

GUIDE REPORT

Awards presented



By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Vernon Fish and Game Club annually presents awards to members for fish and wildlife competition and activities within the club.

The following trophy winners for 1979 are: largest rainbow trout, David Gowing two pounds one ounce; largest trout caught on a fly, Ted McDowell, two pounds 12 ounces; largest pheasant, Andrew Sitzak 35 1/2 inches; muggle competition, Erik Wells and Ted McDowell; mule deer (typical), Gary Gillette 109 1/2 inches; whitetailed (typical), Bob Kito 147 and six-eighths inches; most trophy, Dale Campbell 187 1/2 inches; black bear, Roger Strykowski 19 and twelve-sixteenths inches; Archer of the Year, Jim Wiebe; Conservation award, presented jointly to Lawrence Marchetti and Bob Prentice; and most active member, another dual presentation to Ed and Lois Makohoniuk.

PROPOSED PLAN ALIVE According to documents now in my possession, the Fish and Wildlife Branch proposed Wildlife Management Plan is not only progressing well but Three Preliminary Plans are now published.

I just received an envelope from Victoria dated March 17. Contents included a referral slip from the Ministry of the Environment Fish and Wildlife Branch, also a copy of summary of public comment on the proposed wildlife management plan for B.C. Sender of the envelope was Bill Munro, who prepared the summary comment booklet. A notation on the referral slip reads, "Re your column of March 8, regarding the proposed Wildlife Management Plan, you will likely be interested in the attached document."

If you recall my March 8 column accused the Ministry of Environment, and in particular our new minister, of being in hibernation since Rate Mair was removed from his ministry.

SUMMARY OF COMMENT Summary of public comment on the plan is a document summarizing accurately what other people have said and is dated February, 1980. Ten public meetings were held in May and June 1979 in various locations around the province. In all, about 700 people came to these meetings.

Several groups and individuals sent in briefs on the plan rather than, or in addition to, questionnaires. These briefs that were not presented at the public meetings are summarized in the document as well. The summary of public comment document is not only informative but is easy to read and in my opinion very professionally written.

Earlier I mentioned three preliminary plans are now published. I am in possession of all three. Preliminary Caribou Management Plan for B.C., Preliminary Muskox Management Plan for B.C. and Preliminary Mustelid Management Plan for B.C. The latter includes skunk, weasel, wolverine, mink, marten, badger and river otter. All three documents clearly outline all future policies and other information on habitat, estimated population, revenue source, royalties, etc. All three documents are dated November, 1979.

I am looking forward to seeing the Preliminary Management Plan for deer and moose which should be released shortly.

I would also like to thank Munro for bringing me up to date on the progress of the plan, that is very evidently not in hibernation.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK Goes to the many responsible for informing Victoria of the content of my column March 8.

BRICK OF THE WEEK Goes to the many negative briefs submitted to the proposed Wildlife Plan.

GUIDE TIP Forget ice fishing from now on. The ice on any lake no longer be considered safe even for a man's weight. Even the sub layer of deep ice under melting snow is mush.

BEST HOURS Your best hours for fishing this weekend are Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday from 8:40 to 11:40 a.m.

Budd Rule enforced

NEW YORK (CP) — The rules of the ABC-TV World Superstars competition bar contestants from competing after three wins, a network spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman was reacting to Canadian soccer player Brian Budd's allegations that the network was looking for a loophole to bar him from future competitions because he had won three times.

"There has always been a limit to how many times you can win," the spokesman said. Budd had suggested that ABC wanted to institute a "Budd Rule" to keep Budd out of competition, but the network said the rules are clear. Soccer player Kyle Rott won the championship three times and could not enter again. American speed skater Ann Henning won the women's competition three times and was likewise barred from a shot at a fourth title.

Superstars competition pits athletes from different disciplines against each other in anything but their own specialty. Budd, who plays for Toronto Blizzard of the North American Soccer League, won his third consecutive Superstars competition last week.

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IN CRUCIAL GAME

Low stops Red Wings

By NEIL STEVENS

The Canadian Press: Detroit Red Wings had no use for Ron Low nine months Wednesday night, right in Detroit. Low returned the slap in the face.

Showing up as the opposing goaltender in the colors of Edmonton Oilers, the former Red Wing kicked out 49 of 51 Detroit shots as the Oilers won one of the most important games for either team this season, 5-2.

National Hockey League playoffs begin April 1 and Low's dazzling performance gave the Oilers a much-needed boost to seriously damaging the Red Wings' chances of qualifying.

Another new Oiler, Dan Murdoch, scored two goals. Low and Murdoch are making general manager Larry Gordon look like a genius. Both players were acquired two weeks ago in the last day NHL trades were allowed.

In other games, Washington Capitals continued to make headway towards a playoff spot by defeating St. Louis

Blues 4-2. Chicago Black Hawks handed Quebec Nordiques a crippling 7-2 setback and Winnipeg Jets blasted the faltering Hartford Whalers 7-0.

Low, 29, is playing for his NHL team since breaking into the league seven years ago. He spent the 1972-73 season with Toronto Maple Leafs after two years in the minors, moved to Washington Capitals for three years and signed with Detroit as a free agent in August, 1977.

He was a Red Wing until last June, after sending him off to languish in the Central Hockey League for a year, they let him go to Quebec in last June's expansion draft. The Birle, Man, native was appreciated as much in Quebec as he was in Detroit — the Nordiques put him on the trading block and away he went to Edmonton on March 4.

Murdoch's two goals included his 100th career goal. Blair MacDonald, with his 48rd, Doug Hicks and Dave Lumley also scored for the

Oilers. Errol Thompson and Reed Larson replied for the Red Wings.

Sixteen teams qualify for playoffs and, after Wednesday's games, Hartford, 14th with 67 points, Edmonton, 15th with 84, Washington, 16th with 81, Detroit and Vancouver each have 81 and Quebec has 59.

Edmonton's victory was all the more important since it opened a three-point spread on the Red Wings, who have two games in hand on the Oilers. Caps 4 Blues 2

In Landover, Md., 16,156 spectators went wild when Washington's leading scorer, rookie Mike Carner, scored his 35th goal of the season and Rolf Edberg contributed his 21st in a six-minute stretch early in the third period to lift the Capitals over St. Louis.

Hawks 7 Nordiques 2 The Nordiques needed a home triumph to kick off a gruelling 11-day, eight-game series that will make or break their season — but they came up empty against a balanced Chicago attack. The Hawks

had goals from seven players: Ron Sedbauer, Mike O'Connell, Tom Lyttle, Greg Fox, Alain Daigne, Ted Bulley and Grant Mulvey. Marc Tardif and Reg Thomas replied for the Nordiques in the third period.

Jets 7 Whalers 9 Dave Christian, a member of the U.S. Olympic gold-medal championship team, NHL, with three goals. Kris Manney scored twice and Lyle Moffat and John Markell added one each. Markus Mattsson recorded the shutout.

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Folk still unbeaten after come back win

MONCTON, N.B. (CP) — For six ends, Paul Pustovar and his United States rink made few mistakes against Canada in the sixth round of the men's world curling championship Wednesday night.

The U.S. foursome from Hibbing, Minn., had a 3-1 lead entering the seventh end, and Rick Folk appeared to be headed for his first defeat.

It turned around quickly. Folk tied the score with two points in the seventh end, gave up a point to the U.S. in the eighth, then scored once in the 10th to force an extra end with the game deadlocked at 4-4.

With the last rock against him, Folk came at ground guard with a brilliant draw

shot to tie one at the back of the four-foot circle. Pustovar attempted to follow the same path but was a shade heavy and the Saskatoon rink won 6-4.

"It was the toughest game we've had so far," said Folk, who leads the round-robin portion of the 10-country tournament with a 6-0 record. "They actually outcurled us but we got a couple of good breaks in the late ends to beat them."

Pustovar said he thought his final stone in the 11th end caught something on the ice but another member of his rink said it was just too heavy. CAME CLOSE

"It went about a foot past the Canadian shot rock," said John Jankla, third for the

U.S. team. "I thought it was going to pull up there at the end but it just stayed out there a little further."

"We didn't make many mistakes... but we made one too many."

In another sixth-round game for the Air Canada Silver Broom trophy, Jurg Tanner returned to action after resting his sore left hip in the 11th draw and directed Switzerland to a 6-3 win, over defending champion Kristian Soerum of Norway.

The setback knocked Soerum, who dropped his opening-round game 7-2 to Canada, into a four-way tie for second place with Switzerland, Sweden's Ragnar Kamp and Franz Engler of West Germany.

The Americans and Italy's Giuseppe Dal Molin were both at 3-3, with Jom Blach of Denmark and Barton Henderson of Scotland at 3-3. Henri Muller of France had a 0-6 record.

In other sixth-round games before more than 5,000 fans, Sweden whipped Scotland 12-2, West Germany bounced Italy 12-2 and Denmark beat France 8-4.

Craven inks contract to remain with Caps

VANCOUVER (CP) — Veteran defender John Craven signed a one-year contract Wednesday with Vancouver Whitecaps, ending speculation he would be traded to another North American Soccer League team.

Craven, the top defender during the playoffs last season, when Vancouver captured the Soccer Bowl title, encountered contractual problems with the

front office during the off-season. At one stage, he was traded to Minnesota Kicks, but declined to move because of a clause in his contract.

The Whitecaps also announced that team manager Tony Walters has been named general manager of the franchise. Walters was coach of the team last season and also handled some of the managerial duties.

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