



Dennis Miller, left, and Bill Whitson, right, of Vernon, playing front end for the Frank Brewer rink, made up

part of the action Sunday, in the final qualification round for the Vernon Curling O'Keefe Cup to be held

October 23rd. The Brewer rink was one of four local rinks to qualify for thespiel (Daily News Photo)

Snow predicted for Expos, Dodgers final

MONTREAL (CP) — Temperatures were expected to rise above 4 degrees and a 30-per-cent chance of snowflakes lingered today for the decisive game in the best-of-five series between Montreal Expos and Los Angeles Dodgers for the National League pennant.

The game, scheduled to start at 1:05 P.M. EDT, was originally set for 4:05 p.m. Sunday, but was postponed following a rain delay of three hours and 25 minutes. The rain stopped minutes after the game was postponed.

A spokesman for the Public Weather Office in suburban Dorval said today the possibility of snowflakes will be highest during the game although clouds should start clearing in the late afternoon.

The wind will gust to a blustery 50 kilometres an hour throughout the day.

National League president Clab Feeney stressed Sunday that today's game will not be played in a snowstorm or freezing temperatures.

The winner of the playoff, which is tied at two games each, will meet American League pennant winner New York Yankees in New York for the World Series. The first game of the series is scheduled to start Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

However, if the final game of the Montreal-Los Angeles series is delayed until Tuesday then the World Series will start Wednesday.

If there was any consolation to the two teams in the fact that the game was delayed a day, it is that the two starting pitchers, Montreal's Ray Burris and Dodger rookie sensation Fernando Valenzuela, will have an extra day's rest.

LIONS LOSE TO BOMBERS

Rapp's job 'tenuous'

VANCOUVER (CP) — Head coach Vic Rapp of B.C. Lions admitted Saturday night that he's in a tenuous position with the Canadian Football League team.

"I'm not dead, I've got life," Rapp said following a 49-22 loss to Winnipeg Blue Bombers. "I may get fired, but I've got life."

"They can fire me as a coach, but I'm not dead. I'll be coaching somewhere next season, hopefully here."

The Lions, 8-6, have lost five of their last six games following a strong first half of the season. The second-half slide has been characteristic of Rapp's five years with the Canadian Football League team.

Rapp and general manager Bob Ackles are in the last year of their contracts with the Lions and it has been reported that Rapp has twice asked the C.F.L. management for an extension of his agreement.

The Lions have a 44-24 record under Rapp, making him the only winning coach in the 28-year history of the club.

The coaching staff's rapport with the players has been very good, Rapp said. "Last week we had what I thought were our best practices since the regular-season schedule began."

"We really felt we would win this game. We never had any other thoughts. But they made the big plays and we didn't. It's as simple as that."

"I know I'm not a quitter and neither is anyone else on this coaching staff. We'll be ready to play next week in Hamilton."

The Lions finish their season with games Oct. 25 in Hamilton against the Tiger-Cats and at home Oct. 31 against Saskatchewan Roughriders.

ANALYZED SITUATION

Rapp said he realizes that some people will think a coaching change is in order after the humiliating defeat to Winnipeg.

"There would have to be some thought after the exhibition we put on," he said. "But we've still got two games left and a chance

at a playoff berth."

"But we've got to play better and make the breaks, or we won't deserve to be there. We haven't been coming up with the clutch performances."

Rapp joined the Lions as head coach in 1977 after five years as an assistant with Edmonton Eskimos.

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Four local rinks qualify for 'spiel

By MARNI DICKSON
 Daily News Writer

Four local rinks have qualified to compete in the Vernon Curling O'Keefe Cup, which begins Friday, October 23rd.

Weekend action brought the Ron Houston rink of Vernon, the Frank Brewer rink, also of Vernon, the Herb Van Groetel rink

again of Vernon and the Dave Fucco rink of Revelstoke to the top of the list.

Ten rinks were involved in the qualification playoff. The four that made it will compete against 29 rinks from throughout Western Canada and the United States in the O'Keefe Cup.

Some of the major names that will be in Vernon for the event

include Paul Gowsell's rink from Calgary, Eddie Lockwood's rink from Calgary, Bob Elliot's rink from Astoria, B.C., Saskatchewan, Ron Northcott's rink from Calgary, Barry McFee's rink from Kamloops and Bernie Sparks and company from Vancouver.

Vernon Curling Club manager Ron Houston said this weekend's action was good because all the teams that were playing wanted to qualify, and for two reasons.

"It was recognition of their curling ability, and secondly, that our spiel is the most prestigious in Canada - it's the only curlspiel in the world," he said.

He added that along with the four qualifying teams, two other local rinks skipped by Jack Hockey and Wayne LaFave, have been invited to compete because of their "winning ways" in the past season.

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SECURE SECOND PLACE

Bucks trample Lakers

Vernon Lakers fell three points behind second place Kelowna Bucks by dropping a 9-5 decision to the Bucks in

B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena, Sunday. Vernon held period leads of 3-2 and 5-3 but could not keep up

with Kelowna in the final frame. Manager, Vern Dye said today the Lakers have to put more emphasis on positional play.

"They don't play their positions well. They run around too much," he said.

Vernon got goals from Gord Simpson and Derek Walters.

Greg Morberg scored three times for the Bucks and Ron Shuter added a pair.

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LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1976

Gary Hull scored at 5:10 of sudden-death overtime to give Vernon Vikings a 3-2 victory over Merril Centennials for their fourth win in a row and to take sole possession of third place in B.C. Junior Hockey League Interior Division.

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