SUNSET PROPERTIES' goalie Joanne Kaminski dives out of her net to clear a shot during Women's Broomball League action Monday night at Centennial Rink. Attempting to get a shot on goal is Laurie Ferguson of Big Time Operators; while defenders Avon Aelchele and Linda Ambrosia, right, run to the aid of their goalie. The two clubs battled to a 1-1 tie. (Daily News Photo)

Lacrosse league may be organized

It appears that there will be an inter-city lacrosse league operating in the North Okanagan this year.

Greg Walmsley, one of the organizers of the proposed league, told the Daily News he is hoping for between six and eight teams in the loop.

The league would include intermediate clubs from Armstrong and Vernon, a native team from the Okanagan Indian Band, and an additional three to five teams from Armstrong and Vernon.

Walmsley said, "At this time it appears this is the only way to save lacrosse in the Okanagan. The players just don't want to travel and play lacrosse every weekend during the summer."

10 GAMES

The proposed league would run from May to July. Each team would play 10 league games, on week nights. At the conclusion of the regular season schedule, an all-star team would be picked to hopefully represent the valley at the provincial championships.

Participation at the provincial and national levels would depend on sanction from the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.

Walmsley said, "We want to emphasize that no previous playing experience is necessary. Any men (17 and over) will be eligible to play."

DRAFT SYSTEM

A draft system would be used to ensure an equal distribution of talent.

An organizational meeting, for all prospective players and executive members, will be held next Monday, at 7:30 p.m., at the Coldstream Hotel.

Vernon Tigers have won four consecutive provincial senior 'B' titles as well as three Canadian championships in the past four seasons. However, senior lacrosse in the valley has suffered for the past several years.

With the breakdown of minor lacrosse, senior clubs in Salmon Arm, Kelowna, and Kamloops have folded.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Inner-fighting hurting league

The North Okanagan Hockey League has reached a crossroads.

Three full seasons have passed since the new league format was introduced. The changes prior to the 1977-78 season included exp ansion to the Kelowna area and affiliation with the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

The league grew and prospered for two seasons. But, the past few months have been a nightmare for League President Chris Nelson.

The NOHL has been torn apart by inner-fighting. At one point, in January, Kelowna Packers called an outlaw meeting to discuss the powerful Vernon Cougars. On other occasions, teams have called their opponents everything short of murderers.

NELSON RESIGNS

A couple of the clubs have blamed Nelson for their problems. However, Nelson is the man who is most responsible for leading the league to respectability in the past few seasons.

He announced recently he won't return next year for them to knock around. He said, "I feel it is time someone else stepped in and took over. I have enjoyed my affiliation with the league, but three years is long enough."

Nelson didn't say he is stepping down because of the inner-bickering, but you can bet your bottom dollar that is one of the main reasons.

The problem is that Vernon Cougars improved faster than the rest of the league — and in some ways that has hurt the NOHL.

Cougars didn't recruit players this season — their entire teams live in the Vernon area and the bulk of the club played minor and junior hockey here. However, almost every good player in the area decided to play with Cougars.

As a result, they cakewalked through the league and recorded some incredible scores like 13-3 and 16-2.

While Rutland Molsons have voiced the opinion that having a strong club is good for the league because the other teams will try to improve to that level, Packers and Grindrod Elks have taken another stand. Those clubs appear to feel that one powerful team ruins a league.

AMALGAMATION

There is something to be said for both arguments. Molsons were not competitive with Cougars this season. It is rumored that Rutland may amalgamate with Winfield Raiders next year to form one strong team.

But, even with the amalgamation, it would be foolish to think that team would be as strong as this season's edition of the Cougars.

As far as I'm concerned, a six-team league (with Winfield joining Rutland) is just what the doctor ordered. Vernon will not be as strong next season! At least five Cougars have indicated this will be their last year in the NOHL. And without five or six key players, Vernon would be no stronger than any other team in the loop.

However, the one problem that would still have to be overcome is the bickering. In the meeting room, the teams must start treating each other as partners rather than enemies. And to restore the public's faith in the league, it is going to take a strong leader to replace Nelson.

Because of the proximity of the teams, the NOHL has the potential to be one of the most successful hockey leagues in Western Canada. But, what the teams have to realize is that a league is only as strong as its weakest link. And it is up to them to make their weaker links strong.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hoop final slated tonight

Professionals take on Colts tonight in the Vernon Men's Intermediate Basketball League championship game. Game time is 8:15 p.m., at Clarence Fulton Junior secondary School. The consolation final, at 7 p.m., has Okanagan College battling Fulton Academicals.

TWO TIES

Barb Hunt's goal with less than three minutes to play gave Sunset Properties a 1-1 tie with Big Time Operators in Women's Broomball League action Monday night at Centennial Rink. Sandy Moss has given Operators a 1-0 lead. In another game, Crusaders and Alley Cats battled to a scoreless deadlock. Wanda Coates, for Crusaders, and Mavis Box, for Alley Cats, earned the shutouts.

CURLING PLAYOFFS

First round of McDonald's Inter-City Curling League playoffs will be held Wednesday, at 9 p.m., at the Vernon Curling Club. Close Encounters TV will meet Jay Ray's Men's Wear, Angie's Tavern faces Fischer Stoves, Village Green Inn tackles Norm Brown Dial-a-car, and Cenoka Disposals take on Smitty's Pancake House.

SCORED 24

Hannah Wilson scored 24 points to lead Falconettes to a 57-18 win over Westside Grocery in Women's Intermediate Basketball League play Monday night. Val Brewer added 18 points for the winners. In another game, Blue Denims whipped B.C. Tel Polecats 37-14. Cheryl Woods led the Denims' attack with 20 points while Allene Ford added eight.

LACROSSE MEETING

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association will hold an executive meeting Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., at the Village Green Inn. Anyone interested in helping, in any capacity, is invited to attend.

FIELD HOCKEY

There will be a field hockey coaching clinic Feb. 28, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., at West Vernon School. There is no charge for the clinic.

VETOES TRADE

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh utility outfielder Bill Robinson has vetoed a trade that would have sent him to Houston Astros in a trade rumored to be in exchange for pitcher Joaquin Andujar. A Pirates spokesman said Monday that Robinson has vetoed any trade with the Astros. Robinson's 10-year's service in the major leagues allows him to veto any proposed trade.

AWARDS CONTRACT

DETROIT (AP) — Arbitraters have awarded Detroit Tiger shortstop Alan Trammell a one-year contract that gives him about $130,000 for the American League club's 1980 season, his lawyer, Rick Brode, said Monday. Brode also represented Detroit second baseman Lou Whitaker, whose similarsized contract was awarded last Wednesday.

Hotshot champs decided

Tammie Carefoot, captured top honors in the Hotshot Basketball Contest which concluded last weekend at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

Carefoot, a student at Okanagan Landing School, sunk 11 of 15 foul shots in the final.

Top boy in the competition was Jerry Bifano of Len Wood School, in Armstrong. Bifano scored on nine of 15 shots.

Twelve schools took part in the contest.

The school representatives were (girls): Allison Purcha of Lavington, Carleen Keyes of Harwood, Michelle Rowland of St. James, Tammie Carefoot and Tammie Rosman of OK Landing, Athana Monis of Len Wood, Carla Comazetto of West Vernon, Tannis Hanna of Whitevale, Susan Fahl of Alexis Park, Teresea Beck of BX, Lisa Hague of Bealrsto, and Sandra Redlock of Hillview.

The boys competing were: Kyle Klassen of Lavington, Frank Janses of Harwood, Stacy Kuzel of St. James, Billy Arnott and Wes Elliot of OK Landing, Jerry Bifano of Len Wood, Jeremy Spiller of West Vernon, Ron Glanville of Whitevale, Mike Zieske of Alexis Park, Rip Herzig of BX, Duff Haney of Cherryville, Bruce McElroy of Bealrsto, and Ronald Boldt of Hillview.

HOTSHOT Basketball Contest winners Tammie Carefoot and Jerry Bifano receive their trophies from Paul Quesnel (top photo) and Bill Kirkland of the Recreation Department. (Daily News Photos)

Club elects executive

Dr. Roy Farnsworth has been elected president of the North Okanagan Trap and Skeet Club for the 1980 season.

Serving on the executive with Farnsworth will be Vice-president Bruce Davies, Secretary Gail Hooper, Treasurer Ron Smith, and Directors George Bevan, Claude Desimone, Tim Hooper, Rod Power, George Salt, and Jim Hooper.

Farnsworth said, "I'm looking forward to an exciting year with lots of ideas for club expansion, promotional activities, and membership drives."

The first of four registered trap shoots will be held April 6.

VERNON FRAME & WHEEL
• Wheel Alignment
• Shocks
• Brakes
• Wheel Balance
• Exhaust Systems
• Springs
545-3248
2810-37th Ave.

NOHL FINAL STATISTICS

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon Cougars	30	28	2	0	306	129	56
Grindrod Elks	30	21	9	0	202	133	42
Rutland Molsons	30	14	15	1	131	175	29
Revelstoke Selkirks	30	13	16	0	157	167	26
Salmon Arm Aces	30	11	19	0	124	189	22
Kelowna Packers	30	9	21	0	148	201	18
Winfield Raiders	30	8	21	1	130	183	17

VERNON COUGARS

WG Winning Goals HT Hat tricks

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	WG	HT
Lowe	28	40	70	110	112	4	6
Caldow	29	36	48	84	56	3	2
Dye	27	37	42	79	53	1	4
Grichnist	26	36	43	79	75	1	5
Salo	30	25	36	61	56	1	2
Williamson	19	20	27	47	18	0	2
Sidnick	23	19	22	41	77	2	0
Stein	20	14	24	38	35	3	0
Walmsley	29	16	20	36	20	4	1
Guidi	30	12	22	34	47	3	1
Correale	21	13	13	26	29	2	1
Brewer	26	2	23	25	101	1	0
Meisner	17	7	17	24	57	5	0
Lockwood	26	6	18	24	16	0	0
Powell	21	3	14	17	100	1	0
Mayer	13	6	9	15	8	1	1
Serviss	7	4	8	12	25	1	0
Cam	15	2	9	11	37	0	0
Goalie		Min	GA	Avg	P.IM	Pts	
Brakham		735	54	4.41	8	0	
McKinzie		735	54	4.41	2	2	

GRINDROD ELKS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	WG	HT
Harris	26	34	33	67	46	6	6
Fargher	22	20	26	46	30	3	1
R. Haggardt	28	17	27	44	57	2	1
Madden	22	16	26	42	10	1	1
Sparrow	28	17	24	41	23	2	1
Collins	26	21	16	37	97	3	1
B. Haggardt	22	6	23	29	33	1	0
Smithson	25	6	21	27	55	1	0
Strickland	29	11	15	26	36	0	0
Louis	26	5	16	21	44	0	0
Oberle	30	5	13	18	42	0	0
Mateika	29	2	11	16	40	0	0
Wilson	27	10	5	15	8	2	0
Higgins	25	5	10	15	33	0	0
Williams	25	2	13	15	18	0	0
R. Fitzpatrick	15	7	6	13	51	0	1
H. Fitzpatrick	14	5	6	11	40	0	0
Haller	10	4	5	9	6	0	0
Goalie		Min	GA	Avg	P.IM	Pts	
Forslund		830	55	3.99	2	0	
Giorgetti		802	53	3.96	2	1	

WINFIELD RAIDERS

Player	GP	G		Pts	PIM	WG	HT
Edwards	30	25	29	54	0	0	3
Parent	30	27	22	49	6	2	2
Moe	28	15	21	36	16	1	2
Davidson	28	13	19	25	86	0	1
Carlo	21	9	14	23	19	2	0
Daniel	30	2	16	18	54	0	0
Bevan	27	7	9	16	58	0	0
Rupp	12	8	7	15	6	0	0
Anderson	18	6	7	13	42	2	0
Nystrom	26	3	6	9	21	1	0
Gilbert	24	2	7	9	8	0	0
Watt	26	4	2	6	82	0	0
Peterman	25	2	4	6	39	0	0
Larsh	23	2	4	6	14	0	0
Hora	16	1	5	6	36	0	0
Balfour	16	4	1	5	6	0	0
Wennop	29	0	5	5	40	0	0
Brewer	29	0	4	4	29	0	0
Goalie		Min	GA	Avg	P.IM	Pts	
Smithson		1195	128	6.43	31	0	
Scofield		535	51	5.72	0	0	

W. L. SEATON captured the north zone junior badminton championship last weekend. Team members are from left, back row, Coach Grant Nelson, Adrian Smith, Clint Eastwood, Gordon Columbus, Bobby Hall, and Sheldon Campbell. Front row, Joann Power, Donna Koch, Donna Timm, and Cheryl Murdoch. Other players on the squad were Buffy Baumbrough, Leanne Donaldson, and Derek Smith. (M. Hodgson Photo)

Seaton retains badminton title

For the fourth consecutive year, W. L. Seaton has won the north zone junior secondary badminton championship.

In addition to the junior title, Seaton placed second in the recent senior tournament. The 13-member Seaton team is now eligible for both the Okanagan junior and senior championships, to be held later this month, in Kamloops and Penticton respectively.

Vernon Senior Secondary School captured the other north zone senior berth.

4X4
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
KAL WEST AUTO
SALES AND SERVICE LTD.
4508 - 27th St., Vernon 545-7281

THE NO FEE RRSP
■ A Registered Retirement Savings Plan with absolutely no fees of any kind.
■ Inquire about the possibility of transferring your present RRSP to our plan.
■ Savings option at 12½%, subject to change quarterly.
12¼% annually for 5 years GUARANTEED
■ Call collect, drop in or write to our local branch for a 16-page booklet and RRSP kit.
■ Vernon: 3105 - 34th Ave. (604) 542-4377
Vancouver: 681-5464
Victoria: 388-6601
White Rock: 531-7525
Prince George: 564-2300
SERVING BRITISH COLUMBIA SINCE 1894
Credit Foncier
CREDIT FONCIER TRUST
MEMBER CANADA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION