

GUIDE REPORT

Silver Star is praised

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

According to Jim Elder, who is known world wide as being foremost in the field of cross-country photography...

About one year ago, Elder, accompanied by Steve Netherby, camping editor for Field & Stream...

Bob Passmore, manager of Alpine Distributors Ltd. in Vernon, joined Elder and Netherby, when they arrived in Central B.C. it was during the Vernon visit...

When we realize just how travelled Elder is, only then do we know the full importance of his comment about the excellence of Silver Star...

UNIQUE AND YET FRAGILE

There are those who believe that areas which are so beautiful as the local snowmobile club is one example...

So far, different winter outdoor enthusiasts are getting along just fine. There is no apparent respect to others who are doing their thing...

There are those however, who just have to be different and could care less about the consequences...

All snowmobiles must be registered in B.C. and the registration decal displayed on each side of the vehicle...

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

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GUIDE TIP

To avoid cross-country ski trails when traveling by snowshoe or snowmobile. Covering cross-country tracks with webs or treaded spots can cause you to get across such trails, do so right angles.

BEST HOURS

Goes to the two rangers who are using and appreciating such a beautiful area as Silver Star Mountain...

IN SPEED SKATING

Norway earns gold

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (CP) - Norwegian speed skater won the first gold medal for his country Wednesday...

The unbeaten Soviet Union team, two goals down early in the second period, rallied to defeat Canada's 4-3 victory over Canada last Saturday...

The Canadian and Finnish had identical 3-2 win-loss records in their preliminary group but Finland's 4-3 victory over Canada last Saturday turned out to be decisive in breaking the tie.

Also out of the medal hunt were Czechoslovakia, a perennial Olympic contender, after a 2-2 loss to Sweden in its last preliminary game.

With 25 of the 38 Olympic events completed, the Russians had won eight gold medals to East Germany's six, followed by the United States and Austria with three apiece.

Bjerg Eva Jensen, who had failed to win a medal in two previous outings, took full advantage of a favorable draw to win her speed skating title with a time of four minutes 32.13 seconds, her lifetime best.

Also in the medals for the first time was American Bath Elden, whose older brother Eric goes for his fourth gold in the men's 1000 metre. She finished third behind Sabine Becker of East Germany.

Burka of Winnipeg, who finished 11th and 12th, Webster was clocked in 4:43.87 and Burka's time was 4:44.22.

The Soviet victory in the cross-country relay was especially sweet for Evgeny B. Ilyev, who lost the ice of one of his boots during the 1976 race at Innsbruck, Austria, and had to finish his opening leg in a borrowed boot three sizes too small.

The Finnish defending champion managed a bronze only because of a strong leg by their anchor man, Juhani Mieto, who finished the fastest time of the day to move his team up from fifth place.

Anett Potasz of East Germany took the lead in the compulsory phase of the women's singles figure skating competition with a 7.75 average.

The Canadian champion Heather Kormanian was 16th among the 22 skaters.

On the old jumping hill, 15-year-old Steve Collins of Thunder Bay, Ont., practicing for Saturday's 90-metre competition, produced a spectacular leap of 110 metres, one of the longest of the day.

Lauch Burcham repelled for Toronto.

Scores 4 Jea 3 Danny Gare and Toay McKegney each scored twice to give Buffalo a come-from-behind victory.

McKegney's second goal at the start of the third period won it for the Sabres, who overcame a two-goal deficit.

Gare's two goals, both scored while the Sabres had a man advantage, gave him 41 for the season.

Kings 3 Bruins 0 The first two periods were scoreless but Los Angeles connected in the third as Dave Taylor scores his 32nd and 33rd goals of the season.

Stackhouse and Randy Carlyle scored in the last 2:28 of the game to give Pittsburgh the win.

Hawks 4 Leafs 2 By winning the eighth game in its last 11 starts, Chicago

Murdoch ends slump as Rangers beat Oilers

By NEIL STEVENS

The Canadian Press A forward's scoring slump and a defenseman out of position combined Wednesday night to help New York Rangers put the brakes on a three-game losing skid.

Don Murdoch, disgraced by "rude reports," scored his first goal since Jan. 11 and defenseman Tim Bothwell notched his second of the season to snap the Oilers' two-goal boom that boosted the Rangers to 4-1 win over Edmonton Oilers.

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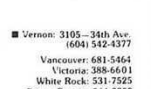
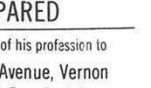
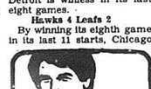
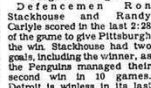
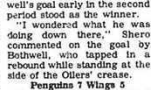
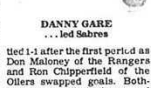
Murdoch has had his troubles finding the net. He was benched by coach Fred Shero after the Rangers lost to Hartford Whalers on Monday...

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Powerful Soviets eliminate Canada

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (CP)

It was as if a part of themselves had died along with the country's medal hopes.

Clare Drake and Lorne Davis, two-thirds of the Canadian Olympic hockey team's coaching staff, held court Wednesday night after the club's heartbreaking 4-4 tie to the Soviet Union and tried to figure out where things had gone wrong.

"I thought we played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm and we couldn't really sustain our play defensively," Drake offered.

Not only did Canada lose the game but it also lost the opportunity to win a hockey medal for the first time in 12 years.

Canada has no fielded an Olympic hockey team since the 1968 Winter Games in Grenoble, France, where it won a bronze medal.

Had Canada managed at least a tie against the Russians at the end of the Netherlands tied or defeated Finland, the Canadians would have accompanied the Soviet Union out of the Red Division and into the medal round.

However, Finland thumped the Dutch squad 10-3 in the round-robin competition.

Finland advanced by virtue of its 4-3 win over Canada last Saturday.

HELD EARLY LEAD Canada appeared headed for the upset of the tournament, leading 3-1 over the defending world champions on

goals by Jim Neil, Brad Pirie and Randy Garce with less than a minute to go in the second period. That's when the tie started to turn.

Aleksei Kasatonov scored for the Russians with 12 seconds left in the middle period and Boris Mikhailov and Aleksandr Goltsov, each with his first of two goals for the night, gave the Soviet Union a 4-3 lead over 2:06 of play in the third, scoring just 12 seconds apart.

Don D'Alvise tied it exactly one minute later when Soviet defenseman Sergei Starikov fell and the Canadian centre walked in alone to beat veteran goaltender Vladislav Tretak.

Despite the loss, the partisan crowd at the Olympic Field, Vernon, gave the Canadian team a thunderous ovation at the end of the game.

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Martin manages Oakland

CHICAGO (AP) - Billy Martin will manage Oakland

this season, Charles O. Finley, manager of the American League baseball club, said Wednesday night.

Finley said he was calling a news conference for this afternoon to announce that the former New York Yankees manager had been hired. He said Martin would have a two-year contract but refused to discuss other terms.

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