



VERNON'S Jack Hockey helps his team-mates with some sweeping on the edge of the house during Sunday

night's qualification game against Larry Smith, of Kelowna. Hockey's rink beat Smith to reach the second

local rink in the seven-year history of the Car Spiel to reach the playoffs. Right, Vernon skip Randy Brown



encourages second Ron Houston to sweep harder during a game against Gary Sigurdson, of Langley.

Sigurdson edged Brown 5-4 to eliminate the local team. (Daily News Photos)



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IN VERNON CAR SPIEL

Hockey reaches play-offs

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Vernon's Jack Hockey four some was one of eight teams that qualified for today's quarter-finals at the seventh annual Vernia Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel.

Calgary's Frank Morrisette battled Bernie Sparkes, of Vancouver, and Wayne Sokolowsky, of Kelowna. Hockey's rink beat Smith to reach the second Vernon team in Car Spiel history to reach the playoffs when he upset Larry Smith, of Kelowna, 4-1 on Sunday.

EARLY LEAD
Hockey took a 4-0 lead, after two ends, and capped the victory with three in the ninth end. The veteran skip said he didn't expect the pressure of the playoffs, to hurt his team. "We've been in two cashspiel finals before (Cranbrook and Kamloops) so we should be used to pressure."

gone on to win the cars. George Fink, of Calgary, accomplished that feat in 1973. Thompson and Morrisette qualified through the B side. Thompson scored two in the 10th end to edge Ed Lukowich of Medicine Hat, Alta., 8-7 while Morrisette doubled Brown-4.

Paul Gossell, of Calgary, who lost 7-4 to Sigurdson; defending B.C. champion Tim Horrigan, of Victoria, who dropped a 9-6 decision to Burnty; and former Canadian mixed champion Tony Eberts, of Kamloops, who was doubled 10-5 by Smith.

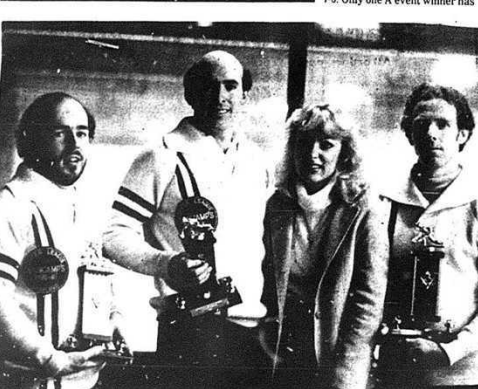
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LOST SQUEAKER
Another local team, skipped by Randy Brown, just missed qualifying. Sigurdson hit and stayed on his final shot, in the 10th end, to edge Brown-5-4. Brown overcame a 4-2 deficit by scoring one in the eighth end and stealing one in the ninth.

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BROOM HAIR
In C event play, Burnty fell behind Lukowich 5-0 after two ends, but the young Winnipeg rink came back to record a controversial victory, in 11 ends. Burnty appeared wide on his final shot, but the rock picked up a broom hair, broke about half a metre, and knocked out Lukowich's counting rock.

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LYALL DAGG Memorial Trophy was presented to the Gerry Wilson rink after the Edmonton foursome defeated Wayne Sokolowsky,

of Calgary, in the A event final at the Vernon Car Spiel. Elaine Dagg-Crooks, daughter of the late, great curler, presented the award.

Team members are from left, Wilson, third Darrel Sutton, second Millard Evans, and lead Gary Greening. Evans played with Bill Mitchell when that Edmonton rink won the first Car Spiel, in 1974. (Daily News Photo)

Cougars split twinbill

Vernon Cougars and Revelstoke Selkirk forgot about defence in a North Okanagan Hockey League weekend doubleheader, in Revelstoke. Cougars took a 1-3 lead and went on to outlast the Selkirk 16-10 Saturday. On Sunday, Revelstoke scored two goals in the final minute of the first period on route to a 5-6 victory.

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Broomball season opens with a pair of shutouts
Darrell Hanski scored three goals and set up another to lead defending champion Super Cut Cobras to a 5-0 win over Hawks in the Major Men's Broomball League opener Saturday night at the Priest Valley Arena. In another game, Screaming Lizards nipped Balbrushers 1-0. Pete Siegmuelter and Gary Field scored the other goals for Cobras. Terry Schneider scored the only goal of the game and Rae Slavens earned the shutout.

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Lakers end long slump with victory in Merritt

There may be some light at the end of a long dark tunnel for Vernon Lakers. Lakers ended a 19-game losing streak with a 7-9 win over Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday night in Merritt. On Sunday, Lakers' record dropped to 2-12 with a 9-7 loss, at home, to Kelowna Buccaneers.

noner team mates. Dave Fish, Kevin Poirier, and Jeff Vest added singles. Mark Blodin, with three goals, Dan Dejaeger, Terence Grams and Fritz Maier countered for the Centis. The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Lakers led 3-1 after 40 minutes. Merritt netminder Dave Merritt made 13 saves while Mark Lange blocked 29 shots for Vernon.

FELL BEHIND
On Sunday at home, in front of 360 fans, Lakers fell behind 6-2 in the first period. But they fought back and narrowed the gap to 6-7 late in the third period. An empty net goal by Mayo McKone, at 19:53, put the icing on the cake for the Bucks.

ROCKETS WIN
In other BCHL action over the weekend, Cowichan Valley Capitals whipped Cowiqualim Comets 9-6, Revelstoke Rockets edged Penitox Kings 4-3, Abbotsford Flyers beat Chilliwack Collis 5-3, and Nanaimo Clippers hammered Norvas Caps 12-3.

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Greg Adams, with two goals, Mike Spach, Brooke Odenwald, Paul Dahlin, Chris Jensen, Barry Houck, and Gary Leask were the other Kelowna scorers. Smith and Vest scored two apiece for Lakers with solos from Fish, Darrel James, and Richie Odiorne. Lange and Darren Zupp combined to block 38 shots for Vernon while Mike Maisonneuve made 40 stops for the Bucks. Newton said Lange could have

played better. "In both games, Mark wasn't making the big save. There is no way Kelowna should have scored nine goals against us."

PRASED SMITH
The Vernon coach praised the play of Smith and newcomer Roger Foudas. Foudas, a defenceman, started the year with Merritt. "Earl is starting to do what we know he can do. He's scoring goals. And Foudas gives us some experience back on the blue line."

Another newcomer, defenceman Mark Willick, saw limited duty but looked like he will help the club. Poirier missed Sunday's game with a knee injury. Centre Ben Hascari, who has been sidelined three weeks with an injury, is

expected back within 10 days. Newton said, "Grams has inspired he wants to leave Merritt and play for us. If we can get him, with the return of Hascari and Poirier, we'll start winning our share of games. We've made a lot of changes, and improvements, in the past few days."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS
OCTOBER, 1975
Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' basketball teams both went undefeated in a league tournament in Revelstoke this week. The VSSS boys chalked up six consecutive victories giving them 18 wins so far this season, with no defeats.

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