

SPORTS

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KENDALL'S KORNER

Johnstone on rampage



Who is the second highest scorer on New York Rangers... No it isn't Ulf Nilsson, Steve Vickers, or rookie sensation Mike Allison...

ODDS AND ENDS

Ghislaine Barber has a message for local hockey fans... At last Sunday's B.C.J.H.L. game, Barber was standing at the south end of the arena...

Long-time volunteer likes to see kids laugh

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



MEL MAJOR... 15 years

"This is part of their education... But, if the kids have not changed, the sport has, and as far as Major is concerned most of it has been for the better."

Junior curling revised

The Vernon Curling Club's junior league is being regrouped with games scheduled on Tuesdays only instead of the former twice weekly schedule.

In the past, teams picked randomly to include both experienced curlers and new members to the club played Tuesdays, while the curlers competed on teams of their own choice on Thursdays.

The random selection format will stay but there will be no scheduled Thursday play.

Practice time for the more serious members of the club will be made available, however.

Curling Club manager, Ron Houston, said he hopes to have eight rinks competing regularly on Tuesdays, but with the "schmooze" caused by the new format only two games were completed, last week.

Houston's sons, Darrell and Robert, squared off with Darrell taking his brother handily 8-3. Darin Lafuze beat Kent Burt 5-1 in the other game.

In another game, Lakeside Whalers nipped Lotus Gardens 6-3.

Graydon Brown, in his first appearance after serving a 10-game suspension, led the National Hotel attack with two goals and an assist.

Wally Fisher also scored twice for Raiders, including one into an empty net at 19:48, of the third period. Jeff Shirley got the other National goal.

Ross MacDougall, with two goals, and Joe Clarke replied for Sabres.

Raiders held period leads of 1-0 and 3-0.

In the other game, Bob Slater's goal with less than two minutes remaining in the third period broke a 5-5 deadlock.

Rex Sitak led the Lakeside attack with three goals while Pat Morgan and Brian Parker added solos.

An area he would like to see improved is the officiating. I'm not complaining just about the refs here," he said.

"As a matter of fact, we probably have the best officiating in the valley."

"But the officials do not seem to have enough control over the play, with the result that the games seem to drag on far too long."

"They have to keep the game moving. People do not want to sit for three hours to watch a game."

He would also like to see more parents volunteering their time.



STEVE ALLISON, of 100 Mile House, was named Most Valuable Player in the recent Lumby Flying Frenchmen Hockey Tournament.

Karen Ramsey; and \$100 from Scott Pringle, of the Lumby Hotel. Below, WVHL All-star goalie Mike Kirk was congratulated by Ramsey after being named top netminder in the tourney.



Brown leads Raiders to win

National Hotel Raiders strengthened their hold on first place in the White Valley Hockey League with an 8-0 win over Labatt's Sabres on Wednesday, at the Lumby Arena.

Rick Rysz countered with a pair of goals for Lotus while Willy Bevan, Dan Horochuk, and Terry Wetzig added one apiece.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Whalers held a 4-3 edge after 40 minutes.

WON TOURNEY

Meanwhile, Cariboo Wild Horses, from 100 Mile House, won the Lumby Flying Frenchmen Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Wild Horses edged Kamloops 5-1, in the final game, to win the \$300 first prize.

On the 'B' side, the WVHL All-stars blasted Oliver Big Horns 9-2 to win the consolation event.

Steve Allison, of Wild Horses, won \$100 and a trophy as Most Valuable Player.

Doug Bennett, of Oliver, was most sportsmanlike player and Mike Kirk, of All-stars, was named top goalie.

Eight teams competed in the two-day event.

Kamloops Red Devils built a 20-point lead and hung on to defeat Vernon Panthers 70-65 in Okanagan High School Basketball League action Wednesday, in Kamloops.

It was Vernon's first loss, after two victories. Devils have a 1-2 record in league play.

Kamloops employed a zone defence in the first-half which kept the ball outside, away from Panthers' centre Dale Olson.

ZONE HURT

Vernon Coach Jack Yamaoka told the Daily News the zone killed his club.

Four outside shooting was terrible... I think we shot 20 per cent in the first-half," he said.

In the second-half, Panthers went to a full-court press and the team's shooting improved.

They narrowed the gap to 66-63, but couldn't get any closer.

SCORED 27

Lance Page led the Vernon attack with 27 points while Olson sunk 14 and Pat Paul added 12.

Yamaoka said, "When Kamloops used a press, we handled it well. But, they got too many easy baskets on us. Every time we lost the ball, Devils

seemed to have a two-on-one break."

Panthers are idle until Jan. 29 when they play in the tough St. Thomas More Tournament, on the Coast.

ROYALS LOSE

Vernon Royals also lost a five-point decision in Kamloops. Kamloops Red Angels dumped Royals 36-31, in overtime.

After trailing 33-17 at half-time, Royals fought back to narrow the gap to 47-40, with 50 seconds remaining. The Vernon squad then collected seven unanswered points to force overtime.

However, with standards Jacque Bloomer and Lori Elliott fouled out, Royals could not keep pace with Angels in the extra period.

Bloomer led the Vernon attack with 13 points while Jan Guenther sunk 12, Elliott 10, and Gerry Haak eight.

Royals' Coach Ray Kimoto said, "I'm pleased with the way we fought back, but it is evident we need more work on defence."

The Vernon girls are entered in the Lumby Invitational tournament this weekend. Royals tackle Summerland on Friday, at 3 p.m.



LANCE PAGE... top scorer

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Eight teams in tourney

Eight teams are entered in a women's volleyball tournament Saturday at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

Four Vernon clubs will be joined by squads from Kamloops (2), Kelowna, and Golden.

TWO SECTIONS

The tourney will be divided into two sections, with a round-robin format prior to playoffs.

Play gets under way Saturday, at 9 a.m., with Kimikos meeting Golden and Vernon in the first game at Portell Construction. The other four clubs swing in action, at 10 a.m., with Kamloops 'A' facing Coldstream Hotel and a row.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1976

Sixth-placed Merritt Centenials thumped first-place Vernon Vikings 16-6 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Thursday in Merritt.

The loss marks the first time in three months the Vikings have lost three games in a row.

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