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# First race in France

The World Cup ski season opens in Val d'Isere, France Wednesday with competition for the men's and women's championships: the keenest in several years.

Vernon's Dave Irwin is a member of the Crazy Canucks, the Canadian contingent that will compete on the team. The veterans joining Irwin on the team are Ken Read of Calgary, Steve Podhorski of Toronto, and Dave Murray of Whistler Mountain.

Irwin told the Daily News he is looking forward to a good season. "I haven't left before for years," he said. "I can place among the top three finishers in at least a couple races... and I'm quite capable of winning one or two."

Irwin's career has been plagued by several serious injuries including two concussions.

**CONFIDENT**  
 He said, "The injuries are behind me now. I have confidence in myself and my new skis (Blizzard)."

Read, a perpetual threat, placed second on the tour last year. And Podhorski earned a bronze medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics.

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Skiers like Andy Wenzel of Liechtenstein, Phil Mahre of the U.S., Peter Mueller of Switzerland, and Valery Tsyanov of the Soviet Union will be out to hold off the Swedish slalomists.

**WOMEN'S OPEN**  
 The women's title is wide open with two strongest performers out of the running.

Anne Marie Moser-Proell, 27, the Austrian, who dominated women's skiing for a decade has turned professional.

Her best seemed virtually to ensure that this season would belong to Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein. Wenzel, 23, joined her brother Andy as the World Cup winner last season, taking the crown for the second time after winning gold medals for both slalom events at the Olympics.

She was the favorite for this season, but a training accident has changed all that. After injuring her knee and ankle, she will not be back in competition until January.

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# Sabres explode in final period

Labatt's Sabres scored four times in the third period to defeat Lumbly Flying Frenchmen 5-2 in White Valley Hockey League action Saturday at the Lumbly Arena.

Archie McDougall led the Sabres' attack with three goals while Rick Hawkins and John Kuy added singles.

Gary Replik and Gene Durocher bucked for the Flying French.

The teams battled to a scoreless tie at the end of the first period and a 1-1 draw after 40 minutes.

Freachmen took six of 13 minor penalties and a misconduct.

League play resumes Wednesday when Lumbly plays Lotnas 9 p.m., and Sabres and Kelowna National Ice Raiders at 9 p.m.

# KELOWNA 9, VERNON 1

# Bucks clobber Lakers

Kelowna Buckaroos blasted Vernon Lakers 9-1 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday before 689 fans at the Kelowna Memorial Arena.

The loss was the second, in as many nights, for Lakers. On Friday, Merritt Centennials posted a 1-4 win at the Civic Arena.

In Kelowna, Greg Adams and Chris Jensen scored three goals each to lead the Bucks. Mike Sapach, Brooke Odenvald, and Dan Nugent added singles.

For the last-place Lakers, Bob Morden got the only goal in the third period.

Kelowna took a 3-0 lead in the first period and widened that margin to 6-0 after 40 minutes. Vernon netminder Mark Lang made 34 saves while Mike

Maisonneuve blocked 27 shots at the other end.

Lakers played by penalties and an inept performance in their end of the rink, managed only 12 shots in the first two periods. However, Maisonneuve had to make several good stops in the final 20 minutes.

Vernon came to life and fired 16 goals in the final period.

**ON POWERPLAY**  
 Five of Kelowna's eight goals were on powerplays.

Lakers return to action next Saturday when they battle the Rockets in Revelstoke.

In other BCHL play Saturday, Abbotsford Flyers sunk Nanaimo Clippers 7-5. Pentation Knights, Vernon Rockets, and Vernon Caps whipped Chilliwack Colts 15-2.

# Cougars whip Molsons 12-4

Vernon Cougars hammered Rutland Molsons 12-4 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Saturday before a sparse gathering of about 100 fans Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

In other weekend games, Kelowna Packers blasted Salmou Arm Aces 11-3 and Rutland dumped Grindrod Elks 8-4.

First-place Packers hold a two-point edge on Cougars, with one game in hand.

**FOUR POINTS**  
 Neil Herzog led the Vernon attack with five points, including three goals.

Les Salo also scored three times for the winners while Terry Lowe added a pair. Singles went to Glen Boesel, Greg Watson, Dave Caldwell, and John Box. Cox contributed four assists.

For Molsons, Terry Jacobson, Ron Walker, Barry C'Brien, and Duane Johnson beat Vernon netminder Mike Smith. Smith got a few breaks, including four stops by his goal-

posts and a disallowed goal in the first period. The goal judge ruled the puck went in, hit the pipe at the back of the net, and tucked into the net, and tucked in the other side before the Rutland netminder could regain his balance.

Cougars outscored the visitors 51-39.

Only six minor penalties were called in the game, which took just two hours to complete.

On Saturday, the Cougars, Molsons battled back from a 4-1 deficit. Ron Walker and Bayden Robinson scored twice for Rutland while Ken Haller countered with a pair for Elks.

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TILLICUM VALLEY Ski Area is hanging chairs this week in preparation for the opening of the ski area.

# SKI AREA TO OPERATE

It appears Tillicum Valley Ski Area will operate this winter.

Tillicum Ski Area Director Tom Ferris told the Daily News a group of local businessmen has made an application to the receiver to lease the area for the winter.

"We're proceeding on the assumption that we will be open," said Ferris.

Karl Poeschek had three goals for Revelstoke while Eric Samuelson added a pair and Dave Kirby and Jeff Armrriage completed the scoring.

In Coquitlam, Abbotsford got two goals each from Doug Hanson and Jim Cowden. The Flyers held leads of 5-2 after one period and 6-2 after 40 minutes.

**ON POWERPLAY**  
 Top scorer for Coquitlam was Brad Owen with two goals.

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# Panthers battle back to win consolation event

Vernon Panthers won the consolation tour, to place ninth, at the 16-team British Columbia Senior Boys' Volleyball Championships which ended Saturday in Comox.

After losing three consecutive matches Thursday, Panthers battled back to record six straight victories.

On Saturday, Vernon defeated Princess Margaret of Surrey 15-8 and 15-7 in the quarter-finals; Kitimat 15-6 and 15-7 in semi-finals; and Trail 15-13 and

15-7 in the consolation final. Panthers' Coach Denis Murdoch said he was pleased with the way his club battled back after a disa. trous opening day.

"After we lost the first three matches, we knew the best we could do was ninth-place," Murdoch said "and we did it."

The Vernon coach said his club had trouble adjusting to a couple new opponents. "In the first few matches, we ran up against a couple formations we

hadn't seen," he said. "It made a difference of only a few points, but it was enough."

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Hitter Dale Olson, who was outstanding in the final six matches after a slow start, received honorable mention to the all-star team.

Murdoch also singled out Bryan Buggie and Daryl Jones for their steady play. Esquimalt downed Prince George 15-10, 15-9, 10-15, 7-15, and 15-5 Saturday to win the provincial title.

Kelowna KLO took third spot followed by Mount Douglas of Victoria, Mission, Highland of Comox, Port Coquitlam, and Nanaimo.

Named to the all-star team were: Dave Tomaz, Kitimat; Fernando Gonçalves, Mission; Roy Pearce, Highland; Shane Bellman, KLO; Chris Hartman, Prince George; and Dave Tilvan, Esquimalt.

# Vernon fourth in hoop event

Vernon Panthers placed fourth in the Salmon Arm Invitational Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

After an opening loss to Maple Ridge, the short-handed Panthers defeated two Vancouver schools: Vernon dumped King George 69-59 and Undermire 69-58.

Panthers had only seven players available for the tournament because six team members were at the provincial volleyball championships in Comox.

After trailing Undermire by 16 points, Panthers fought back to take a nine-point lead. However, then the roof fell in on Vernon.

**LEFT GAME**  
 Al Gee, who had been a standout at the point guard position, suffered an ankle injury and had to leave the game. Then with more than four minutes to play, two other Panthers fouled out.

Vernon Coach Jecoy Routley said, "We played the last four minutes with just 10 or 11 men. Our guys did quite a job."

Lance Page, Pat Fante, Mike dePlyffer, Dale Daloo and Gee

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# Jelinski's goal gives Cobras win

Guy Jelinski scored a powerplay goal late in the game to give Super Cut Cobras a 1-0 win over Toros Hawks in Molson Men's Broomball League action Saturday night at the Priest Valley Arena.

In another game, Bail-brushers edged Screaming Lizards 2-1.

Stu Marshall recorded his first straight shutout for the first-place Cobras. At the other end, Mary Market was outstanding. The Hawks' netminder stopped three clear-cut breakaways.

Hawks, who are winless in five

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