

Local riders win four events

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VERNON RACER Howard Cuning maintains control on a curve during motorcycle ice racing Sunday, on Swam Lake, Cuning and his Yamaha won two events. Right, first aid attendants treat a youth who was hurt when hit by one of the racers. Both the racer, Chris Reid, and the youth were taken to hospital.



(Don Weixl Photos)

Vernon riders won four of 10 events Sunday at motorcycle ice races on Swan Lake, hosted by the Vernon Motorcycle Club. Howard Cuning captured both the 125cc and open senior races. Pete Hamming won the 50cc junior class and Grant Stelnly took top honors on the 500cc expert category.

900cc FIGHTERS
 About 300 people were on hand to watch the races. An accident involving racer Chris Reid and a spectator, sent both to hospital.

Reid went off the course, on a turn, and collided with a youth from Sicomous. Reid, of Vernon, received a broken ankle and broken hand. The bystander has a broken leg and broken collarbone.

After the mishap, fans were kept away from turns and no further incidents occurred.

THE RESULTS
 The results were: Schooboy: Chuck Quington, Suzuki, Kamloops; Pierre Zeno, Yamaha, Kamloops; Doug Munnif, Suzuki, Savona.

125 Sr.: Howard Cuning, Yamaha, Vernon; Warren Todd, Honda, Kamloops; Wayne Rezunyk, Yamaha, Kamloops.

50 cc Jr.: Jim Nagel, Yamaha, Kamloops; Trevor Yuros, Yamaha, Kelowna; Frank Rockman, Yamaha, Vernon.

Enduro: Rod Heater, Kawasaki, Kamloops; Chris Jackson, Yamaha, Kamloops; Brock Seines, Kawasaki, Kamloops.

250 Sr.: Rod Heater, Can-Am, Kamloops; Tim Swaine, KTM, Kamloops; Wes McMillan, Stelnly took top honors on the 500cc expert category.

250 cc Jr.: Grant Stelnly, Suzuki, Vernon; Doug Goerz, Can-Am, Kamloops; Dean Moore, Yamaha, Kamloops.

250 Jr.: Pete Hamming, Suzuki, Vernon; Rory McKenzie, Yamaha, Kamloops; Mike McKenzie, Yamaha, Kamloops.

Open Jr.: Ron Casselman, Honda, Vancouver; Rory McKenzie, Suzuki, Kamloops; Ron Elliott, Can-Am, Ashcroft.

Open Sr.: Howard Cuning, Yamaha, Vernon; Clay Slayter, Honda, Kamloops; Mike McKenzie, Suzuki, Kamloops; Larry Beuselink, Kawasaki, Vernon.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS
 JANUARY, 1976
 Vernon Panthers recorded their second straight league victory by dumping Salmon Arm 49-40 in high school basketball action.



PENTICTON GOALIE Ian Wood uses his glove hand to block the shot during BC JHL action Sunday night at the Civic Arena. Waiting for a possible rebound is Vernon's Dean Haszari. Pentiction overcame a 4-2 deficit to beat Lakers 6-4. (Don Weixl Photo)

Pentiction rallies to defeat Lakers

Pentiction Knights battled back from a 4-2 deficit to beat Vernon Lakers 6-4 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Sunday night at the Civic Arena. Lakers, who played their best game in recent weeks, led 2-0 after the first period. The teams were deadlocked 4-4 after 40 minutes.

Marcy Gare got the winning goal for Knights early in the third period and added an insurance marker with 30 seconds remaining, into an empty net.

Lance Johnson also scored a pair for Pentiction while Randy Maxwell and Leroy Remple added singles.

Darryl Anderson, Gord Olsen, Darryl James, and Vaughn Peoples replied for Lakers in the BRIGHT SPOTS.

Despite being outshot 83-41, there were some hit-and-run goals for Vernon. Netminder Mark Brushers stopped by Cobras.

Super Gut Cobras put an abrupt halt to Ballmasters' six-game winning streak in Molson Men's Broomball League action Saturday night at the Priestley Valley Arena.

Mark Taylor scored twice to lead Cobras to a 3-1 victory. Cobras led 2-1 at half-time and added an insurance goal in the second half when Ray Ungarian deflected Taylor's shot from the point.

Tom Nolan replied with the only goal for Ballmasters.

Cobras took seven of 13 minor penalties.

In another game, Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles edged last-place Toros Hawks 2-1.

After a scoreless first-half, Bobby Johnstone put Hawks in front.

Bob Mann and Bill Kirkland laid scored for Eagles. The winners took four of six minor penalties.

Eagles and Cobras are tied for the league lead, however, Coldstream has a game-in-hand.

There is a break in the schedule until Jan. 31. Two teams, Screaming Lizards and Screaming Eagles, are entered in the annual Wenatchee Tournament next weekend.

Kowa has seen a lot of changes

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of six Minor Hockey Week features on volunteers in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

The president of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association has seen a lot of change since he first became involved with the organization more than 20 years ago.

Ernie Kowal, who started coaching in the late '50s, held his first post on the minor hockey executive as vice-president in 1973-80. Prior to that, he had been one of the prime movers in the junior hockey organization for more than a decade and he said that in his extensive experience with the sport, the more things change the more they stay the same.

"I get a thrill out of seeing the kids learn - seeing them improve from year to year," he said, "but through better organization and close affiliation with both the B.C. and Canadian Amateur Hockey Associations, the players' development is more orderly than in the early days."

One of the major areas of improvements has been in coaching.

BETTER COACHING
 Coaching clinics are now a part of every coach's season with their competency reflected in which of the five levels they have attained according to CAHA standards.

"I never realized how unknowledgeable I was until I started the clinics," he said. Kowal is now working on attaining level four.

"The improvement in coaching has naturally resulted in better hockey players."

SCIENTIFIC APPROACH
 The more scientific approach to the game as outlined to the coaches in the clinics is more to help the players enjoy hockey and not to make superstars out of the kids.

"We're not trying to make any NHL players," he said. As with almost everything, inflation has hit minor hockey and the increased costs have affected registration somewhat.

"In the early days it cost \$5 to play minor hockey," he said. "Now it's up to \$85 and it will go up substantially again next year."

ROCKETS FIVE POINTS AHEAD OF THE BUCKAROOS AT THE TOP OF THE INTRADIVISION.
 BUILD BIG LEAD
 Richmond led 5-0 at the end of the first period and 8-2 after the second in trouncing Coquitlam. Mark Dicot led the Sockeyes with three goals, while two-goal performances came from Steve Moria, Eric Catchpole and Mike Cox.

Paul Houck had three goals for Kelowna, which outshot the Knights 49-29 in Pentiction Saturday. Randy Maxwell and Dave Hardy each scored twice for the Knights.

Dave Anderson scored three goals to lead the Clippers past fifth-place Vancouver in Nanaimo.

Paul Poeschek and Dave Kirby scored two goals apiece Saturday night to pace Revelstoke over Vernon.



ERNIE KOWAL, president

Final minute costly for Elks
 Vernon Cougars scored twice in the final minute to nip Grindrod Elks 7-5 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Saturday in Endery.

The victory moves Cougars into a first-place tie with Kelowna Packers, with 32 points.

BROKE TIE
 Terry Lowe broke a 5-5 deadlock at 19:03, of the third period, when Noy added an insurance goal, at 19:46, with Grindrod goalie Ed Fostlund on the bench in favor of an extra attacker.

Box and Les Salo scored twice for Cougars while Lytle Erewer, Dave Caldwell, and Lowe added singles.

Dave Fish and George Faragher replied with two goals for Elks while Ron Haggart added a solo. Fish recently joined Grindrod after quitting the Vernon junior club.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 4-4 after 40 minutes.

44 SAVES
 Fostlund blocked 44 shots, while Charlie Briskham made 40 saves at one end.

Meanwhile, the NHL has scheduled a meeting tonight to discuss a recent BCHA ruling. Packers recently won an appeal, but the BCHA, which permits them to use three players from the defunct Revelstoke Selkirks. NHL has ruled those players must be dispersed in a draft.

Fulton third in tournament

Fulton Maroons placed third in the Rutland Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

Fulton beat KLO, of Kelowna, 60-31; lost to Okanagan Mission 60-41; and defeated McArthur Park, of Kamloops, 50-30.

Nitch Kauffman led the Fulton attack against McArthur Park with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

OK Mission won the tourney by blasting Duncan 76-25 in the final game.

Maroons are back in action Thursday, at Kalamalka School.

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