thing that could have happened to the big centre.

The elder Winther said, "Mike and his coach (Pat Ginnell) in Medicine Hat just weren't getting along. It seemed every time Mike went out, Ginnell wanted him to fight somebody."

"He never had the same linemates from one game to the next and that seemed strange to me."

MOST GOALS As a rookie last season, Winther led the Tigers in goals with 38 and added 32 assists. Since his move to Brandon, he has scored seven goals in seven games.

Paul said, "This is an important year for Mike and I didn't want to see him spending it in the penalty box. In one period, Mike got 16 penalty minutes — and he isn't



MIKE WINHTER... leads Brandon that type of player." Winther, and another ex-Vernon junior, Darren Halasz, were suspended from practicing with the Tigers for a short time as a disciplinary measure. Halasz, who has now returned to active duty, has 10 goals and seven assists, for 17 points in 25 games.

170 bowlers compete in family tournament

About 170 bowlers competed in the Family Twosome in the Family Twosome Tournament last weekend at Lincoln Lanes.

Mothers bowled with their daughters while fathers paired up with their sons.

High game, rolled by a parent was a 301 by Ron Ambcroft. Allison Penner, 17, had high game for a youth bowler with a 308 single.

The winners were: Mother and Daughter Jets: Dawn Morrison and mom plus 100; Suzanne McKinnon plus 92; and Shantell Adrian plus 42.

Mother and Daughter Banquets: Vicki Croteau plus 75; Candy Nolan plus 67; and Cheryl Pearson plus 61.

Mothers Juniors: Kendall Adrian plus 177; Laura Bettison plus 46; and Iborra Kip plus 34.

Mother and Daughter Seniors: Allison Penner plus 119; Lynn Jamieson plus 81; and Cindy Kopp plus 31.

Father and Son Jets: Jim Natsubara and dad plus 132; Steven MacKenzie plus 99;

and Raymond Sangotta plus 144; Tauran and Son Banquets: Richard Morneau plus 162; Father and Son Seniors: Rory White plus 18; Len Egaly plus 33; and Walter Kronbauer minus two.

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