

AFTER NINE-YEAR ABSENCE

Football returns to VSSS

By GARY INGLEBY
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Correspondent

High school football is back in Vernon after an absence of nine years.

Vernon Senior Secondary School physical education teachers Terry White and Barrie Reid have organized the program because there is no football offered in the community after six years of operation, Vernon Minor Football Association folded in August.

White said, "With the demise of the local minor association, there was a real demand for a program at the school."

Football will be an intramural sport at VSSS, held after school. At the first session this week, 28 players attended and four teams were formed. A larger turnout will mean the formation of more teams.

The school's football equipment was disposed of several years ago and White is attempting to borrow some gear from the minor association.

White said, "It will be quite a job to find enough equipment for all these guys. Luckily, quite a few players have their own, and that will help."

Harvey Leder, a veteran of the minor program, said he is glad that White and Reid have formed the school league. "It looked like we were going to be out of luck when the minor association decided not to operate. Now,

I can play again... and at a competitive level."

ENCOURAGING Okanagan-Mainline High School Football Association Secretary-Treasurer Doug Cole, of Vernon, calls the formation of the intramural league an encouraging sign.

Cole said, "We'd love to see Vernon rejoin the Okanagan League. I feel this is the first step in that direction."

The valley loop currently has three teams in Kamloops and one in Penticton.

Cole said, "One of the reasons for the collapse of the Vernon minor program was that there was no high school team for the youngsters to graduate to."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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Fox Rodeo on Sunday

The Terry Fox Rodeo of Champions will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Falkland Stampede Grounds. Canada's top cowboys will compete in bull riding, steer wrestling, calf-roping, bareback riding, and saddle bronc riding. In addition there will be ladies' barrel racing, boys' steer riding and team roping.

All proceeds will be turned over to the Terry Fox Cancer Fund.

Rodeo Chairman Merv Churchill told the Daily News he is expecting a big crowd.

Churchill said, "We're hoping to turn at least \$100,000 out of the fund. We've received tremendous support from everyone."

Although the rodeo doesn't start at 2 p.m., entertainment at the grounds will get under way at 12 noon. El Toro, a mechanical bull from the Village Green Inn, the Vernon City Trumpet Band, and the Lumby Air Force hang gliders will be on hand.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and children under 8 will be admitted free.

LAWN BOWLING GREEN GOSSIP

By TERRY MURHEAD

Scoring one five-ender and a pair of fours, Alec Bain and Lillian Thom had little trouble outduelling a 52-10 win over Greg Emerson and Marjorie Miller to take top prize in the weekly Hal Tournament last Wednesday.

Coming in second were Ed Ober and Win Phillips as they outscored Elsie Snowball and Peter Peterson 20-8.

Pat McGillivray had an 18-8 win over his wife Eleanor. With Pat were Marie Pesce and Rose Evans. Eleanor had Win Langworth and Jean Erickson.

Cougars meet Lakers tonight

Vernon Cougars host Burnaby Lakers in exhibition hockey action tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena. Lakers are the defending Canadian Intermediate hockey champions.

HUGE TOURNEY
Spauldine Golf Club is hosting its annual Canada Goose Tournament this weekend. More than 130 golfers are entered in the two-day, 36-hole competition.

WINS TROPHY
Eliel Thompson captured the Vito Trophy for low net score in the 636 handicap category, his second in a row. Spauldine Golf Club Thompson had a 69, one shot better than Colleen Schir and Diane Lachey, with 76, won the Gull Trophy for handicaps in the 36 and up category. Kay Coleman and Elsie Paulson tied for second spot with 78.

EAGLES LEAD
Statistics released today by the North Okanagan Men's Road Hockey League show Screaming Eagles lead the loop with 12 points, two more than Tigers, Canucks, Seals, and Screaming Lizards all have four points while Gordie's Mini Motors has two, Bill Kirkland, of Tigers, and Terry Lowe, of Canucks, are tied for the scoring lead with 13 points.

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GROOMING RUNS
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One of the main projects this year at Silver Star Ski Area has been grooming. Operations Manager Walt Keckalo and his crew have improved the Whiskey Jack, Blue Chair, Far Out, and Way Out runs. The grooming process includes stump removal, widening, and grass planting.

Cents host Lakers

Vernon Lakers travel to Merritt tonight to battle the Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

Lakers will host Kelowna Buckaroos at the Civic Arena. Vernon Coach Russ Newton told the Daily News he will use both of his goalkeepers this weekend. Newton said, "We'll start (Jim) Ballint tonight, and I plan to go with (Rex) Sizak against the Bucks."

Rugged winger Rob Ingram will return to action Sunday after sitting out a three-game suspension for spearing in the season opener against Penticton Knights.

In BCHL Interior Division action Friday, Revelstoke Rockets doubled Merritt 6-3 and Kelowna blasted Penticton 5-1.

Ken Filby led the Bucks with three goals against the defending league champions.

In Revelstoke, Rockets outshout the visitors 8-31. Mike Stanson led the winners with two goals.

Wensley playing in WHL

Vernon minor hockey prodigy Bobby Wensley has made Regina Pats, of the Western Hockey League. The 17-year-old winger survived the Pats' final cuts this week.

Wensley spent one year with the Vernon midget team before advancing to the B.C. Junior Hockey League last season with Kamloops Rockets. He moved with the Rockets to Revelstoke, when the franchise was transferred at mid-season. He collected 80 points, including 34 goals, with the Rockets.

Bobby's father Hank, a long-time minor hockey coach, said his son had a great training camp. The elder Wensley said, "Bobby looked a good in camp. Then he had a couple good exhibition games and I guess the coach decided to keep him."

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