FORMER ATLANTA FLAMES' Captain Keith McCreary made dozens of kids happy by signing autographs between periods at Friday's charity hockey game in the Civic Arena. McCreary and his teammates made a special effort to sign as many programs as possible for the fans.
(Daily News Photo)

MAPLE LEAFS BEAT VERNON

Oldtimers dazzle 2,000 fans

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Any National Hockey League coach would have given his eye teeth to have Norm Ullman centering Andy Bathgate and Dean Prentice when they were in their prime.

That line was united Friday night at the Vernon Civic Arena when Vernon Oldtimers hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs Oldtimers in a charity hockey game.

Ullman and his famous wingers scored more than 1,600 goals during their NHL careers. On Friday, they showed more than 2,000 fans how they did it.

Ullman scored two goals and dazzled the fans with several end-to-end rushes. On one occasion in the second period, that trio along with defencemen Bob Wall and Harry Howell, controlled the puck in the Vernon end for two minutes and 40 seconds.

That display prompted Vernon centre Jack Howard to say, "Those guys are something else. The only way we could get the puck back was to let them score."

The final score, by the way, was 10-7 for the Maple Leafs. The teams were tied 3-3 at the end of the first period and Toronto led 7-5 after 40 minutes.

Jim Harrison and Ullman scored twice for the Maple Leafs while Ivan Irwin, Keith McCreary, George Morrison, Pete Conacher, Bathgate, and Howell, added singles.

For Vernon, Jim Moro and Walt Trentini scored two apiece with solos from Bill Simms, Cal Ford and Howard.

GREAT SAVES

Vernon netminders Don Bock-Phillips and Vern Blaney, who made several sensational saves, combined to block 33 shots. At the other end, Wayne Moulton made 23 saves for Toronto.

Morrison, who played on a line with Harrison and McCreary, looked like he should still be playing in the NHL. He has awesome speed, a quick shot and great moves.

Morrison, only 32 years old, quit pro hockey after the 1977-78 season because, "I had used my body to earn a living and I decided it was time I put my brain to us."

SCORED 42

He graduated from Denver University with a degree in finance. During his pro career he starred with St. Louis Blues and several WHA teams. His best year, with Minnesota of the WHA, he scored 42 goals.

"Oldtimers hockey is great," he said. "There is no pressure and we get to meet some terrific people."

Proceeds from the game go to the Vernon Sports Hall of Fame and the restoration of St. Anne's Church, at O'Keefe Historic Ranch.

Toronto Manager Art Smith praised the crowd and the Vernon team. "It is a real pleasure for us to play for these people. Because there were no NHL teams in the west when our guys were stars, this is the first chance for most of these fans to see them.

"Vernon has a good hockey club . . . and a great bunch of guys."

OFF-BEAT

In the spirit of the game, penalties were assessed for several off-beat violations including waltzing, goaltending under false pretences and illegal use of a wig. There was a total of four penalty shots awarded, including one to Ullman when he deked Blaney out of net, skated behind the goal with the puck, and scored when he returned to the front.

Molson's Breweries donated commemorative medallions to the game's three stars, Ullman, Trentini, and Harrison.

The same two clubs are in action tonight, at 8 p.m. at the Kelowna Memorial Arena. On Sunday, Toronto winds up its western tour in Penticton.

Maple Leafs will play about 30 games this winter, with the majority of them in the Greater Toronto area.

Blues split soccer games

VANCOUVER (Special) — Vernon Blues will finish in seventh or eight place at the British Columbia High School Soccer Championships which end here today.

Going into the final round of competition, Blues have a 2-2 record.

In round-robin play, Vernon placed second in its section, behind Burnaby North, with a 2-1 record. Blues beat Princess Margaret, of Surrey, 2-1 on Friday.

Duane Mueller and Gordon Glinsbockel were the goal scorers for Vernon.

Later Friday, in the initial playoff game, Centennial, of Coquitlam, nipped Blues 3-2.

Richmond and Nanaimo are scheduled to meet in the championship game today, at Swangard Stadium.

Burnaby North tackles Carson Graham, of North Vancouver, in the consolation final.

Sixteen teams qualified for the three-day tournament.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1975

Vernon Vikings moved into sole possession of first place in the Interior Division of the B.C. Junior Hockey League with a 7-4 victory over Kelowna Buckaroos before 1,250 fans at the Civic Arena, Saturday.

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Lakers end long slump

Vernon Lakers ended a six-game losing streak with a 6-3 victory over Penticton Knights in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday night in Penticton.

It was only Vernon's third victory of the season, in 18 outings. But, according to Lakers' Coach Gary Criss, it could be a sign of things to come.

"We played good fundamental hockey," he said. "There is no reason why this team can't win its share of games."

Lakers jumped to a 5-1 lead after the first period, led 5-2 after 40 minutes, and exchanged single goals with the Knights in the third period.

SCORED TWICE

Jeff Vest led the Vernon attack with two goals while Dave Fish, Kevin Balfour, Darcy Lepine, and Dean Hascarl added singles.

Leroy Remple, Barry Huber, and Andy Maxwell replied for the Knights.

Lakers' netminder Mark Lang made 35 saves while Bill Manago, who played the first period, and Ian Woods combined to block 28 shots for Penticton.

Criss said Lang was a standout. "Mark made some big saves, particularly when we were killing penalties," he said. "But it was a total team effort. Since I took the team over (two weeks ago), we've worked on learning a system and conditioning."

ATTACKS OFFICIALS

Despite the victory, the Vernon coach had some harsh words for the officials. "The referee let the game get out of hand. He was obviously biased in Penticton's favor. When we got ahead 4-1, he started calling everything against us."

Lakers are back in action Sunday, at 7 p.m., when they host Revelstoke Rockets.

AARSEN BACK

Vernon General Manager Hank Aarsen can return to active duty prior to Sunday's game. Aarsen was supended for two months, on Sept. 15, for pulling Lakers off the ice during an exhibition game against Penticton.

In other games, Vancouver Blue Hawks overcame a 3-1 deficit to trounce Coquitlam Comets 10-5 and Kelowna Buckaroos edged Merritt Centennials 7-6 in overtime, in Kelowna.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Minor lacrosse meeting Monday

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association will hold its annual general meeting Monday, at 8 p.m., at the Village Green Inn. The agenda includes election of officers for the 1981 season. All parents are urged to attend.

DERBY CANCELLED

A demolition derby scheduled Sunday at the Head of the Lake Rodeo Grounds has been cancelled. A spokesman for Vernon Cougars Hockey Club, organizers of the derby, said not enough cars entered the event.

SHARPENER BOUGHT

Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department has purchased a skate sharpener for the Priest Valley Arena. Cost of the equipment, including installation, is $3,590.

NOHL GAMES

Three games are scheduled this weekend in North Okanagan Hockey League action. Vernon Cougars host Revelstoke Selkirks and Rutland Molsons entertain Salmon Arm Aces tonight; and on Sunday, Aces visit Kelowna Packers.

CHOIR FOR DOUCET

MONTREAL (CP) — Singer Roger Doucet will be honored before the Montreal Canadiens-Minnesota North Stars game Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Forum. Doucet, recently named to the Order of Canada, has sung the Canadian and United States national anthems before National Hockey League games here for 10 seasons. A 50-member choir from Amos, Que., will accompany Doucet on the night he is honored.

WORSE THAN DRUGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Julius Erving, an all-pro National Basketball Association forward with Philadelphia 76ers, says there is probably "a greater alcohol-abuse problem in sports in general than a drug problem." In an interview in the December issue of Sport Magazine, Erving says some coaches in the NBA "have been known to be the worst offenders with alcohol."

WILL GET AWARDS

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis great Rod Laver and hockey hall of famer Bobby Orr, the most dominant players of their generation, will be the 1980 recipients of the Multiple Sclerosis Silver Hope Chest Award at the ninth annual MS Dinner of Champions on Dec. 10 at the Waldorf-Astoria. The 1980 gold-medal winning United States Olympic hockey team will receive a special achievement award.

KICKS SOLD

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Kicks have been sold to a group of British businessmen for an undisclosed sum.

DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

PLEASANT VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE
'A' DIVISION

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts	For	Agn
Carling O'Keefe	4	4	0	0	8	45	17
North Stars	4	2	1	1	5	29	17
Toros	5	2	2	1	5	29	28
Kinsmen	5	0	5	0	0	18	59

SUNDAY HONEYMOONERS

Old Stylers	15	15	0	0	15	227	124
Camptown Racers	15	14	1	1	14	222	80
Crazy 8's	15	11	4	0	11	188	111
No Names	15	9	6	0	9	181	163
Art Schmidt Opticals	15	9	6	0	9	199	125
High Hopes	15	8	7	0	8	171	176
Gordies Mini Motors	15	7	8	0	7	138	177
Dirty Diesels	15	5	10	0	5	181	176
Okanagan Chimney Sweeps	15	5	10	0	5	147	182
Heads Up	15	2	13	0	2	60	208
Counter Action	15	2	13	0	2	108	201
Sunday Smashers	15	2	13	0	2	128	216

INTERMEDIATE A WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
(Pine)

Who Us	27	20	7	0	20	351	265
Taylor Service	27	19	8	0	19	353	267
The Colts	27	15	12	0	15	329	281
Htl. Glass	27	13	14	0	13	318	329
Golden Crown	27	10	17	0	10	297	376
Sooners	27	2	25	0	2	198	380

INTERMEDIATE A WOMENS VOLLEYBALL
(Fir)

The Stars	27	19	8	0	19	363	265
Nolans Drug Squad	27	16	11	0	16	339	297
Sneakers	27	15	12	0	15	330	310
Foot Loose	27	14	13	0	14	354	332
Fancy Free	27	13	14	0	13	226	251
Multi Enterprises	27	6	21	0	6	296	386

INTERMEDIATE B WOMENS VOLLEYBALL
(Kalamalka)

Koalas	27	21	6	0	21	391	262
Little Softies	[illegible]	16	11	0	16	351	299
Sunshine Girls	27	16	11	0	16	327	284
Kaptain Kals Gals	27	15	12	0	15	337	307
Dolphins	27	12	15	0	12	320	320
Valley Dolls	27	1	26	0	1	157	395

INTERMEDIATE B WOMENS VOLLEYBALL
(Okanagan Landing)

Royal Rebelettes	28	25	3	0	25	236	264
Ball Bangers	28	21	7	0	21	361	245
Bubble Bumpers	28	13	15	0	13	340	274
Motorways	28	13	15	0	13	337	354
Rainbow Rowdies	28	8	20	0	8	265	371
Pink Panthers	28	4	24	0	4	253	395

INTERMEDIATE B WOMENS VOLLEYBALL
(Beairsto)

Dogs Ear	25	22	3	0	22	385	142
PVA's	25	16	9	0	16	339	317
Eats With	25	14	11	0	14	321	272
Nova Sharpies	25	12	13	0	12	275	307
Miss Fits	25	8	17	0	8	254	380
Silver Six	25	3	22	0	3	269	377

TOP SHOOTERS

Two Vernon men recently captured top honors in the [illegible] Handgun [illegible] Championships [illegible] won the [illegible] production class while Andrew Pearson captured the novice production freestyle event. Clubs across Canada took part in the competition. There will be a shoot Sunday, at 9 a.m. at the Vernon Fish and Game Club range. About 20 shooters, from throughout the valley, are expected to compete.
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