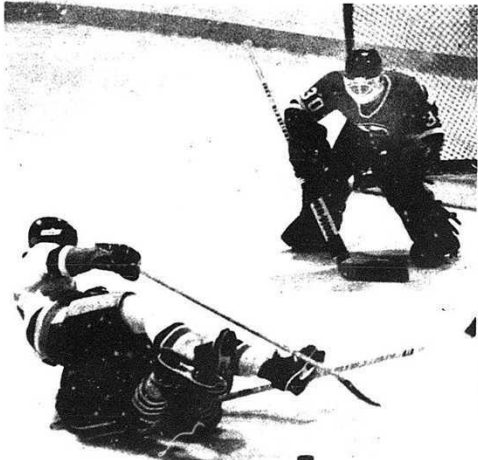


Buckaroos hammer Lakers



VERNON LAKERS' forward Vaughn Peoples scored a goal, but his club dropped a 7-1 decision to Kelowna Buckaroos Sunday night at the Civic Arena. Peoples was also involved in a couple hard collisions: above with a Kelowna defender as he broke in on Bucks' goalie Mike Maisonnere; and below he recovers from a head-on hit with Kelowna's Brooke Ohtavald. (Daily News Photos)

Rick Ryx scored six goals Saturday to lead Lotus Gardens to a 10-2 win over the hapless Lumby Flying Frochmen in White Valley Hockey League action at the Lumby Arena. Lotus and National Hotel Raiders are tied for first place with 9 records. Frenchmen have yet to win a game in 11 outings.

Vernon Lakers hosted a Fan Appreciation Night on Sunday and the most appreciative people in the Civic Arena were Kelowna Buckaroos.

Kelowna blasted Vernon Lakers 7-1 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before about 400 fans, including Santa Claus.

On Saturday, a scheduled game between Lakers and Merritt Centennials was postponed when Vernon's bus developed mechanical problems near Westwood.

Greg Adams led the Kelowna attack with two goals while Chris Jensen, Paul Houck, Pat Cullen, Mike Sapach, and ex-Vernon Cougar Mike Corralle added singles.

Lonely GOAL: Vaughn Peoples replied with the lone Vernon goal, on a powerplay.

Adams put Bucks in front after only 15 seconds had elapsed. Peoples tied the game before the first period ended after some hard work by Jeff Vest and Kevin Poirer.

Kelowna again struck quickly early in the second period when Jensen blinked the red light after just eight seconds, and had been played. Bucks held a 4-1 lead after 40 minutes.

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Lakers' Director Vern Dye told the Daily News the turning point in the game was when his club stopped hitting. "We played the body in the first period," he said. "After that, we stopped hitting and Kelowna took control."

Vernon netminders Mark Lang and Darren Zupp combined for 31 saves. Lang blocked 12 shots before being pulled midway through the third period when Sapaach's long shot eluded him.

At the other end, Mike Maisonnere made 27 saves. Buckaroos took 14 of 26 minor penalties, three of five majors, a 10-minute misconduct, and two of three game misconducts. Lakers were without goalie

Reiz Shlank (leg injury), Kevin Balfour (shoulder injury), and Les Creelman (suspended).

CAPS WIN
In other games Sunday, Norwes Caps beat Abbotsford Flyers 11-6, Vancouver Blue Hawks edged Coquitlam Comets 6-3 in overtime, and Cowichan Valley Capitals dominated Richmond Sockeyes 7-4.

On Saturday, Sockeyes nipped Nanaimo Clippers 6-3 in overtime. Pentlicon Knights stopped Revelstoke Rockets 5-1, Flyers whipped Chilliwack Colts 10-2, and Norwes beat the Blue Hawks 5-5.

Lakers are idle until Jan. 2 when they host Merritt Centennials.



VERNON WRESTLERS Steve Dmytriv and Jay Wyse won gold medals at the recent SFU Invitational High School Wrestling Tournament.

They are the first Okanagan wrestlers to win gold medals in the 10-year history of the tournament. Dmytriv placed first in the 41 kilogram class, of Greco-Roman competition. Wyse won the 66 kg. class, in the freestyle section, and placed third in the 60 kg. Greco-Roman category.

Wrestlers win medals

Wrestlers Jay Wyse and Steve Dmytriv earned gold medals at the recent Simon Fraser Invitational High School Wrestling Tournament, in Burnaby.

The SFU meet is ranked second in B.C., behind only the provincial championships. The B.C. finals are scheduled Feb. 27 and 28, on the Coast.

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FASTEST GOALS

Packers break league record

Kelowna Packers broke a record, Salmon Arm Aces win, and the officials didn't show up for a game in North Okanagan Hockey League action over the weekend.

Packers scored three goals, in 14 seconds, Sunday to break a NOHL record on route to a 9-3 win over Revelstoke Selkirks, in Revelstoke.

Maurice Blahnet broke a 1-1 tie at 2:04 of the second period. Ron Bigler tallied at 2:12 and Randy Takana completed the record-breaking effort at 2:18.

LEADS LEAGUE
The previous day, Packers moved into first place with an

8-1 win over the Selkirks. Kelowna leads the loop with 30 points, four more than second-place Vernon Cougars.

A game scheduled Saturday at the Civic Arena, between Cougars and Grindrod Elks, was postponed when only one official showed up. Two Kelowna officials were scheduled to work the game with linesman Barry Finnimore of Vernon.

Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson called the incident, "Bash. The referees want more money, travel expenses, and everything their way, and they didn't even have the decency to phone to tell us they weren't coming."

Mike Maisonnere, and below he recovers from a head-on hit with Kelowna's Brooke Ohtavald. (Daily News Photos)



SNOWMOBILING COURSE PLANNED

A snowmobile safety training course will be offered by the Vernon Snowmobile Association from Jan. 20-22. Pre-registration is available by phoning club instructor Jerry Kuch at 545-2773. Kuch said a recent course was well-attended. Age of the students ranged from 10 to 46 years.

SOCCKER TIME
Any teams, or individuals, wishing to compete in the Okanagan Soccer League must contact League president Erwin Mueller by Jan. 11. Mueller's phone number is 545-8923.

DUCHESCORES
University of B.C. Thunderbirds trounced Prince George Mohawks 10-3 Saturday and 14-1 Sunday in B.C. Senior Hockey League action. Vernon Cougars Tom Ouchi scored twice in the first game and added a single in the second outing.

FREE SKATING
There is free public skating tonight, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Priest Valley Arena.

TWO GAMES
Two games are scheduled in Carrington O'Keefe Basketball League action tonight at the Priest Valley Gymnasium. At 7:15 p.m., Bino's Restaurant tackles Trophy Gallery, and at 8:30 p.m., Prince and Nankie meets Coldstream Hotel.

SIGN RELIEVER
MONTREAL (CP) - Right-handed reliever Stan Bahson, who became a free agent Oct. 27, has signed a two-year contract with Montreal Expos, the National League baseball club, announced Sunday. Bahson, 36, originally was acquired by the Expos on May 22, 1977, in a trade for first baseman-outfielder Mike Jorgensen. He had a 7-6 win-loss record with the Expos last season, posting a 3.07 earned-run average, the best in his 13-year career. A club spokesman would not reveal terms of the contract.

JOINS UNIVERSITY
HAMILTON (CP) - John Payne, who resigns as head coach of Hamilton Tiger-Cats last week, said Saturday he has joined Texas Christian University of the Southwest Conference to be the offensive

Lotus tied for lead after thumping Lumby

Raiders are tied for first place with 9 records. Frenchmen have yet to win a game in 11 outings.

Larry Fisher tallied twice for the winners while Scott McKay and Wally Bevan added singles.

Ray Horouch assisted on four goals while Clay Anderson and Andy Gilbert each set up three.

Robin Kuroaka and Matt Hackman replied for the short-handed Frenchmen. Lumby had only 10 players dressed.

The WHL takes on a break until Jan. 3 when Frenchmen tackle Labatt's Sabres.

NEW NUGGETS COACH

DENVER (AP) - Donnie Walsh has resigned as head coach of Denver Nuggets, a spokesman for the National Basketball Association team announced Wednesday. He said assistant coach Doug Moe will take over "on an interim basis. Walsh's combined record with the team was 69-92 in regular-season play and 1-2 in the playoffs.

TEAM-MATES CHOICE
NEW YORK (AP) - Bruce Harper, the National Football League leader in total yardage with 1,397, was named New York Jets' most valuable player Wednesday in a vote by his team-mates. Harper, a running back and kick-return specialist, who scored three touchdowns, is the Jets' leading receiver with 58 catches for 630 yards in rushing. He has 43 carries for 128 yards.

TELEVISION FOR SALE
CHICAGO (AP) - Chicago White Sox board of directors voted unanimously Wednesday to open negotiations with a group headed by real estate developer Jerry Reinsdorf that wants to buy the American League baseball franchise.

PIN POINTS

DECEMBER 9
TUESDAY
Wrestling: Kay Dulaiba, 655; High Triple: Kay Dulaiba, 655; High Single: Kay Dulaiba, 655; Team High Single: Bay City; High Triple: Corbett; Corbett; Contact Equipment: 325.

TEAM STANDINGS
Beavers 118-9
4 Bears and Odeball 378-9
Lynx 159-9
Good Guys 352

DECEMBER 9
WOMEN'S HIGH SINGLE: Joan Allen, 291; High Triple: Kay Dulaiba, 655; High Average: Sophie Kniaz, 211; High Single: Sandy Jensen, 200; High Triple: Ken Evans, 200; High Triple: Mike Mills, 1363; High Triple: Mike Mills, 1363; 300 Club: Frank Gratton, 301

TEAM STANDINGS
4 Roses 430-9
Mist 412
Lynx's Phoenix 378-9
Reproducers 357

DECEMBER 9
TUESDAY COFFEE
Women's High Single: Karen Wiebe, 310; High Triple: Myrna Glowa, 655; High Average: Shirley Morrison, 327

TEAM STANDINGS
Crunch 295
300 Club: Karen Wiebe, 310
Muffets 373
Honeycombs 324
Lifted Rice 320
Puffed Rice 292-9
Maypo 292-9

DECEMBER 11
SUNDAY
Women's High Single: Brenda Nordlund, 310; High Triple: Angela Baker, 199

TEAM STANDINGS
Spare Parts 225
Wipe Outs 220
Meraders 188
Phillys 188
High Rollers 167
Slow Starters 90



VOLEYBALL CHAMPS
Koolas recently captured the Women's Intermediate 'B' Volleyball League title at Kaimiaka School by defeating Little Salties in the final match. The Koolas are from left, back row: Tammy Kachuk, Sharon Chizmasa, Gloria Emberton, and Wanda Ehalt. Front row: Karen Lewicki, Nancy Nicholls, and Marie Jamzen.

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