

# TO PENTICTON KNIGHTS

## Lakers drop season opener

Penticton Knights blasted Vernon Lakers 6-1 Friday night in the first British Columbia Junior Hockey League game of the season, in Penticton. The Knights led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 6-0 after 40 minutes.

Despite the loss, Vernon Coach Russ Newton told the Daily News he was pleased with his club's performance.

Newton said, "We went into the rink of the defending league champion and our guys were nervous. We got off to a terrible start, but after we settled

down, we played good hockey."

**QUICK LEAD**  
Kiddie was hooked to a 3-0 lead in the opening five minutes of the game and scored their final three goals early in the second period.

Newton said, "They beat us 6-0 in the first 30 minutes and we won the second 3-0."

Newton and Penticton Coach Marc Pezain are serving two-game suspensions, as the result of a rough exhibition game Wednesday, and watched the game from the press

box. Assistant Coach Ken Brown-John was behind the Vernon bench.

**SCORED TWO**  
Morey Gare led the Penticton attack with two goals while Greg Barber, Ken Carpunk, Brent Cropp, and Lance Johnston added singles.

Richie Odorne replied for Lakers.

Penticton took nine of 11 minor penalties, a major, and a game misconduct.

Vernon goalie Jim Ballin made 33 saves while Knight's netminder Bruno Camparoli blocked 20 shots. Lakers' back-up netminder

Rex Sliak did not make the trip and according to Newton, is no longer a member of the team.

Vernon was also without three of its centres. High-scoring John Neild is still on the coast, Dallas Gaume had to return home to Penticton for a personal matter, and Brian Ingram is suspended for three games.

**PLAYED WELL**  
Local product Tom DeVries did a good job at centre, the Lakers. Newton said, "Tommy had a

terrific game. With a little luck he would have scored two or three goals."

The Vernon coach also praised the play of Earl Smith and Bobby Morden. Smith, who has two years of BCHL experience with Merritt Centennials, played both wing and defence. Morden, a graduate of the Vernon Midget reels, was a stand-out on the blue line.

The same two teams meet Sunday, at 7:30 p.m., in Vernon.

**REBOUNDS**  
Newton said he expects

Need to rejoin the team within the next few days... Pezain will be on the Penticton bench Sunday. He will serve the second game of his suspension tonight when the Knights play in Revelstoke... Darren Zupp will probably back-up Ballin in Sunday's game... Lakers hope to have another goal for a broust by Tuesday... In a BCHL exhibition game Friday, Merritt and Kelowna Buckaroos brawled to a 3-3 tie.

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B.C. Lions play perhaps the most crucial game of their Canadian Football League season tonight, at McMahon Stadium, against Calgary Stampeders.

A win could virtually assure B.C. of a playoff berth and leave Stamps scrambling. On the other hand, a Calgary victory would put the Stamps right in the thick of the fight for the final two playoff spots with Winnipeg Blue Bombers and B.C. (Edmonton holds a comfortable lead in the West).

**14 PENALTIES**  
B.C. Coach Vic Rapp said for his club to beat the Stamps, they will have to cut down on penalties, and particularly, holding infractions. Last week in a 42-14 loss to Edmonton, Lions took 14 penalties including six to offensive linemen for holding.

Lions' offensive line has been criticized for the last two years because of the number of holding penalties they take. An authority on the subject, says there is holding on almost every play.

"On passing plays, there is holding at least 90 per cent of the time," he said. Trevor Ekdahl.

Ekdahl, who now lives in Vernon, played guard for the Lions from 1967 to 1974.

**EVERYBODY HOLDS**  
He said, "Everybody holds to a varying degree. On most plays, a guy will just grab on for a second or two to hold up the defensive lineman. But, when an offensive lineman is beat badly, he'll have to take a holding penalty to save his quarterback."

Ekdahl feels experience makes a lot of difference.

"You have to learn what you can get away with. There is a lot of skill involved in holding and not being penalized."

In his day, Ekdahl was known as one of the best "legal holders" in the West.

"I was at the Edmonton game and B.C. didn't lose because of penalties, they lost because of the Eskimos," he said. "Edmonton has such a great defensive line that B.C. had to take penalties to save their quarterback. You can't let guys like (Ron) Estay get a shot at your quarterback."

**IMPRESSIVE TEAM**  
Ekdahl seems certain Edmonton will win the Grey Cup again. "They've lost one game and they might lose another one if they get lazy. But when it counts, nobody will beat them. They have a very impressive football team."

Lions wouldn't have to beat Edmonton if they beat, in a game like tonight where the two clubs are evenly matched, those holding penalties could prove costly. And it is tough for any team to win when it takes more than 10 penalties in a game.



**BUTLIN VISITS VERNON**  
B.C. Games Coordinator Ron Butlin, right, was in Vernon this week to discuss the city's bid for the 1982 Summer Games. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Altscherg took Butlin on a



**VERNON'S MOST DEDICATED** hockey fan Ethel Denton, 89, was presented with a com-

plimentary season ticket this week by Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Making the presentation are her grandson King Cam, who plays for the Cougars, and great-grandson Dean Cam, the club's stickboy. (Daily News Photo)

## Swanson in dual role for defending champs

Gary Swanson announced Friday he will act as general manager and coach of the Vernon Cougars for the 1980-81 North Okanagan Hockey League season.

The defending league champion had been without a coach since Swanson resigned to take the general manager's post in the off-season. Swanson had said he did not want the dual role.

"I unfortunately I have no choice," he said. "We asked two very qualified coaches within 50 miles and couldn't find anyone willing to make the commitment."

"I couldn't let things slide any longer. We have a good hockey club and we have to get things rolling."

**GAME TONIGHT**  
Cougars' opener is down to 20 players in preparation for tonight's exhibition game, at the Civic Arena, against Grand Forks. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Swanson said, "We've still got to make a couple of cuts so I'll be giving everyone a good look today."

The 32 rink that will compete in the seventh annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel are now confirmed.

The spiel is scheduled Oct. 24 to 28 in the Vernon Curling Club. More than \$7,000 in cash and cups will be awarded to the top eight teams.

Heading the list of entries are Alberta's Pink Brothers, George and Danny, of Calgary, defeated Danny, of Edmonton, in last year's final to become the spiel's history.

Former Canadian champion Ed Lukowich, of Medicine Hat, will also be on hand. Lukowich won the Brier in 1978.

## 13 teams confirmed for annual car spiel

Other confirmed teams include: Frank Morissette of Calgary; Bob Pickering of Milestone, Sask.; Paul Devlin of Edmonton; Glen Pierce of Coquitlam; Garry Sigurdson of Langley; Bert Grelting of Kelowna; Gerry Kent of Vancouver; Bruce Young of Cranbrook; Stan Trout of Edmonton; and Doug Wankel of Saskatoon.

Other skips expected to confirm their participation within a few days include two-time world junior champion Paul Gossell of Calgary, former B.C. champion Bernie Sparkes of Vancouver, 1975 Canadian mixed winner Tony Eberts of Kamloops, and veteran Matt Baldwin of Edmonton.

Twenty-four of the 32 spots are filled by invitation. Four rinks qualify through a local playoff and the remaining four berths are decided from an open qualifying event.

Rick Folk, of Saskatoon, will miss the car spiel for the first time in five years. Folk, the defending Canadian champion, will be competing at a spiel in Bern, Switzerland that week.

## LAWN BOWLING GREEN GOSSIP

By **TERRY MUIRHEAD**  
Although Henry Vergano scored an eighth-ender, which was his second in a month, it was not quite enough to earn Ed Ober for top prize at the weekly Hat Tournament held Wednesday.

Club President Ober, with Ethel Harwood and Lillian Thom, scored a 22-13 win over Gordon Miller, Larry Kelly and Rose Evans.

Wim Vergano was Elsie Snowball and their score was 22, while Stewart Fraser and Marian Reade scored 16.

Alex Bain, with the help of Mary and Felix Henschke, scored a 19-9 win over Geo Emerson, Joyce Rayner, and Ken Evans.

There were two identical scores of 18-11. Frank Reade and Dave Mulhaud were the winning skips. Reade had Bert McCallum and Bob Newcom.

Other opponents were Herb Langworth, Win Langworth and Marjorie Miller.

With Mulhaud were Belle Ross, from Penticton, and Martha Hopkin. Against him were Geo Petersen, Jack Shettler and Bob Dunn.

Laura Page is on a bus trip to New Orleans, so this column will be written by Terry Muirhead for the next three weeks.

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