



VERNON COUGARS' forward Rod Trentini tries the short side against Kelowna goalie Dale Harder during Monday's NOHL game at the Civic Arena. Harder blocked this shot, but Packers dropped an 1-1 decision to the defending league champion.

**KENDALL'S KORNER**

**Snowarama time again**



It is amazing the amount of punishment a body can take ... and bounce back.

Less than 12 months ago, every part of my anatomy was in agony. I had just ridden a snowmobile 100 miles in aid of crippled children.

Snowarama '81 is scheduled Jan. 25. On that day, I'll climb back on a machine and make my annual trek.

For an avid snowmobiler, a 100 mile journey is a tough outing. For a once-a-year rider, it is an adventure.

Locked in my memory are the first two hours of last year's event when I somehow got off the course and found myself lost on Silver Star Mountain.

There was the time Fred's "corrier" too sharply and ended up in two feet of powder snow ... it took four men to lift the machine out and back on to the course.

My back, which is a problem at the best of times, was so sore I couldn't stand straight for three days. My arms were also in rough shape after holding on for dear life ... for 100 miles.

**HAPPY TO HELP**

Why go through all that grief again? The answer is simple ... because I want to. The crippled children need our help and I am happy to do my part.

The local Lac's Club and Vernon Snowmobile Association are to be commended for their hard work in organizing the event. But, it is the businesses and citizens of the North Okanagan who make Snowarama a success.

Anyone interested in placing a pledge on me, I guarantee I will complete the entire 100 miles.

Any pledge, no matter how big or small, will be appreciated. To place a pledge, phone 545-0671 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

It is for a great cause!



DAILY NEWS Sports Editor Don Kendall, left, accepts \$200 cheque on behalf of Snowarama '81 from Stu Marshall, centre, and Glen Lypchuk of the Vernon Rugby Club. Proceeds from the annual event go to B.C.'s crippled children. (Daily News Photo)

**Rugby team starts '81 pledge campaign**

The Snowarama '81 pledge campaign got under way Monday when the Vernon Rugby Club pledged \$2 per mile, for a total of \$200, on Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall.

Proceeds from the 100-mile snowmobile ride go to the crippled children of B.C.

Rugby club spokesman Stu Marshall said, "We are pleased to contribute to Snowarama and we challenge all other sports groups to meet our pledge."

Other pledges that have come in include: Holly Sammartino 10 cents per mile, Pat Mick 5 cents, Odie Lowe 5 cents, Walt Trentini 5

cents, Chevron (Jack Howard) 25 cents, Bernie's Refrigeration 25 cents, Grant Chase 5 cents, Butcher Boys 25 cents, Wayne Nuyns 5 cents, Red Ryan 5 cents, Al Wejr 5 cents, Barry Finimors 5 cents, D. Watson 5 cents, Tony Stamboulieh 5 cents, OK Koffee Tyne Service 10 cents, Manuel Santos 10 cents, and Dye's Family Recreation 10 cents.

Total pledged on Don Kendall to date ... \$365 per mile.

Snowarama is scheduled Jan. 25. To make a pledge, phone 545-0671 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**FIVE PLAYERS QUIT**

**Vernon junior team loses key personnel**

Up to five members of Vernon's entry in the B.C. Junior Hockey League have quit the team.

The Daily News has learned Les Creelman, Dave Fish, Roger Foulds, Mike Wiebe, and goalie Rex Silzak may play no further games with Vernon Lakers.

The mass exodus leaves Lakers with only 14 players on their roster, including Jeff Vest who will be sidelined for up to a month with a shoulder injury. Despite the loss of the key personnel, Vernon General manager Hank Aarsen said he hopes the club can complete the

1980-81 season.

"We hope to keep going," he said. "We'll make a decision sometime today or Wednesday."

Aarsen admitted the team will miss the players who quit. "As far as I'm concerned, Silzak is the best goalie in the league and we certainly can't replace him. Creelman has been our best defenceman.

"If the guys keep quitting, we've only got two choices ... either we borrow players from other teams or we're out."

Fish said as far as he is concerned, the team should fold. "We figured it would be better

for the younger players to play juvenile or midget hockey for the rest of the season. Some of them still have three or four years of junior left and they aren't going to learn anything by staying with the Lakers this season."

Fish, one of the club's top scorers, doesn't feel the team has enough players left to continue. "We went to Revelstoke last Saturday with 15 guys," he said. "We got beat 12-2 and we were lucky to be that close."



DAVE FISH ... won't play outtings. They are scheduled to play an away game, Thursday, in Merritt, against the Centenials.

**Cougars whip league leader**

Vernon Cougars scored two goals in the opening minute of the game and went on to thump Kelowna Packers 11-1 in North Okanagan Hockey League action before 280 fans Monday night at the Civic Arena.

The victory gives Cougars 28 points, two back of first-place Kelowna. Both clubs have played 18 games.

**QUICK GOALS**

Terry Lowe and Wayne Dye scored before Packers realized they were at the rink. And less than three minutes later, Dave Caldwell widened the margin to 2-1. From that point on, Packers could get no closer than a two-goal deficit.

Cougars held period leads of 4-1 and 6-2.

Love led the barrage with three goals and four assists while Caldwell scored four goals and set up two others. The third member of that line, Les Solo, collected three assists.

Dye blinked the red light twice with singles to Dave Schneider and Bob Powell.

Perry Head, with two goals, Gord Bowman, and Tim O'Donnell replied for Packers.

**PLAYERS MISSING**

Both clubs were missing key personnel. Kelowna was without Fred Parent (broken ankle), Les Strachan (broken nose), and Ron Bigler (suspended for three games).

Cougars were minus Gary Glichrist (broken heel) and Ernie Gale (broken leg).

Vernon netminder Charlie Briskman made 33 saves in

cluding 15 in the first period when Packers applied considerable pressure. Briskman received a lot of help from blocking ability. The big rearguard threw his body in front of three shots during one first period powerplay.

**RETURNS HOME**

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**Local rink wins spiel**

Wayne Laface of Vernon staged an amazing comeback to win the \$2,000 Abbotsford-Clearbrook Curling Classic.

Laface's rink won seven straight matches to rise out of the C event and capture the \$10,000 first prize. He beat Al Frame of Victoria 7-4 in Monday's final.

Frame's foursome won \$3,000. Curling with Laface were third Mark Longworth, second Ross Hadfield, and lead Barry Longworth.

It was the Vernon team's second major cashspiel win. Laface earned \$10,000 in Prince George last year.

At Abbotsford, third-place prize of \$4,000 went to Milt Sinclair of the host club, who downed Trev Fisher of New Westminster 7-4.

Glen Hilton and Wayne Smith, both of Vancouver, Ernie Hawkins of Victoria and Ed Deaura of Hanesy each won \$2,000.

Three other Vernon rinks, skipped by Jack Hecy, Dave Simpson, and Barry Ames (suspended to qualify for the playoffs).

**Bino's records victory**

Stu Fitzpatrick scored 24 points to lead Bino's Restaurant to an 88-76 win over Price and Markle in Carling O'Leary Basketball League action Monday night at the Priest Valley Gymnasium.

In another game, Coldstream Hotel edged Trophy Gallery 72-58.

Bill Pitcher also enjoyed a good night for Bino's with 20 points.

Glen Wheelhouse replied with 31 points in a losing cause for Price and Markle.

In the other game, Morris Vardabasso was the leading scorer with 25 points while Gary Crooks added 14.

Ian Houchin and Bud Rittly countered with 17 points apiece for Trophy Gallery.

Gallery led 42-31 at half-time.

**Broomball loop meets**

Molson Men's Broomball League has scheduled a meeting tonight, at 7 p.m., at the Vernon Recycling Depot.

All executive and team representatives are urged to attend.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**

**JANUARY, 1976**

Vernon Senior Secondary School Royals opened their season with a winning note Tuesday by defeating Penitence 52-40 in girls' basketball action at VSSS.

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