

# CURLING CLUB NEWS

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After the smoke from the bonspiel cleared last Wednesday, there were Frank Brewer, Ernie Bird and Rick Lafuze who had helped their Vernon teams to qualifying spots in the Labatt Tankard Playoffs.

Seventeen teams started play on Thursday morning to fill the spots in the playoffs. On Friday afternoon Lafuze, Brewer and Bird were still alive and it looked like out. Job had a good chance at a couple of spots going to the finals. It was not to be as Lafuze was the lone survivor.

In the BCCA championship game Saturday morning, Wayne lost a heart breaker to Gretzinger. So this weekend at New Westminster, Wayne and his team of Ross Hadfield and Mark and Barry Longworth take on Rick Pugh's foursome in round one. Rick has been around the curling world in B.C. and is known locally as the third man on Peter Delver's team for the last three or four years. Last year Rick moved to Vancouver and started skipping his own team.

There will be lots of support for Wayne's team both here and at New Westminster as quite a few of our members are going down to cheer.

### VALENTINE MIXED SPEL

Over the last three weeks throughout the B.C. Interior are taking part in our Valentine Bonspiel and we look forward to a fun weekend. There will be dancing in the Vernon Curling Club on Friday evening and all members and guests are welcome to come up and join the fun. Final games on all four events will be Sunday, Feb. 8.

### ENDERBY LADIES SPEL

It was also a good weekend for some of our lady curlers. Janice Mori skipped her team of Ev Bird, Diane Barera and Murray Wynne to top honors at Enderby. Third and fourth place in a event went to other Vernon teams skipped by Jean Skobalak and Iona Marsland.

### PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS

Over the last three years the names of Abby Bridgeman, Dave Simpson and Gordon Rowland have gained respect in B.C. play-offs at top levels and has helped to put our club among the top as producers of fine curlers. This year is no exception and we have had the honour to see Wayne Lafuze and his team in provincial men's finals, Gordon Rowland's team in the mixed finals and Sandra Guenther and her team in junior women's finals. On Thursday evenings and all next couple of weeks and maybe a provincial title is just around the corner.

### CALGARY LABATT BRIER

Calgary have five tickets left for the Calgary Brier, from March 2-9, and they will be picked up at the club office. The cost is only \$50 for the week.

# Kreiner plans to do her best

MONTREAL (CP) — No one is making any predictions about the medal chances of Canadian alpine skier Kathi Kreiner for the 1980 Winter Games at Lake Placid, but she regards the slalom as a good bet. "Few people expected her to do so well in Innsbruck, Austria, but she won a gold medal in the slalom and a silver in the Canadian skier to do so since Nancy Greene in 1968.

"I'm going into these Olympics with much the same feeling as I did in 1976," she said. "I've never before been to the slopes of Lake Placid's Whiteface Mountain for the Olympic competition, but I'm going with little expectations of a medal as I did in the last time. Like then, the only thing I'm hoping is to do my best."

The information from an unknown to a conquering heroine can have a traumatic effect when you are a shy 18-year-old and Kreiner, 22, quizzically discovered that she was the pole jumper pressure was greater than the rest.

"I don't regret winning the gold medal because nothing is harder to come by than I don't prepared to handle the social life that winning the medal required. Looking back, though, I say the gold medal victory taught me a lot of good things."

While she sagged under the social strain, her skiing remains unimpaired. In the early part of 1977 as she placed fifth at Val d'Isere, Switzerland and first in Frost, a Canadian record at Mont St. Anne, Que.

But in 1978 she was 26th in the Cup standings and there were rumblings about her imminent retirement.

"There was never any question about retiring," Kreiner



KATHI KREINER ... won gold

# Phil's home streak striped Vancouver

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS  
It was hardly a typical night for Vancouver Canucks. "Tragicomic might be the word to describe it," said Johnny Robertson.

Winners of one of their previous 13 games, the Canucks showed up at the Spectrum in Philadelphia where the Flyers had been unbeaten in 28 National Hockey League games.

But the Canucks surprised everyone, winning 4-1. And to prove that it was an extraordinary night, none went out shortly after the upset that broke one of all-time great team captain Don Lever had been traded.

In other games, Buffalo Sabres crushed Pittsburgh Penguins 6-0, Boston Bruins outlasted Toronto Maple Leafs 5-6, Montreal Canadiens edged Colorado Rockies 4-3 and New York Islanders defeated Los Angeles Kings 4-1.

Rick Vaive's two goals helped the Canucks and the Flyers' home unbeaten streak, eight games short of Montreal Canadiens' National Hockey League record.

"We're really glad the streak is over," said Flyers' coach Pat Quinn. "It actually takes some pressure off us."

DEJECTED OFF STICK  
Vaive scored the eventual game-winning midway through the second period when his slapshot deflected off the stick of Flyers' Phil Myers.

His second goal came into the net on a 14-second penalty. Stan Smyl and Thomas Gradin scored for the Vancouver goalies.

"We weren't mentally ready for the game," said Quinn. "Our minds were elsewhere. The players didn't adjust to the game situations. We didn't make the puck work and had no movement toward the net all night."

"We consistently have to prepare harder for the teams that you should beat. We had no slint intended at Vancouver in order to keep the team ready."

Sabres 9 Penguins 0  
Danny Gare's three goals, giving him 38 this season, kept the shutout goaltending of Don Edwards as Buffalo won on home ice. Eric Selinger added two goals and Gil Perreault, Craig Ramsay, Tom McCrea and John Van Boxmeer also scored.

HONOLULU (AP) — Peter Oosterhuis of Britain was so ill he didn't think he could start the first round of the \$25,000 Hawaiian Open golf tournament.

But he felt better Thursday and came to the Waialae Country Club course and shot an 87, two strokes behind the leaders and his best round ever here.

"I didn't have enough energy to get angry and I played well," said Oosterhuis, whose previous best in a Hawaiian Open was a 69.

Oosterhuis wound up in a swamy tie behind George Burns and Leonard Thompson, who set the pace with seven-under-par 64.

None of the 154 starters carded 66.

At 67 along with Oosterhuis were Tom Watson, Kirk Wedder Don Pooley, Chi Chi Rodriguez, and John Schroeder.

Eighty-one of the golfers were at par or better and only the low 70 and ties will qualify for Saturday's third round in this 72-hole tournament.

Jim Neiford of Burnaby, B.C., led the Canadians with a 70, while Dan Halliderson of Shilo, Man., had a 71 and Dave Barr of Kelowna, B.C., a 77.

WALKING ON CLOUDS  
Burns said he felt as though he was walking on a cloud and he said he looked forward to playing with money-winning champion Watson and Jerry Pate, former United States Open champion.

Burns added a 35-32 while Thompson finished at 35-30 playing the second nine first.



RICK VAIVE ... scored two

In 1966-67, Ian Turnbull had two goals and a pair of assists for the Maple Leafs while Darryl Sittler had a goal and three assists.

Canadians 4 Rockies 3  
Rod Langway's second goal of the season with 8:34 left

Rola and was traded with him to the Flames last year in a multi-player swap with Chicago, said in an interview from Edmonton he didn't have many thoughts about the latest transaction.

"Being traded twice in two seasons, it makes you have a few doubts about your own ability. But going from a fiery good club to one that has been having trouble doesn't really bother me."

"We were just trying to get how now that the club was going better, all the trade rumors were dying down. It just shows they can always come back and get you."

Boldirev, in the option year of his contract, has averaged almost 70 points, for the past five seasons. So far this year he has 18 goals and 24 assists while Rola, who was born here, has 16 goals and eight assists.

Both are expected to be in the lineup Saturday night when the Canucks face the Canadiens in Montreal.

Lever was the Canucks' leading goal scorer this season with 21 goals and he has a career total of 412 points, including 180 goals. Smith is currently with Dallas Black Hawks of the Central Hockey League and has one goal and three assists in 19 NHL games this season.

PROVIDED SYSTEM  
Lever said coach Harry Neale has given the team a system and stability but he hasn't given the younger players time to prove themselves.

Boldirev, who rooms with

blamed the Vancouver management and news media for not having enough patience with the Canucks.

"They seemed to have a little more organization this year for not having enough patience with the Canucks."

"I guess I'm better right now because I'm losing a lot of friends and won't be baffling my dream of helping the Canucks become a real contender," Lever said from his hotel room in Philadelphia.

"Lever, who will report to the Flames in Edmonton where they will meet the Oilers tonight, said he thought he was the marketable commodity on the team and

Edmonton, who rooms with

# Former Canuck bitter about trade to Flames

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# Spokane dumps Nelson

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Butat scored for the losers.

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# Cents hammer Kelowna

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Home ice helped as the three visiting teams absorbed defeats in Kelowna during Thursday night action.

Montreal's 1977 Centennials pounded Kelowna Buckaroos 11-3, Revelstoke Rockets nipped Penitence Knights 2-1 in overtime and Chilliwack Colts downed Richmond Seckeyes 6-3.

Elton Allen scored 16 goals in 16 games in overtime to defeat Penitence. The game's two regulation-time goals came in the period from Eric Samuelson of Penitence and Greg Egan of Revelstoke who snatched the Knights 30-29.

In Merritt, Dan London was the only Centennial to score more than once and he contributed two goals. Rick Mettler, Mark Eloranta, Dan Delager, Roland, undquist, Tony Fontarillo, Mark Suchatsky, Greg Cokerill, Rich Norberg and Dwayne Jurett completed the attack.

Guy Turner, Mitch Wilson and Guy Corbett replied for the Buckaroos.

The score was 21 after the first period until Merritt scored six goals to end the second ahead 8-2.

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The names of those members nominated by the Nominating Committee together with the names of any additional nominations signed by 5 members of the Branch together with written consent of the nominee to act as a member of the second Committee. If elected and received by the Nominating Committee of the twenty-four hours prior to the annual general meeting shall be submitted to that meeting for the purpose of receiving the votes of members and no other persons (other than those so nominated shall be eligible for election).

Guest Speaker  
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