



KENDALL'S KORNER

Kelowna blew it



Hockey fans in Kelowna really blew it! Kelowna has two chances of ever hosting an oldtimers' hockey game again... slim and none.

Less than 500 spectators were on hand Saturday night to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs Oldtimers take on the Vernon Oldtimers in a charity game.

Maple Leafs boast probably the greatest line-up in oldtimers' hockey with the likes of Andy Bathgate, Norm Ullman, Pierre Plante, and Harry Howell.

Games the previous nights in Kamloops and Vernon drew about 1,800 and 2,000 fans respectively.

Tour organizer Chris Nelson, of the Vernon Oldtimers, said "I just can't believe it."

"People in Kelowna begged us to hold a game there because they don't have an oldtimers' team. And then this happens."

LOST MONEY

Vernon, along with Kamloops and Penticton Oldtimers, had to guarantee Maple Leafs a flat sum, plus expenses, to make the tour. Because of the dismal crowd in Kelowna, the Vernon team ended up losing money.

Nelson said, "We had a good crowd and made some money on the Vernon game, but we lost twice that much in the Kelowna game."

Only way for the Vernon Oldtimers to make their money back is to hold a fund raising event... and their specialty is playing hockey.

Nelson said, "We were supposed to play the Vancouver Canucks Oldtimers in Kelowna, on Jan. 24, as part of Snodest. As far as I'm concerned, Kelowna can find somebody else to play. We're not going down there again."

"I think we'll probably try to line up a game with the Canucks, in Vernon, sometime in the New Year. They've been here before, had a good time, and I'm sure would like to come back."

NO EXPLANATION

The only Kelowna player on the Vernon squad, Wayne North, had no explanation for the lack of support shown in his hometown. North is president and general manager of Kelowna Buckaroos, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Nelson said, "Wayne was more upset than I was. It was embarrassing for him. You know there wasn't another event in Kelowna on Saturday except the election... and the polls closed at 8 p.m."

Vernon can take pride in knowing it supports, and appreciates, oldtimers' hockey.



CURLING CLUB OPENS IN LUMBY

Lumby's new curling club, the White Valley Sport Centre, was officially opened during a ceremony last Saturday. The four-rink complex, which also has facilities for meetings and will be available in summer months for roller skating and other activities, was built for about \$330,000.

Regional District Recreation Director Chris Nelson and Miss Lumby Karen Ramsey cut the ribbon to open the facility. Centre, Alvin Dunn, who was instrumental in the construction of Lumby's first curling rink, in 1960, threw the opening rock. Above, Building Committee Chairman Cyril Hopflins presented a bouquet of flowers to Linda Verhage, of the women's auxiliary, in appreciation for her work on the new club.

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Soccer loops register soon

Registrations open Nov. 28 for both the Men's Indoor Soccer League and the Women's Indoor Soccer Program.

The men's league gets underway Jan. 7 and runs every Wednesday at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School.

There will be a maximum of six teams, with players registered on an individual basis. Eight players will be assigned to each team, with six-a-side rules in effect.

Entry fee is \$15 per man. The women's program will place the emphasis on fun and participation.

Games will be played at the Dogwood Gymnasium, in the Recreation Complex, every Thursday starting Jan. 15.

Registration is based on an individual basis and the loop will employ live-a-side rules. Beginners, as well as advanced, players are welcome.

Entry fee is \$10 per player, which includes swim and sauna.

Pre-registrations for both programs will be accepted at the Recreation Complex.

Lakers still looking for right combination

Vernon Lakers' Coach Gary Criss isn't about to sit back and relax because his club won two B.C. Junior Hockey League games last weekend.

Criss made several changes Monday and told the Daily News there may be more to come.

Goalender Jim Balint was given his outright release and 15-year-old defenceman Tom Godard, from Fort St. James, was assigned to the Invermere junior 'B' team.

Criss said, "We've got two goalies and I'm taking a look at another one... Jim just didn't fit into our plans."

Mark Lang is expected to be between the pipes tonight when Lakers battle the Barkaroos, in Kelowna. Darren Zupp will be the back-up netminder.

The goalie on a tryout is highly-rated Dave Imbie. Imbie, from Drumheller, spent the last two seasons with Merritt Centennials, of the BCJHL.

It was tough to release Godard because he is so big and has a lot of potential," Criss said. "But he is young and I think a year of junior 'B' hockey will do him good."

Criss is also looking at two



DARCY ANDERSON



JIM BALINT

captain of the Western Canada champion Vernon Juvenile Regs last season, hopes to receive his release from Cougars today. If he is released in time, "He will play tonight," said Criss.

Anderson, who is equally at home at left wing or defence, had 15 points in 10 games with the Cougars.

The other newcomer is Les Creelman. Creelman spent the 1979-80 season with Salmon Arm Aces of the NOJHL. In seven games with Cougars this year, Creelman had 12 points.

Criss said, "I've got to be careful who I sign. We've only got three player cards left and I'd like to hang on to at least one, until later in the season."

Game time tonight is 8 p.m. On Thursday, Lakers battle the Centennials, in Merritt.

Memberships are due for snowmobile club

Memberships are now due for the Vernon Snowmobile Association.

Cost is \$20 per year, which includes a \$5 membership to the B.C. Snowmobile Association.

The Vernon club maintains two chalets, at different areas, and many miles of groomed trails.

In addition to snowmobiling, the club takes part in several charity events, including snow-arama, other sports, such as baseball and water skiing; and holds dances throughout the year.

For further information, or to join, phone 545-9737.

COLDSTREAM WINS

Bino's battles back to record hoop victory

Bino's Restaurant overcame a six-point deficit early in the second half to edge Price and Markle 75-73 in Major Men's Basketball League action Monday night at the Priest Valley Gymnasium.

Bill Fischer led the Bino's attack with 24 points while Charlie McIntyre added 21.

For Fischer and Markle, Glen Wheelhouse was the leading sniper with 23 points while Bill Kirkland dropped in 14.

In another game, Coldstream Hotel defeated Trophy Gallery 68-61.

Morris Vardashas, with 22 points, and Carl Schleuter, with 16, led the Coldstream offence.

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Annual General Meeting Progressive Conservative Association Okanagan North

Monday, November 24th 8:00 p.m.

Sandman Inn, Kelowna (2130 Harvey)

Please note that at this meeting delegates will be chosen for the national Progressive Conservative Convention in February.

Guest Speaker VINCE DANTZER



IN CALGARY TOURNAMENT

Vernon Christian School boys' and girls' volleyball teams competed in a tournament last weekend in Calgary. The boys placed third, among nine teams, with a 5-3 record. Team members are from left, back row, Coach John Hanson, Harley Wilson, Stephen Fleming, Dave Bakker, Dave Dalveest, and Robin Friedtras. Front row, Geoff Peter, Kevin Pascoe, Peter Venasch, and Steven Jacobs. The girls placed fifth in their series with a 2-3 record. From left are, Val Peters, Becky Vanstessel, Kelly Kraenborg, Diane Vanstessel, Alison Fleming, Debbie Vanstessel, Grissa Stell, Joanne Hooymsa, and Maria Gysen.

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Raiders lead scoring race

Statistics released today by the White Valley Hockey League show three members of the first-place National Hotel Raiders lead the WHVL scoring race.

Jeff Shirley leads the pack with 12 points, one more than teammate Wally Fisher. Daryl Sitzak is in third spot with 10 points.

Raiders are also the most penalized team in the loop with 177 minutes in seven games, an average of 24 minutes per outing.

THE STATISTICS ARE:

TEAM	G	A	Pts	PIM
Raiders	7	2	9	32
Wally Fisher	3	1	20	25
Lotus Gardens	4	3	10	18
Salves	4	3	10	14
Salves	6	1	5	17

TOP SCORERS

Player, Team	G	A	Pts	PIM
Jeff Shirley, Raiders	3	9	12	36
Wally Fisher, Raiders	3	8	11	36
Pat Morgan, Lakeside	6	3	9	12
Bill Beck, Lumby	6	3	9	6
Wayne Snyders, Raiders	4	2	6	2
Clay Anderson, Lotus	3	4	7	2
Jeff Todd, Raiders	4	2	6	4
Dan Horchak, Lotus	4	2	6	4
Reilly Kurata, Lakeside	4	2	6	4

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1975

The Silver Star ski hill could open this weekend - if it gets a foot of snow. Manager Dave Woodman said today the hill needs about a foot of the white stuff before it can start the season.

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