

Lakers split exhibition games



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SPORTS
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National Hotel blanks Kickers

National Hotel Oldtimers blanked Lumby Kickers 3-0 in Vernon City Soccer League play-off action Saturday at Macdonald Park.

It was National's first game in post-season play. The loss dropped Lumby's play-off record to 1-1.

Don Kendall got the winning goal for Oldtimers at 29 minutes when a 20-yard shot skidded on the wet surface and eluded Lumby goalie Jim Ingla.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Vernon posts rugby victory

Vernon dumped Revelstoke 11-3 in Okanagan Mainline Rugby Union action Sunday in Revelstoke. Dave Schneider was the scoring star for Vernon with two tries and a field goal. The victory gives the local squad a 1-1 record in the fall section of the league. Vernon is back in action Sept. 28 when it hosts Penticton.

COUGARS PRACTICE
 Defending North Okanagan Hockey League champion Vernon Cougars will practice tonight, from 8:45 to 10 p.m., in the Vernon Civic Arena. Anyone interested in trying out for the club is invited to attend.

THREE GAMES
 There are three games scheduled in North Okanagan.

KELOWNA BUCKAROS' goalie Paul Seimenuk watches helplessly as Kevin Balfour's shot goes into the lower corner.

during Saturday's BCJHL exhibition game at the Civic Arena. Waiting for a possible rebound are Joe Leschuk (2) and John Neeld (beside net). Vernon Lakers won the game 5-7. (Daily News Photo)

Coldstream ends season with win

The Okanagan Soccer League's 1980 season ended Sunday with five games.

Vernon's Coldstream Home whipped Kelowna Zodiacs 4-1, Kamloops Iron Mask dumped Vernon United 3-1, Kelowna Teamsters blanked Kelowna Kickers 3-0, Osoyoos Sage and Sand shutout Penticton Molsons 3-0, and Osoyoos Klattors defeated Kamloops Zinetti by default.

Despite Coldstream's victory, it was a disappointing season for the local team. Both Vernon clubs will be relegated to the league's second division next season. Coldstream finished one point behind first-place Zinetti in the second division. Zinetti moves to division one to replace United, which occupied the first division cellar.

TOOK LEAD
 On Sunday, Coldstream took a 3-0 lead at half-time and added another goal in the second-half before goalie Bob Mann led his shutout bid with nine minutes to play.

Wally Fisher scored twice for Coldstream while Tim Lilburn and Robbie Lacroix added singles.

Mann, who stopped a penalty shot, said the score wasn't indicative of the play. "The difference was we took advantage of our opportunities," he said. "The play was actually very even."

QUICK GOALS
 Meanwhile, United gave up two goals in the first 15 minutes and trailed 3-0 at half-time.

Striker Gary Cope, who stands 8'4", scored all three goals for Iron Mask. Cope scored on two breakaways and beat United goalie Terry Schley with a header, after a cross, from 12 yards out.

Glen Campbell led Vernon's only goal on a breakaway, with seven minutes remaining in the second-half.

Schley had some harsh words for the officials: "As far as we are concerned, it should have been a 1-0 game. Two of their goals were offside and we know ours was too. The referee had no idea what was going on in the game."

United had several good scoring opportunities in the second-half. Al Gee missed a breakaway and Kelly Schley had two shots from inside the 18-yard line. But by that time, the outcome had been decided.

Terry Schley said, "We lost the game in the first 15 minutes. It is tough to come back from a two-goal deficit right off the bat."

Teamsters, who won the first division title, and Zinetti will meet next Sunday to decide the overall league champion.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1975
 Vernon Vikings and Kelowna Buckaroos battled to a 5-5 tie in B.C. Junior Hockey League exhibition play Monday in the first encounter of the new season.

Vernon Lakers split a pair of British Columbia Hockey League exhibition games over the weekend.

Lakers edged Kelowna Buckaroos 5-7 at home on Saturday night, but then dropped a 10-3 decision to Revelstoke Rockets Sunday afternoon in Revelstoke.

Vernon Coach Russ Newton told the Daily News his club should have recorded two victories. "We were out of gas against Revelstoke," Newton said. "It was our third game in three days and we tired badly in the third period."

Lakers held a 7-5 edge after the second period before being outscored 5-1 in the final 20 minutes.

As expected, John Neeld has been the team's offensive leader in pre-season play. Neeld scored three times in both games and led four assists against the Bucks. In four exhibition games, Lakers have scored 25 goals and Neeld has 10 points.

Newton said, "And John is back-checking too. He is leading by example on the ice."

In Revelstoke, Ron Tasker, Richie Odome, Rod Trentini, Wayne Bodnaruk, and Kevin Balfour scored one goal each for the Lakers.

SCORED FOUR
 Murray Matheson led the Rockets' attack with four goals while Butch Swanson and Balfour notched one each. Ken Filbey, Glen Kirk, Greg Adams, Mike Rousseau, Randy Endo, Chris Jensen, and Ty Akagi blinked the red light for the Bucks.

Balint handled the net-minding duties for the locals in that outing.

LEFT TEAM
 Two players left the Lakers prior to Sunday's game, but the club hopes to have at least one new face in the line-up before the Rockets visit Vernon on Tuesday night.

Defenceman Joe Leschuk and forward Kevin Poirier, who recently returned from tryouts with Lethbridge Broncos, left again to attend Seattle Breakers' camp.

Vernon native Earl Smith will practice with the team for the first time tonight. Smith starred for the last two seasons with Merritt Centennials. He returned to Vernon last week to attend college.

Lakers' Manager Hank Aarssen said he is expecting Smith to get back in the team. "We really need his experience. I'm not sure if we can use him Tuesday because we still have to obtain his release from Merritt."

Meanwhile, BCJHL President Vern Dye announced today he has suspended Penticton Knights' Coach Marc Pezzin and Newton for two games because of their actions in a recent exhibition game in Osoyoos. In addition, Dye fined each club \$100. Pezzin and Newton are subject to further suspensions from the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

Vernon Club ladies' draw

CALCUTTA
 P. 2 a.m.: K. Hassani, B. Pierce, A. King, R. Hoye.
 7 p.m.: W. O'Grady, D. Gower, E. Palfrey, M. Lewers.
 9:14 a.m.: F. Whiting, T. Kirk, B. Clark, M. Towers.
 9:21 a.m.: M. Shea, C. Merritt, M. Montgomery, B. Ross.
 9:28 a.m.: K. Kindrachuk, N. Mann, R. Riley, G. Holland.



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