

A look back at the past 12 months

In the past year, there have been some incredible performances by North Okanagan athletes.

Bruce Berger became the first Vernon native in more than two decades to qualify for the Canadian Olympic Team.

Due to Canada's boycott of the Moscow Summer Olympics, Berger did not get an opportunity to compete in the Games. However, he travelled to numerous international meets with the Canadian contingent.

A transplant from Ontario, who now calls Vernon home, skied for Canada in the Winter Olympics.

Dave Irwin is one of the veteran members of the Crazy Canucks. His best performance of the year was at a World Cup race earlier this month in France, where he placed fifth.

One of the notable achievements in a very merry one and to thank you for your tremendous response to the Cruelty Campaign. Your letters have done a lot of good and we have been assured by the Hon. Allan Williams, Attorney General for B.C., that the suggested amendments to the SPCA act will be on the agenda for the first sitting in 1981. Perhaps we can now look forward to being able to do a delicacy by some and the backing of the courts and eliminate some of the awful cruelties.

ANIMAL TREAT
It is becoming obvious that animal owners, particularly owners of horses, dogs, and cats, will have to become increasingly more aware of keeping them under closer observation. There is a thriving business going on in the horse meat industry. I call it an industry because that is exactly what it is. Horse meat is considered a delicacy by some and as a necessity (because of rising beef prices) for others. In 1979 alone the horse meat industry topped \$40,000,000.

There are many animals that have to be put down and the horse meat dealer is usually the only alternative from a very practical point of view. It is a risk on your part, however, if you are fond of that horse as he is often not killed right away and sometimes the conditions under which he awaits his death sentence are not pleasant, including the travel conditions on the way to the slaughterhouse. This is one aspect. Unscrupulous persons, aware of the money to be made, are not as honest as the majority of the horse meat dealers, and will steal unguarded animals from their fields.

Dogs and cats are also taken. I understand there is a good monetary reward for animals sold to certain places for experiments.

SELLER BEWARE
I don't know how many of you saw Jack Webster's program the other day - I hope he will repeat it because it was a real eye opener.

Sometimes horses and ponies must be sold and their owners advertise in hopes of finding a kind and understanding home for their pet that they can no longer keep.

This has been happening recently. I saw a couple in Vancouver advertised their perfectly sound and reliable horse for sale to a good home. A prospective buyer came out to the property to see the animals and she then proclaimed that he was just what they had been looking for.

'Riding for the Disabled' Her story to the couple was that their animal would be wonderfully cared for and loved, and would be instrumental in putting joy and help into the lives of many crippled and handicapped children. She was so convincing that the selling couple were delighted to let her have the horse at a very cheap price, satisfied their horse and within hours, it was on its way to the slaughterhouse. By the time the couple realized all was not as it should be, their animal was dead - sold for meat (a profit).

WISE TO CHECK
If you care what happens to your horse, then prospective purchasers must be checked out thoroughly. If your animal has to be put down and sold for meat, find a dealer who will tell you exactly what will happen to your animal before it is put down and ask for proof.

If you find it necessary to have your dog or cat put down, please have it done by an animal or by a veterinarian who uses the method you use. A bullet is far kinder than the methods used by some kennels.

SHOCK TREATMENT
I am sorry if this seems a bit like a shock treatment but I feel it is essential to open your eyes to the way in which these things all go on right here and will not change unless we are aware of them and do something about it.



DALE OLSON ... top athlete

individual efforts in basketball. Will Haak was named most valuable high school player in the Okanagan and earned a starting berth with Trinity College. Kelly Olson was a valley all-star for the second consecutive year and now starts with Mount Royal College of Calgary, and Jay Zwarych broke every Vernon Royals' scoring record before joining Eastern Washington women's team.

However, the outstanding athlete of 1980 is Dale Olson. Olson is one of the valley's finest all-round athletes.

On basketball court, the 6'3" centre led Seaton to the North Zone Junior League title. At the B.C. junior tournament, he was runner-up as Most Valuable Player.

As a member of the 1980-81 Vernon Panthers, Olson has already been named to two tournament all-star teams. In volleyball, he led VSSS to the B.C. tournament where he received honorable mention to the all-star squad.

In track and field, he broke the Okanagan junior high jump and javelin records; and was on the Seaton team that shattered

the valley's 4x100 metre relay record.

At the B.C. senior track and field championships, he placed ninth in high jump against athletes two years older than him.

He is also a former B.C. and Canadian age group trap shooting champion. In the past year, he has curtailed his shooting activity to concentrate on other sports.



BRUCE BERGER ... boycott

Olson, 16, will be heard from for many years to come.

SPORTSMAN
It is hard to single out one person in a city where so many people donate their time, and often their money, to amateur sports.

However, one man has stood out in the past 12 months. Ernie Kowal is our choice as Sportsman of the Year.

For almost a decade, Kowal was one of the owners of Vernon's junior hockey team. When the junior club folded in 1979, Ernie turned his efforts to minor sports.

After serving as a division manager, Kowal was elected Vernon Minor Hockey president this year. In addition to his executive duties, he also coaches a bantam hockey league team.

In the summer, he occupies himself as the pony division manager, coach, and sometimes umpire with Vernon Minor Baseball Association.

TOP TEAM
Vernon Tigers lacrosse club has been the area's top

team for four years, from 1976 to 1979. In that span, they won four provincial and three national titles.

Tigers folded this year, but there are many teams that continued Vernon's winning tradition.

Vernon Pee Wee Rep hockey team earned the B.C. title. Vernon Bantam Rep lacrosse team also captured a provincial championship;

Organizers of the Carling O'Keeffe Car Spiel, Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, Falkland Stampede, Vernon Cougars' Tournament, Armstrong Riders' Soccer Tournament and dozens of other events should be proud of their undertakings.

They brought pleasure to both participants and spectators. The Event of the Year was actually staged at two different times.

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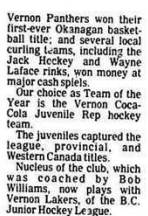


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EDDIE JOHNSTONE ... with Rangers

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HOOF BEATS
with Jeanne White



SPRING SKIING

Warm weather in recent days has created soft snow and spring-like conditions at Silver Star and Tillicum Ski Areas. An estimated 3,000 skiers visited Silver Star on Monday. Two people who look advantage of the high temperatures, at Tillicum were Nola Wurtel and Jenny Ferris. (Daily News Photo)

Lotus, Raiders in first-place

Two teams are tied for first-place at the half-way point in the 1980-81 White Valley Hockey League season.

National Hotel Raiders and Lotus Gardens are deadlocked atop the standings with 18 points, in 12 games.

In individual scoring, Inematas Ray Horrochuk and Clay Anderson, of Lotus, are tied for first-place with 17 points.

League play resumes Saturday when last-place Lumberjacks Flying Frenchmen host Labatt's Blues. On Jan. 7, Raiders and Lotus will clash while Lakeside Whalers face Sabres.

The standings are:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
National Hotel	12	9	3	0	51	29	18
Lotus Gardens	12	9	3	0	51	29	18
Labatt's Blues	12	6	6	0	39	38	12
Lakeside Whalers	12	1	10	1	21	63	3

Scoring Leaders

Player	G	A	Pts
Ray Horrochuk, Lotus	7	10	17
Clay Anderson, Lotus	7	10	17
Rick Ryz, Lotus	13	3	16
Darryl Strick, Raiders	10	6	16
Danny Horrochuk, Lotus	6	9	15
Wally Butler, Raiders	7	6	13
Larry Fisher, Lotus	7	6	13
Dan Carr, Raiders	6	7	13
Jeff Shirley, Raiders	5	8	13
Wally Butler, Raiders	7	4	11
Wayne Napney, Raiders	7	4	11
Wally Butler, Raiders	7	3	10
Rick Hawkins, Blues	4	6	10
Brian Hunt, Raiders	4	6	10
Wally Butler, Lotus	2	8	10

SPORTS BRIEFS

BRETT HONORED
ST. LOUIS (AP) - The sports world has bestowed the highest award on a young man who has made his mark on the sports world in 1980. They said on Monday that Brett "captured the attention of fans everywhere" with a 39-game hitting streak and his first 100 batting average while leading the Royals to his first American League championship.

GUNS WON'T SOUND
NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Road Runners Club no longer will use starting guns for its races, president Fred Lebow announced Monday. The Road Runners club has discontinued the use of the traditional gun for a race on Dec. 14, the day of mourning for slain ex-Senator John Lennon.

"During the week following the race, I received so many calls and letters congratulating us on not using the pistol that we decided to ban them permanently," said Lebow.

NAMED TOP DRIVER
EVANSTON (AP) - Johnny Rutherford, winner of the Indianapolis 500 for the third time and champion of the Indy Car World Series, has been named driver of the year for 1980 by Auto Racing Digest magazine. It was announced Monday. During the year, the veteran driver won five of the 12 events in the Champ Car series and had three second-place finishes. His 4,723 points were more than 1,000 ahead of runner-up Bobby Unser.

GOALIE TO STAY
COVINGTON (CP) - Goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar will return to the Vancouver Whitecaps' lineup for the 1981 North American Soccer League season after turning down a transfer to Liverpool of the English League First Division, said his lawyer Ron Perriek.

Grobelaar had accepted an offer from Liverpool estimated at between \$700,000 and \$800,000 for a year plus services, dependent on Grobelaar's approval, but his lawyer, Ron Perriek, said Grobelaar is staying in Vancouver. There's no two ways about it.

Junior club will operate

B.C. Junior Hockey League President Vern Dye is confident Vernon Lakers will continue to operate.

Lakers' General Manager Hank Aarsen told the Daily News Monday that the team is in serious financial trouble.

Aarsen said, "I'd like to say we'll finish the season, but right now, I don't know."

Dye, who is also a director with the Lakers, said the owners will work hard to save the franchise. "We'll have to take the bull by the horns and get the job done. I'm confident Lakers will complete the 1980-81 season."

FUND RAISING
Two fund raising schemes are planned to offset some of the operating deficit.

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IN ENDERBY A 12-star game Saturday

Defending champion Vernon Cougars will take on the North Okanagan Hockey League all-stars Saturday, at 8 p.m., at the Enderby Arena.

The all-star squad will be comprised of three or four players from each of their five WHL teams.

Cougars thumped the all-stars last year, however, Vernon Coach Gary Swanson said he is

expecting a much tougher game this time around.

"The all-stars will have a better balanced club," he said. "You won't find many weak spots on their roster."

"The all-stars will be coached by Frank Dangel, of Grindrod Elks, and managed by Elwyn Stauffer, of Kelowna Packers. The team representatives will be

Grindrod Elks: George Fargher, Bernie Smithson, Gary Oberle, and goalie Burke Georgetti.

Kelowna Packers: Les Strachan, Fred Parent, Ron Bigler, and Brad Owens.

Rutland Molsons: Gary Hewko, Dave McClelland, and Brad Robinson.

Cooper, and Bernie Reed. Salmon Arm Aces: Roy Sakaki, Len Hohman, and goalie Eugene Roy.

NOHL regular season action resumes Sunday when Salmon Arm hosts Grindrod.

On Monday, first-place Vernon visits Kamloops, and meeting Swanson predicts, "Will be the best game of the season."

Merritt, Mike Burns, Glenn