

Shinny hockey begins

Adult shinny hockey is happening weekdays at the Priest Valley Arena from noon to 1 p.m., and cost is \$1 per session. Adults only skating is free of charge and began Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Priest Valley Arena at the Recreation Complex, throughout the season. Parents and tots skating, also free of charge, starts today from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Vernon Lakers coach Russ Newton, left, stands with Kevin Poirier, Rex Sitak, Joe Leschak and Dave Fish, recent additions to the training camp. The four players have come from Tier 1 junior teams to try out for the local squad. (Daily News Photo)

Vernon Lakers player John Needt lobbs a high shot at goaltender Jim Ballint during a practise session, Tuesday. Players have been put through rigorous workouts nightly to improve their condition for the coming hockey season. (Daily News Photo)

Lakers' training camp reduced to 24 players

Vernon Lakers' training camp roster has been reduced to 24 players following Tuesday's practise. Lakers' coach Russ Newton said the roster will now remain at 24 until after an exhibition game here against Kelowna, Sept. 13. Kevin Poirier, David Fish and goalie Rex Sitak were all in the Lakers' camp Tuesday after leaving the Leithridge Tier 1 camp, and Joe Leschak, who was working out with the Seattle Breakers, is also in camp. John Needt, who has been skating with the team for a week, was signed, Tuesday, to the team. Newton says the appearance of the four players is going to give the team more depth and speed. **BIG GUNS** "We have put together last year's line of Poirier, Wayne Bodnaruk and Rod Trentini, who were big guns for the juvenile team," Newton said. "They have been scoring lots of goals in scrimmages. "In our first exhibition series against the Penticon Knights, only the 'Aughts Peoples line was producing, and now we have two good scoring lines." Newton said he was counting on the new line to stay together and was going to have several new players in camp. "As long as they want to work, I want to have them on my team," he said. "They are going to have to work hard for it though." The coaching staff also has a lot of work to do, he said.

"We are counting on them to be great in the future. "We are hoping this team will provide a bit of incentive for young players to develop their skills here." Practice, at present, is largely concerned with getting players in shape, and the team also scrimmaging. Newton says he is working on putting a well coordinated team together. **SCORING PUNCH** "We are starting to work on strategies and exploit our strength and speed," he said. "We have good scoring punch and are strong in net. "We are also working on our defensive to make them more aggressive and respond to the kind of shooters they will be facing. In this league, you have to knock down the other player and be tough." The remainder of the exhibition schedule, says Newton, will be spent getting the team familiarized. "Because we have a young club, they need game experience. "We have to keep on building so they become stronger and smarter." The club, says Newton, has struck to its original promise of having mostly local players. "I would say we have 13 or 14 locals that can make the

club this year. As far as I am concerned, the camp is closed now except for some cuts we might be able to use from tier 1 junior camps. **ASSESS TEAM** "We are now going through the exhibition schedule and after it is over, we will try to assess what we have. I predict a strong hockey club for Vernon." What the team needs to make it a success, says Newton, is an support. "You can have a good hockey club without having a good franchise," he said. "We are hoping Vernon is looking forward to having junior hockey because we are going to be competitive and counting on a playoff spot."

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Flag football scoring high

Tigers, paced by two 40 point halves, outscored Warriors on Equipment 80-0 in intermediate flag football league action, Sunday. In one of four league games, Tigers got scores from Laurie Jenner, Leo Joly, Charlie Brishman and Dave Charlton. In other games, Toro's beat Outchables 38-13, Cougars beat RCMP 18-8 and Fulton Academicals dined Price and Markie 41-12. In the first half of their game, held a 19-13 edge over 'Untouchables, and scored another 19 in the second half of play while holding 'Untouchables' scoreless. The scorers were Larry Dulaba, Brian Deboise, Perry Perrier, John Lockin and Allen Christenson scored for 'Untouchables. In the Cougars and RCMP matchup, Cougars held a 16-6 first half lead, and scored 13 in the second half while holding RCMP scoreless. In the final game, Fulton Academicals held a narrow 7-6 lead at the end of the first half before outscoring Price and Markie 34-8 in the second half. Next action in the league will be Sept. 14.

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HOOF BEATS

with Jeanne White

A weekly column to aid the novice horseperson. Well, the Armstrong Fair is over again for another year. Despite the forecasts for a wet one, the rain held off and we were blessed with wonderful weather. The parade, with more than a hundred entries, must be one of the largest in the country originating from a city of this size. **PARADE A SUCCESS** It was great to see the support given the parade by the various horse clubs and breed organizations and individuals. The large and colorful Arabian section picked the versatility of this breed, having representatives from Western, English, Competitive Trail Riding, costume, sidesaddle, dressage and driving even a foal got into the act in costume! The group won first prize in the light horse section entries. The heavy horse entries were magnificent and it is so good to see their numbers increasing each year. **SHOW HAD MANY ENTRIES** The horse show at the fair was excellent with classes as large as 38 entries. The majority of these are local and it is encouraging to see the quality of horses, variety of breeds and enthusiasm of the riders from this area. **SOME CHANGES NEEDED** Armstrong is always a popular and enjoyable show as proven by the strong support. In view of the large equestrian interest it is almost time, I should think, that something be done to make it a still bigger, heavy going, repair and additional covered area would be ideal. Equestrian activities could then carry on year round and such things as the show pony club could have camps, rallies, etc. there. If there is too much to ask for right away, then possibly we could have the surface of the existing outdoor arena put in reasonable condition. Each year it seems to deteriorate and even with the good warm weather we had this year it was still boggy, heavy going, slippery and dangerous in spots. An exhibitor certainly cannot show her horse to advantage in this type of footing. Another comment often heard is, "Why can't they have ribbons as at least sixth place instead of just fourth when there are so many entries!" **TRAIL RIDES** The Merritt Competitive Trail Ride takes place this Saturday with a number of local entries - it's a beautiful drive over - especially if you go via Paikland and the Douglas Lake Ranch. You will see some heavy going, the magnificent Anglo Arab owned and ridden by Bill Picheur, one of our local RCMP officers who looked so dash, the leading "Buckskin" trail ride. Entries must be in by the 15th of this month for the Crown N Ride and there are still a few places available. Don't let this year's longer drive of sixty miles put you off - that's over a two-day period so it is only thirty miles each day, Sept. 27th and 28th. You never know just what you can do until you try - so have fun! I can guarantee the rewards will be many - unbelievable scenery, excellent trails, good company and the best organization of riders. You'll meet new friends and meet some old ones. The Neufeld hospitality and good facilities are well known; no phone 542-3659 now and put in your entry, Good luck!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Vernon tennis players Helen Ross and Rob Keenan took fourth spot in the Okanagan finals of the Buick Challenge, held in Kelowna, Sept. 8. Winners of the event were Al and Wendy McKee, of Penticon. Steve Schreier and Rick McCardie, both of Salmon Arm, came second. Mike and Irene Roberts, of Kelowna, were third. The McKees will now advance to the provincial final which will be held this weekend at the Four Seasons Tennis Centre in Kelowna. **ROAD HOCKEY** In North Okanagan road hockey league action, from day, Tigers beat Camels 7-6, Selects dined Mini-Motors 6-3 and Eagles dined Lizards 5-4. Defending North Okanagan Hockey League champion Vernon Cougars, begin their training camp at 9:30 p.m., today, in the Priest Valley Arena. **SEX TALK UNFOUNDED** STILLWATER, O.N. (AP) - A sex talk by a local doctor to support the long-standing taboo in some sports circles has become a big controversy, an athletic event, says Dr. Donald L. Cooper in an article in the American Medical Association. But Cooper conceded romantic

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press Sugar Ray Robinson regained his world welterweight boxing championship from England's Randy Turpin 29 years ago tonight - in 1951 - in New York. The referee stopped the fight in the 10th round because Turpin was taking such a beating, although both fighters were equal on points. Robinson retired undefeated the next year.

Vernon Figure Skating Club

REGISTRATION

Vernon Recreation Centre
Saturday, September 13th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 15th 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registrations will be accepted for all levels of figure skating from Pre-Schoolers and Beginners to Seniors including Recreational Ice Dancing.
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