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BCJHL SEASON OPENER

Lakers to battle Peakers

Vernon Outdoors

CANOEING—CYCLING

By BOB PLATT
To come to the big outdoors at Cozens Bay when the day is young, to look down on that expanse of lake and mountain side, is a rewarding experience.

This hike to the lake is usually done by day and about an early hour and enjoying the freshness of an autumn morning as they left the park gate to walk towards Cougar Canyon.

It was intended to get into the gorge from the grove at the northern end, but the lush growth dripping with moisture prevented this approach and the powerline road along the ridge was followed instead.

The leader was loath to lose sight of the canyon and made several detours to look for the lakes deep down under the steep rock walls on the eastern side. As always, there was tremendous effect on the observers, gazing across the tops of lofty Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir, one's eyes trying to imagine where the water lay in that thick tree growth down below.

It was on one of these secret routes towards the canyon that amid the absolute stillness, was heard the peculiar keening cry it is associated with the red-tailed hawk, but the bird could not be seen.

LOOK BELOW
At mid-day, after four hours of pleasurable striding along the ridge and with many stops to study the countryside, it was possible to look down on the chain of lakes far below; with the sun's rays now able to reach down between the walls, the waters shone.

Thoughts of one's youth came to mind, what a perfect place for withdrawing from the everyday world for a while. It was easy to imagine secret valleys and secluded waterways—no trouble to build a raft with all that timber lying about.

Back to reality, the party returned to the road, but even then, it was possible to look across to the far side of Kalamalka Lake at the cars beeding along the highway and still feel far removed from the rush and bustle.

PERFECT DAY
There was willingness to stay longer here, following the ridge path, for it was a perfect day for a hike and the return was delayed for some time.

One and a half hours afterwards, it was a hot and thirsty group that halted at Cozens Creek for draughts of crystal clear and cold water. The recent weather has made this into a strongly flowing stream, a pleasant sound as it rushes down the hillside into the bay.

This outing ranks with the best and best by the Outdoors Club and was much enjoyed and marvel over and as usual the fellowship made for a great day.

ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY
The hike this Sunday was originally listed for Eureka Mountain, in the Monashees, which was to be selected beforehand. This cannot be done and, regretfully, a trip into this beautiful high country will have to be cancelled.

As so many members are interested in cross-country skiing, it is suggested they may care to go to the Star this Sunday, to join with other friends in improving the trails up there. Each year, the Outdoors Club has enjoyed hikes through the Star, notable particularly for its profusion of wildflowers in mid-summer. It is a truly beautiful area and could feature many more parts of the club schedules.

Bushwhacking is fast becoming a thing of the past, with the parks branch and the Cross-country Ski Club opening up trails that can be skied over with minimum snow cover. As a direct result of all this good work, hikers are able to appreciate many more parts of the terrain.

Anyone interested in helping on Sunday is asked to get in touch with the writer at 545-6485 to hear further details of this project.

Vernon Lakers open their B.C. Junior Hockey League season tonight, in Peniticon, against the defending champion Knights. The same two clubs play a return match Sunday, at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Vernon Coach Russ Newton admits he would have liked to start the year against a weaker club. "There is no doubt about it, Peniticon is the team to beat," he said.

Both Newton and Peniticon Coach Marc Fesdin will miss the weekend series due to two-game suspensions handed down by BCJHL President Vern Dye. The suspensions are a result of rough play in an exhibition game Sept. 6, in Osoyoos.

LOVE RALLY
In pre-season action, Knight's blasted Lakers 13-2 in Castlegar, and 6-1 in the Osoyoos game that was called in the second period.

Assistant Coach Ken Brown-John will be behind the Vernon bench for the two games.

Newton said, "We'll have to get a 100 per cent effort from everyone to beat Peniticon. The key will be forechecking. Their defencemen handle the puck extremely well and we can't give them time to get set up."

Lakers have lost forward John Neel for the weekend, and perhaps the season. Neel was traded by Seattle Breakers, to New Westminster Bruins, on Monday.

However, he decided to stay in the Vernon area and play in an exhibition game here Tuesday night.

On Thursday, he left for his family's home on the coast. Newton said, "I don't really know what is happening with John. As far as I'm concerned, he has a leave of absence for a few days. He won't be playing much hockey while he is on the coast because his skates and equipment are still here. We hope to have him back, but at this time, we don't know."

FIRST GAME
Local product Tom DeVries will fill Neel's spot between Kevin Balfour and Bruce Dougherty. DeVries will be making his first start with the Lakers since returning from Regina, Sask. camp.

Jim Baint will start in goal, with Rex Sillack acting as backup.

Newton said, "Tonight's game should give us a good indication how much we have improved in the past couple weeks, if at all."



About 50 women attended a volleyball clinic this week at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Instructor Chris Nelson explains one of the game's finer points to from left, Susan Baker, Laurie Ferguson, Lyda Pleuch-Tanis, Hubner, Heather Chedkey, Play for most city volleyball leagues girls under way next week. (Daily News Photo)

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Local schools host tournament

There will be an eight-team girls' volleyball tournament Saturday at two Vernon schools.

Play will run at W.L. Seaton Junior Secondary from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. At Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary, games will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Joining Seaton and Fulton in the tourney are McNicholl Park and Princess Margaret of Peniticon; Shuswap of Salmon Arm; George Elliot of Winterland; Windermere of Vancouver; and Kelowna.

Fulton Coach Cyril Foeter told the Daily News both Vernon clubs look good, but until we get in a game situation, we won't really know how good we are. I look to McNicholl Park to be tough. They always seem to have a good club."

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Cache Creek station opens

The annual check of hunters and game has begun at Cache Creek, Stephen Rogers, Minister of Environment announced today. The Cache Creek Checking Station, in its 35th consecutive year of operation, will be open every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a few exceptions on weekends included, through mid-November.

Rogers emphasized that sportmen returning from a hunt and passing through Cache Creek during the station's open hours are required to stop and report. The few minutes hunters spend going through the game check gives us information that will be useful for years to come in our wildlife management programs," the minister said.

"Hunter's reports of what and where they hunted, for how long, and their relative success (or lack of it) over the years, provide valuable indicators of the state of various wildlife populations."

The Cache Creek game check is also one of a number of designated centers for compulsory reporting by hunters taking grizzly bear, cougar, mountain sheep,

mountain goat, and caribou. Hunters taking those species are required to present the animals for measurement and the taking of biological samples.

Deer, elk, and moose hunters can add to the wildlife managers' store of useful data by voluntarily turning in the lower jaw of their game with teeth intact. The teeth are examined to determine the age of each animal.

"Passed through a computer, the data gathered at Cache Creek and at other checks throughout the province gives us a picture of the mobility and effort of sportmen, and many details of harvest for each species," Rogers said.

"Wildlife managers use the information in part to set hunting seasons, but also as background in working out good land management in cooperation with private land owners, the provincial Forest Service, and other agencies." These efforts are necessary, said Mr. Rogers, to ensure the maintenance of the wildlife resource, and recreation associated with it.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Eagles post default win

Screaming Eagles stretched their winning streak to four games with a default victory over Super Shoe Selects in North Okanagan Men's Road Hockey League play Thursday night. In other games, Tigers took over sole possession of second-place by squashing Screaming Lizards 9-1 and Camels dumped useless Gordie's Mini Motors 8-5.

TEAM TOURNEY
Ten teams took part in the Spallumcheen Golf Club women's team tournament this week. Rita and Sheila Schmidt, and Marg Hamilton captured top spot. The trio of Shirley Ernihaus, Lisa Dees and Elsie Paulson tied for second-place with Shirley White, Jean Thomas, and Coleman. Gulli carded the least puts.

HAGGART SECOND
With only one rodeo remaining, Winfield's Sheila Haggart has dropped to second-place in women's barrel racing standings. Statistics released this week show Haggart has earnings of \$7,114, 118 less than Dee Robertson, of Duncan, Alta.

ON SATURDAY
Vernon City Soccer League playoffs continue Saturday, at Macdonald Park, when Riverside Dynamo meets on Vernon Motor Products. A game between National Hotel Oddtimers and Coldstream Hotel Eagles has been postponed to next Wednesday. Saturday's game starts at 2 p.m.

CORRIGALL WAITING
TORONTO (CP)—Jim Corrigan feels he's ready, but it's still up to club doctors whether he'll dress for Sunday's Ontario Football League game here with Ottawa Rough Riders. The last time Corrigan played against Ottawa was an 18-10 Toronto win in Ottawa on July 29—the veteran defensive end rocked Riders' quarterback Condrage Holloway with a

Cross-country run on Saturday

The fourth annual Okanagan Sunshine International Cross-country Run will be held Saturday, at 12 noon.

Sponsors of the meet are the Seaton Track Club, Vernon Senior Secondary School, and NOCA Dairy.

The four-mile run will start and finish at VSSS. There will be elementary, junior secondary, senior

secondary, and open classes for both men and women. Registration fee is \$2 per person.

Anyone wishing to take part, who has not pre-registered, will be at the race site by 11:30 a.m.

There will be medals for the top three finishers and participation certificate for everyone who finishes the course.

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