



VERNON LAKERS' defenceman Les Creelina moves Kelowna forward during Sunday's BC-JHL game at the Civic



Greg Adams from the slot area during Sunday's BC-JHL game at the Civic

# Smith comes back to haunt local team

It didn't take Earl Smith long to come back to haunt his former team-mates. Smith scored three goals to lead Kelowna Buckaroos to an 11-5 victory over Vernon Lakers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 400 fans Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

Smith was dealt by Lakers to Kelowna last week in exchange for an undetermined amount of cash and a playing time named later. After two years with Merritt Centennials, Smith joined Lakers this season and was named captain. However, after a dispute with Vernon General Manager Hank Aarsen, he quit the club three weeks ago.

**SCORED FOUR**  
Paul Houck scored four times for Kelowna, while Ken Filipe, Mike Rousseau, Mike Corrae, and Chris

Jensen added singles. Les Creelina, Dean Haszard, Darryl James, Ray Willament, and Richie Ordione countered for Lakers.

Bucks led 3-0 after the first period and 8-3 after 40 minutes.

Vernon netminder Mark Lang made 33 stops while Norm Wright turned aside 28 shots at the other end. Lang made several good saves, but was victimized by some bad goals.

**ROUGH GAME**  
It was a rough game with Bucks taking 15 of 27 minor penalties and four of seven fighting majors.

Smith was involved in a skirmish, with Vernon's Kevin Balcer.

The previous night in Revelstoke, Rockets pounded Lakers 7-2.

Murray Matheson led the Revelstoke

attack with three goals while Eric Samuelson, Jeff Armitage, and Terence Grams added two goals apiece.

Roger Foulds and Wayne Bodnaruk replied for Lakers who trailed 4-1 after the first period and 8-2 after the second. Vernon was outshot 36-18.

**MERRITT**  
Lakers are back in action Thursday when they face the Centennials, in Merritt.

Matheson also had a big night Sunday with two goals and two assists to lead Kelowna past Merritt 17-1.

In other weekend games, Abbotsford Flyers nipped Vancouver Blue Hawks 2-1. Kelowna edged Merritt 6-3, Richmond Sockeyes downed Norwac Caps 7-3, and Nanaimo Clippers beat Coquitlam Comets 13-6.

## AT SILVER STAR

# Pro race scheduled

Silver Star Ski Area will host a Pacific Western Airlines pro race next weekend.

Up to 75 racers, from throughout Western Canada, are expected to compete in the only local event of the kind in the area. It is to be held on the slopes of the 10-kilometre run that is Bernie Berube, of Vernon.

Qualifying runs are scheduled Saturday, at 10 a.m., with dual giant slalom racing Sunday, at 10 a.m.

**MORE SNOW**  
Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan told the Daily News he is optimistic the area will have more snow by race time.

"We had a skill of snow over the weekend," he said. "The forecast for the next four days," he said.

Silver Star is reporting a 62 centimetre base.

While most B.C. interior ski areas have managed to remain in operation despite warm weather and a lack of snow, Coast mountains are having serious difficulties.

Waiting on the shelves are millions of dollars worth of skis, boots, bindings and poles. Hotel rooms are vacant and lessons have no students, ski resort spokesmen indicate.

"If we didn't have a friendly banter, we'd go belly-up," said Earl Fitch, who has managed Seymour Mountain's ski hill for more than 30 years.

Fitch and his crew are scrounging the mountain for snow — removing it from the parking lot and putting it down on a small run — so children and beginners can get in a bit of skiing.

There is not even enough snow to allow that kind of skiing in Hemlock Valley, said a spokesman for the resort near Harrison Mills about 130 kilometres east of Vancouver.

But even with five straight seasons of poor snow conditions, Hemlock is still making money, by selling lots and providing camping and other recreational facilities year-round, he said.

Of the Lower Mainland slopes, only Whistler and Blackcomb mountains have snow, and then only on the higher elevations.

**GROUSE CLOSED**  
Grouse Mountain has been closed to skiers since Dec. 18, but the Skyride and dining facilities allow operations on Grouse to continue, said Peter Mackay-Smith, marketing director for Grouse.

About 250 workers of the mountain's 375 ski-season staff have been laid off, he said.

Grouse's snow-making machines, which are Ken Smith said can cover a small ski run in a few hours and a large one in a week, can operate only in temperatures below freezing.

It was a balmy eight degrees on the mountain Friday afternoon.

Cypress Park has also been closed for several days, while snow-making machines have made some sking on its scant 96-centimetre snow pack, a spokesman said.

The situation holds true for the entire West Coast, but the snow hasn't been very good," the weather office spokesman said. However, that does not mean there is a climatic trend towards milder winters.

"It's just the normal variations in climatic conditions," he said.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Skiers meet on Thursday

North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club has scheduled its meeting Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Arts Council Building, near the Recreation Complex. Topics on the agenda include the club's annual marathon, which is scheduled next Sunday. Anyone interested in cross-country skiing is invited to attend.

**TWO GAMES**  
There are two games scheduled tonight in Orling O'Keefe Basketball League action, at the Priest Valley Gymnasium. At 7:15 p.m., Goldstream Hotel plays Price and Marke; and at 8:30 p.m., Goldstream Hotel plays Trapp's Gallery.

**GET NEW COACH**  
(HOUSTON) — Sid Gillman and Bum Phillips started rebuilding Houston Oilers and new head coach Bill Hayes hopes to complete the job. Hayes, the Oilers' 11th head coach in the National Football League team's 21-year history, was defensive coordinator under Phillips during the last six seasons, accepted the head coaching job Friday after a bitter feud with Phillips. He was tapped two days after owner Bud Adams fired Hayes' close friend.

**TEACHER WINS TITLE**  
MELBOURNE (AP) — After losing in four consecutive finals since November, Brian Teacher of the U.S. broke through Sunday, taking the \$350,000 Australian Open tennis championship with a 7-5, 7-6, 6-3 victory over weary Australian Kim Warwick. The 36-year-old American, scoring his first victory in a Grand Slam event — the Australian, U.S. and French

opens, and Wimbledon — earned the biggest paycheck of his career, \$50,000. Teacher also collected \$5,000 in the Grand Prix bonus pool.

**RACING CANCELLED**  
NEW YORK (AP) — The thoroughbred program at Aqueduct Race Track was cancelled after the second race Sunday because of cold weather, track officials said. The jockeys met after two races had been completed and decided it was too cold to continue. The temperature was -13.

**BREAKS 2 RECORDS**  
MOSCOW (AFP) — Olympic champion Natalia Petrusheva emerged as queen of the Soviet Union's speed-skating championships during the weekend, breaking two world records in two days and winning four races. Petrusheva broke her own record in the long combined event Sunday with 1:17.149 points after setting a world mark of 1:16.01 in the 1,500 Saturday. The gold-medallist for the 1,000-metre race at the 1980 winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, N.Y., won the 500, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000 races. Her world record times in the 1,500 Saturday were 1:17 seconds faster than the mark set in 1967 by competitor Laila Vorobiova.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**  
JANUARY 1974  
Vernon Vikings put an abrupt halt to Kelowna Buckaroos five-game winning streak by thumping the Bucks 10-1 before 1,622 fans in Enderby. A hockey League action Friday in Vernon.

# Cowboys and Raiders advance to semi-finals

The Associated Press  
Dallas' Danny White was looking for a field goal but got a touchdown. Cleveland's Brian Sipe was trying for a touchdown, but came up empty.

So Dallas' drive toward the Super Bowl continues, while Cleveland's National Football League season has come to an end.

Both wild-card winners from a week ago, Dallas Cowboys and Oakland Raiders, posted playoff upsets Sunday in games that weren't decided until the final minute of play.

The Cowboys, getting two touchdown passes from White to Drew Pearson in the final 3:46, including a 23-yarder with just 42 seconds to play, rallied for three touchdowns in the fourth

quarter to beat Atlanta Falcons 20-17.

Meanwhile, Oakland's Mark Van Eggen scored on one-yard runs after two long drives to give the Raiders a 14-12 decision over Cleveland Browns. That one wasn't nailed down until Oakland safety Mike Davis intercepted a Brian Sipe pass in the end zone with 41 seconds left.

**SET UP MATCHES**  
Those results set up matchups between division rivals next Sunday, when Philadelphia Eagles will be home with Dallas for the National Conference title and the Raiders visit San Diego to play the Chargers for the American Conference crown. Those winners will square off in the Super Bowl at New Orleans on Jan. 25.

The Eagles stayed alive Saturday by forcing seven Minnesota turnovers in the second half and overcoming a two-touchdown deficit to beat the Vikings 31-16 while San Diego rallied to beat Buffalo Bills 20-14 on Dan Fouts's 50-yard scoring pass to Ron Smith with 2:08 left.

Dallas, which had already scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to cut Atlanta's lead to 27-24, was driving again in the final minute.

It was the third touchdown pass of the day for White, who completed 23 of 29 passes for 322 yards, including 15 of 20 for 239 yards in the second half.

The Cowboys trailed 24-10 going into the final quarter before White took them on scoring marches of 85, 62 and 70 yards.

Robert Newhouse capped the first with a one-yard scoring run, and after placekicker Tim Mazzetti gave Pearson a 27-yard advantage with 6:37 to go, White connected with Atlanta on a 14-yard scoring pass to pull Dallas within three.

Dallas' defence then stopped Atlanta cold, forcing a punt that gave the Cowboys possession at the four-quarter to cut Atlanta's lead to 27-24, was driving again in the final minute.

Tom Dorsett before hitting Drew Pearson in the end zone for the game-winner.

**LANDRY LAUDS QB**  
"He was super, amazing," Dallas coach Tom Landry said of White, who became the Cowboys' starting quarterback this season following the retirement of Roger Staubach. "You know, he's only really a first-year quarterback."

The temperature got down near freezing by the end of the game at Atlanta, but that was nothing like the cold in Cleveland. The temperature at gametime was -18 and the wind-chill factor was -34.

Oakland took advantage of the conditions at halftime.

"We chose to kick against the wind to start the second half, because we wanted it with us in the fourth quarter," said Raiders coach Tom Flores. And with the wind at his back, quarterback Jim Plunkett hooked up with three different receivers for long gains to set up van Eggen's game-winning one-yard plunge with 9:22 left in the game.

# Red-hot Ballbrushers extend streak to five

Ballbrushers stretched their winning streak to five games with a 1-0 victory over Screaming Lizards in Mission Men's Broomball League action Saturday at the Priest Valley Arena.

After only one win in their first four outings, Ballbrushers have climbed into third place, just one point back of Screaming Eagles and Super Cut Cobras.

Bob Canning scored the only goal and Gary Kawaguchi earned

the shutout for Ballbrushers.

**ROUGH GAME**  
It was a rough game with Lizards taking eight of 14 minor penalties and a game misconduct.

In another game, Cobras edged winless Toros Hawks to Gary Field provided the only offence Cobras needed in the first-half when he put a high shot, in the short side, past Hawks' goalie Mark Markel.

Cobras applied pressure

throughout the match, but Markel made some great stops to keep the score close.

**SIXTH SHUTOUT**  
At the other end, Stu Marshall posted his sixth shutout of the season.

Hawks took two of three minor penalties.

League play resumes next Saturday when Hawks meet Lizards, at 8:15 p.m., and Screaming Eagles do battle with Cobras, at 9:15 p.m.

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singles. Davidson blinked the red light twice for Sabres while Pat Murray, John Kelly, Rick Hawkins, and Larry Lochbeck scored on penalties.

Sabres took nine of 16 minor penalties.

First-place will be on the line Wednesday when Lotus Gardens take on National Hockey Raiders, at 7 p.m. The two clubs are deadlocked with 15 points.

Also Wednesday, Sabres are back in action against Lakeside Whalers, at 9 p.m.

# Cougars host Packers in crucial NOHL game



VERNON COUGARS' defenceman Lyle Brewer works his way along the boards past Kelowna forward Brad Owens during the annual NOHL all-star game



played Saturday in Enderby. All-stars scored four unanswered goals in the third period to dump Cougars 8-3. Right, Allstar

The top two teams in the North Okanagan Hockey League clash tonight at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Second-place Vernon Cougars host first-place Kelowna Packers at 8 p.m. Packers have 30 points, four more than the defending NOHL champion.

Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson told the Daily News his club needs this game. "We're in the second-half of the season — we can't afford to fall six points behind the Packers," he said.

## SIGNED GARE

Swanson announced today his club has signed former Vernon junior star Ernie Gare. After helping Vernon Ecos win the BCJHL title in 1972, Gare was a standout for six seasons in the Western International Hockey League with Spokane Jets and Trail Smoke Eaters.

However, Gare and veteran Gary Gilchrist will not be playing tonight. Gare has a broken leg that will sideline him until late-February. Gilchrist is out of action with a broken heel.

Swanson said, "It would be nice to have Gare and without them, I think goaltending could be the key."

Cougars have the best one-two netminding combination in the league with Mike Smithson and Charlie Brishman. In veteran Dale Harner gives Packers only adequate goaltending.

## INJURED PACKERS

Kelowna has some other problems. High-scoring forward Fred Fares has a broken ankle and is expected to miss four-to-six weeks.

Starlwart defenceman Les Strachan suffered a broken nose two weeks ago and is listed as a doubtful starter. He may play with the pro play-off team.

Another of Kelowna's top performers, Ron Bigler, was assessed a match penalty for cutting during the annual NOHL all-star game Saturday in Enderby. A match carries a minimum three-game suspension.

All-stars scored four unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Cougars 8-3.

Larry Keating, of Kelowna, led the All-stars with two goals. Mike Burns and Randy Merritt of Revelstoke Selkicks; Gary Hewko of Rutland Molsons; Roy Sasaki of Salmon Arm Aces; Brad Owens and Bigler of Packers added single goals.

Les Salo, Wayne Dye, and Greg Walmsley countered for Cougars. Vernon outshot the All-stars 36-33 in front of about 450 fans.