SKIP WAYNE LaFACE makes his shot while team mates Barry Longworth, centre and Ross Hatfield move off to sweep during play at the Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel. LaFace lost his first game but won the next one in extra end to stay on the B side of the event.

(Daily News Photo)

Two local rinks remain undefeated at Car Spiel

Two local rinks are among eight undefeated after two rounds of the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel.

Ron Houston, of Vernon and Dave Fuoco, of Revelstoke, are both only two victories away from the qualifying round which would put them in line for a share of more than $40,000 in prizes including four new cars.

Houston beat Rob Cummings of Victoria 7-4 in the opening round and went on to upset three time Briar winner Matt Baldwin, of Edmonton, 5-2.

Fuoco edged Paul Devlin's Edmonton rink 9-8 in an extra end then shocked Paul Gowsell 8-1 in six ends.

Ron Thompson, of Vancouver, Bert Gretzinger, of Kelowna, Barry McPhee, of Kamloops, Wayne Sokolosky, of Calgary, Bob Pickering, of Milestone, Saskatchewan and Peter Sherba, of Prince George all have two wins also.

Vernon rinks of Wayne Laface, Jack Hockey, and Herb Van Grootel all split their opening rounds to drop to the B side.

LaFace was edged 6-5 by Vancouver's Glen Pierce in his first game but against 1981 Alberta champion Mel Watchorn he stole a rock in the ninth to tie the score and went on to win 9-8.

After stunning three time world champion Ron Northcott 8-2 in his first game, Hockey was handled 9-4 by Ron Thompson.

Van Grootel threaded the needle on two near perfect takeout shots to edge former Car Spiel winner George Fink 6-5 in an extra end in his first game.

The Vernon rink went down to Pickering 7-4 in the second round.

Frank Brewer's Vernon rink is facing elimination in his first game today in the triple knockout Spiel.

Brewer was beaten 9-4 by Gerry Wilson, of Edmonton, and 10-7 by Bob Ellart, of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Friday.

Play began at 9 a.m. today and continues all day with the last draw at 6:30 p.m.

The spiel continues Sunday as the 32 rink contingent is whittled down to the eight qualifiers who playoff for the cars and cash Monday.

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TEAM	GAMES P.	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Lakeside Lakers	2	2	0	0	28	6	4
Carling O'Keefe	2	2	0	0	27	8	4
RCMP	2	1	0	1	16	5	3
Toros	2	1	0	1	15	5	3
Cougars	2	1	1	0	7	11	2
A.E. LePage Flyers	2	0	2	0	6	12	0
Raiders	2	0	2	0	8	33	0
Kinsmen	2	0	2	0	8	35	0

Lakers close on second place

Vernon Lakers outshot Merritt Centennials 38-21 on their way to a 5-4 win in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena Friday.

The win boosts Vernon to within one point of second place Kelowna who lost 12-2 to top place Penticton in the other Friday game.

Vernon gets a chance to take over second place tonight when they visit the Buckaroos.

The Bucks are here Sunday at 7 p.m.

Coach Gord McBeth was happy with the team's overall performance in Friday's game.

"The whole team played really well. The forwards and defensemen were both moving the puck really well," he said.

He said the score should have been more lopsided but for the excellent Merritt goaltending.

At the Vernon end, Paul Semeniuk was a little shaky but MacBeth said part of the reason was the strong defense not letting him get warmed up properly.

"He did not get tested that much. He didn't have very much to do all night," he said.

Troy Taylor scored twice for Vernon with Paul Cloutier, Derek Waters and Ron Ford adding singles.

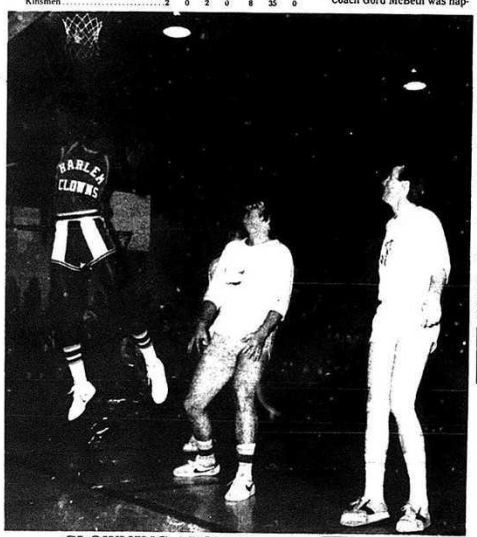
Paul Heron, Tim O'Toole, Mike LaPointe and Glen Yasunaga replied for Merritt. The score was tied 1-1 after one period and Vernon was ahead 3-2 after 40 minutes.

The win was costly in that Vernon has lost the services of two defensemen for at least this weekend.

Ray Williment suffered a charley horse and Paul Eremko is out with a cut to the head and shoulder injury following a collision with the boards.

The game was marred by an incident in the crowd behind the Merritt bench which resulted in two fans being ejected.

The section of seats behind the Centennials was cleared for the third period because of jeering and name calling from some young local fans.



CLOWNING AROUND

Pink Panther defenders Dave MacNey, centre, and Ian MacLean watch helplessly as a Harlem Clown goes for the basket during action at the Priest Valley Gymnasium Friday. More than 600 people jammed the gym to watch the skill and antics of the popular basketball team humiliate a local squad of media types.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1976

Despite playing their worst game in more than two weeks, Vernon Vikings edged Merritt Centennials 4-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena.

Third annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel got under way. At the Calcutta on Thursday night, the public made defending champion George Fink the pre-spiel favorite.

Raiders edge Labatts 5-4

National Hotel Raiders edged Labatts Sabres 5-4 in White Valley Hockey League action Wednesday.

Sabres blew a 3-2 first period lead on their way to the loss.

Raiders jumped to a 5-3 second period lead before Sabres made it close in the third.

Rex Slizak scored twice for the winners while brother Daryl, Les Salo and Butch Draper added singles.

Brian Hunt had two assists.

Steve White had a pair for the Sabres. John Kuly and Rick Hawkins each scored once.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball action

In major women's volleyball action, Wednesday, Kashiki Gardening beat Four Seasons Cement and Postill's Diggers 2-0, tied Vernon Interior Printers 1-1 and beat Kimiko's 2-0. VIP also tied Coldstream Hotel 1-1.

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE B VOLLEYBALL

In women's intermediate B volleyball action, Wednesday, Ramblers beat Those Girls, 15-4, 15-11, 15-8, 14-16. The Sidewinders swept Technics 18-16, 15-13, 15-4, 15-7 and Swinging Sizzlers split their match with Jokers winning 15-8, 15-8 but losing 15-11, 15-5. Ball Bangers beat Sweet Hearts four games to none as did All Jam No Ham over Masonry Mothers. Downtown Realty beat Net Benders three games to one. Kal Tire beat Pink Panthers 3-1 and Kaptain Kal's Gals handled Sunshine Girls by a similar score. Koalas beat Valley Dolls 3-1.

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE A VOLLEYBALL

In Women's intermediate A volleyball action Wednesday, Golden Crown tied Taylor Services at two games apiece, Thrifty's beat Sight'n Sound 3-1, and Scotty's Lil Softies tied Cidel Movers 2-2. Superstars swept Pizza Patio 4-0, Colts beat Gilbey's Girls 3-1 and H and L Glass downed Al's Butter Gals 3-1.

WOMEN'S BROOMBALL REGISTRATION

Teams interested in playing women's broomball this season can register Monday from noon until 2 p.m. at the main lobby of the Recreation Centre. Individuals who wish to play may also leave their names and a team will be found for them. Registration fee is $50 per team. For further information phone Debbie Sigalet-Pitman at 545-8736.

WINS HANDICAP

NEW YORK (AP) — Peat Moss took the $110,400 Kelso Handicap for the second straight year with a three-length triumph over Field Cat at Aqueduct on Friday. Jockey Frank Lovato Jr. guided Peat Moss, who was carrying top weight of 126 pounds and spotting eight to 16 pounds to seven rivals, over two miles in 3:20 4-5, almost four seconds faster than his winning time last year. The six-year-old gelding, favored by a crowd of 11,036, returned $5.40, $3.20 and $2.60.

CANADIANS MISS OUT

MUNICH, West Germany (CP) — Canada just missed advancing to the final of the world rhythmic gymnastics competition as East European countries dominated. Canada placed ninth of the 21 countries competing. The Italians qualified in eighth place with 36.4 points, while the Canadians — Adrianne Dunnett, 19, Susan Himel, 17, Lynda Thompson, 19, Sandra Cusack, 17, Kathi Hill, 18, Carol Swanson, 19, all of Toronto, Lauren Brett, 18, of Winnipeg and Barabara Milligan, 17, of St. Catharines, Ont. — scored 35.95 points.

TAFT WRIGHT DEAD

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Taft Wright, who compiled a .311 lifetime batting average during his nine-year major league baseball career in the 1940s, is dead at age 70. The outfielder who played most of his career with Chicago White Sox, died Thursday in Orlando.

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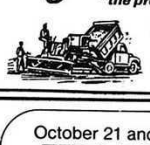

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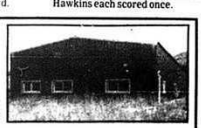

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