

SPORTS PAGE

KENDALL'S KORNER

Williams is valuable



How important is Dave (Tiger) Williams to Vancouver Canucks? He is probably the most valuable player on Canucks and should receive serious consideration for the all-star team.

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Tiger had a tryout, and actually played a few games, with Essos in 1971. He was released, returned to Webyurn, and played with the junior club there.

HARD WORK

Television color man Howie Moecker said Wednesday night, "Tiger is now making moves I would never have given him credit for. He has worked hard at becoming a hockey player."

Williams proved his value on several occasions Wednesday as Canucks battled to a 4-4 tie with Montreal Canadiens.

On two other powerplay goals, scored by Darcy Rota and Per-Olov Brasen, Williams had Montreal goalie Denis Herron and a defenseman tied up in front.

He suckerked Canadians' rookie Chris Nilan into a fight. While Nilan threw punches, Tiger covered up. Nilan was assessed two minor penalties which enabled Vancouver to score two of its four powerplay goals.

After taking a hooking penalty, Williams was able to antagonize the usually passive Rejean Houle. Houle retaliated with a slash, also received a penalty, and the teams remained at even strength.

TIGER PRAISED

His team-mates praised Tiger after the game for not fighting Nilan. "An act that must have taken a lot of restraint on Williams' part. The comments ranged from, 'He was thinking of the team,' to 'Sometimes it takes more guts not to fight.'"

Vancouver Canucks have arrived and one of the main reasons is a rugged winger from Saskatchewan ... who can't skate!

Low scoring at record pace

Terry Lowe has always possessed natural scoring ability. As a teenager, he twice led Taber Golden Stars, of the Alberta Junior 'A' League, in scoring.

In his first season with Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, he shattered the NOHL scoring record with 110 points. He now appears to be ready to break that record.

Statistics released this week show Lowe has accumulated 70 points in 16 games ... an average of 4.4 points per outing. If he continues his torrid pace in Cougars' final 13 games, he will easily eclipse the record.

Lowe's left winger, Dave Caldwell, is right behind him in the scoring race. Caldwell has 66 points, including a league-leading 32 goals.

The third member of the line, Les Sajo, ranks third in the loop with 41 points.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson calls Lowe a complete hockey player. "Terry does everything well," he said. "A lot of people don't realize he is a great defensive player too. He works just as hard in our end of rink."

Despite his diminutive frame, the 3'6" centre isn't afraid to mix it up with the big guys. Lowe has been assessed 48 penalty minutes this season.

Lowe and his team-mates return to the ice Saturday night when they host Grindrod Elks. Game time is 8 p.m. League standings are:

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Kelowna rink in first-place



BEARSTO WINS TITLES

Bearsto Elementary School recently captured both the girls' and boys' district volleyball championships.

Coach Cyril Foster, Shellagh Gillespie, Lyn Hartley, Angie B o w m a n, L u d a Kolasnikoff, and Sanel Dewinet. Front row, Tanya Pukl, Debbie Bohme, Judy

Radosh, Barbie Pfahl, and Ronda Shaw. The boys' team is comprised of, back row, Sean Smith, Darren Adams, Luke Marcellus, Richard Radosh, Mark Stanley, Louis

Dianocky, and Coach Bob Lanaway. Front row, Trevor Olstad, Mark Ciupka, Craig Burdes, Bruce McElroy, Sean DeFoor, and Michael Foster. (Daily News Photos)



SABRES WIN TOO

Raiders lead WJHL after defeating Lotus

National Hotel Raiders took over sole possession of first-place in the White Valley Hockey League with a 5-4 win over Lotus Gard, as on Wednesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Raiders held a two-point edge on Lotus. However, Lotus has one game-in-hand.

Jeff Todd, Rick Horsley, Walter Fisher, Jim Draper, and Don Carro scored for the Raiders.

Larry Fisher, Rick Rysz, Lionel Gray and Terry Wettig replied for Lotus.

The first period and the teams were deadlocked 3-3 after 40 minutes. Bill Beck countered with the lone Lumby goal.

Draper and Carro tallied early in the third to put Nationals in the front 3-4. Wettig narrowed the gap at 11:13. Lotus pulled its goalie in the final minute and applied sustained pressure, but could not get the equalizer.

Raiders took three of five minor penalties. In another game, Labatt's Sabres dumped the lowly Lumby by flying Frenchmen 4-1.

John Kuly, Larry Lochhead, Steve White, and Rick Hawkins blinked the red light for Sabres. Bill Beck countered with the lone Lumby goal.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS DECEMBER, 1975 Vernon Vikings blew a 3-2 second period lead and settled for a 5-5 tie with Penitence Vees in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday in Penitence.

Kelowna teams won five of eight games played Wednesday in the McDonald's Inter-City Super League action. Kelowna's Interior Lift Truck (Dave Lovdahl) foursome moved into sole possession of first-place with a 9-5 win over last-place Western Computing (Ernie Bird) in Kelowna.

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Panthers meet Golds

Vernon Panthers meet Salmon Arm Golds today, at 7:30 p.m. in the opening game of the Kelowna Owls Basketball Tournament.

Other first round games have Kamloops Red Devils facing Britannia, of Vancouver, at 7:15 p.m., and Kelowna tangling with Carson Graham, of North Vancouver, at 9 p.m.

FINAL GAME The tourney continues Friday, with the championship game scheduled at 8:30 p.m. "We're on the tough side of the draw," said Vernon Coach Dewey Routley, "and we like it that way. We want to play tough teams, the tougher the better. It is one sure way to find our weak spots."

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