BERNIE SPARKES, centre left, and third Jim Armstrong, discuss Sparkes' final shot in championship round play at the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel, Monday. The brainstorming didn't help as Bert Gretzinger, in right photo, with his lead Ron Stein and second Rob Koffski stole singles in the ninth, 10th and 11th ends to win the cars. (Daily News Photos)

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1976

Vernon Vikings stretched their winning streak without a coach to three games with a 5-4 decision over Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Tuesday in Merritt.

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DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

(TO OCT. 25)

INTERMEDIATE "A" WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (SILVER)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Thriftys	12	11	1	0	11
Superstars	12	11	1	0	11
Taylor Service	12	6	6	0	6
Al's Gutter Gals	12	6	6	0	6
Cube Movers	12	2	10	0	2
Gilbey's Girls	12	1	11	0	1

INTERMEDIATE "A" WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (GOLD)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
H and L Glass	12	10	2	0	10
The Colts	12	7	5	0	7
Golden Crown	12	6	6	0	6
Sight 'N Sound	12	5	7	0	5
Pizza Patio	12	5	7	0	5
Scottys Lil Softies	12	2	10	0	2

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (BEAIRISTO)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kaptain Kat's Gals	12	10	2	0	10
Koala's	12	9	3	0	9
Sunshine Girls	12	6	6	0	6
Volley Dolls	12	5	7	0	5
Kal Tire	12	3	9	0	3
Pink Panthers	12	3	9	0	3

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (OK LANDING)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Downtown Realty	12	11	1	0	11
Ball Bangers	12	10	2	0	10
The Net Benders	12	7	5	0	7
All Jam No Ham	12	5	7	0	5
Sweet Hearts	12	3	9	0	3
Masonry Mothers	12	0	12	0	0

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (KALAMALKA)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Sidewinders	12	11	1	0	11
Swinging Sizzlers	12	6	6	0	6
Jokers	12	6	6	0	6
Ramblers	12	5	7	0	5
Technics	12	5	7	0	5
Those Girls	12	4	8	0	4

MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Armstrong Skyblockers	24	21	3	0	21
Dynamo	24	15	9	0	15
Golden Crown	24	12	12	0	12
National Hotel	24	11	13	0	11
Lagers	24	1	23	0	1

MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Teshiki Gardening	26	19	7	0	19
Four Seasons Cement	28	16	12	0	16
Kimiko's Hair Fashions	26	13	13	0	13
Vernon Interior Printing	26	12	14	0	12
Coldstream Motor Hotel	26	11	15	0	11
Postill Diggers	28	9	19	0	9

HONEYMOONERS (MONDAY)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon Optical Spectacles	18	16	2	0	16
Ducks	18	13	5	0	13
Island Kenworth	18	12	6	0	12
Eight 'n Enough	18	9	9	0	9
Bar Association	18	7	11	0	7
High Rollers	18	5	13	0	5
The Darts	18	5	13	0	5
Spectacular Spikers	18	5	13	0	5

HONEYMOONERS (SUNDAY)

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Valley Volleys	9	8	1	0	8
Gordies Mini Motors	9	7	2	0	7
Old Stylers	9	7	2	0	7
Counteraction	9	6	3	0	6
Sunday Smashers	9	5	4	0	5
Dirty Diesels	9	5	4	0	5
Odd Couples	9	5	4	0	5
No Names	9	4	5	0	4
East Hillers	9	3	6	0	3
Heads Up	9	3	6	0	3
Sunday Sneakers	9	1	8	0	1
The Team	9	0	9	0	0

GREAT COMEBACK

Gretzinger foursome drives home the cars

By RUSS NILES
Daily News Writer

Bert Gretzinger, of Kelowna, stole points in the seventh, ninth, 10th, and 11th ends to edge Bernie Sparkes, of Vancouver, 7-6 in the final game of the eighth annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel, Monday.

Gretzinger's rink drove home in four new automobiles, valued at $24,000.

Gretzinger, a former teammate of Sparkes, trailed 6-3 in the sixth end, but stole one in the seventh to start his comeback.

The teams blanked the eighth end and Gretzinger said that is when Sparkes started to come apart.

Sparkes went into the ninth with last rock, but missed an open takeout to give the Kelowna foursome a single point.

Then in the 10th, Gretzinger almost won the game. He was lying three when Sparkes hit a guard on his final draw shot. However, Sparkes rolled in, leaving Gretzinger with one.

In the 11th, Sparkes again clipped a guard on his final shot.

Gretzinger felt he was lucky to win.

"Maybe once in 25 games can anyone come back like that against a guy like Sparkes," Gretzinger said, "but they made enough mistakes and we were able to capitalize on them."

The Kelowna skip was particularly pleased with the win because he has a new rink this season. "It was the first bonspiel we have played in together," he said.

Sparkes took home $6,000 as runner-up.

In the consolation final, Langley's Gary Sigurdson defeated Jack Doerr, of Weyburn, Sask., 5-3.

Sigurdson earned $3,600 while Doerr picked up $2,400.

In quarter-final action earlier Monday, Sparkes eliminated Gerry Wilson, of Edmonton; Sigurdson knocked out Ron Thompson, of Vancouver; Doerr beat Barry McPhee, of Kamloops; and Gretzinger downed Dave Fucco, of Revelstoke.

Each of the four rinks eliminated in quarter-final play received $1,600.

Final two local teams were knocked out of contention in Sunday's final draw.

Wayne Laface was edged by Mel Watchorn, of Fairview, Alta., 7-6; and Sparkes doubled Ron Houston 6-3.

Thirty-two rinks were entered in four-day event.

New winger provides size and experience

Vernon Lakers have a new player on their roster and neither the fans nor opposition are likely to miss him.

Seventeen-year-old Gary Stihling was assigned to Lakers this week by their Western Hockey League affiliate, Kamloops Oilers. Stihling is 6'5" tall and weighs more than 200 pounds.

The big left winger played 22 games with Calgary Wranglers during the 1980-81 season before breaking a shoulder. He was traded to Oilers in the off-season and re-injured his shoulder during training camp.

AN ASSET

Lakers' Coach Gord MacBeth feels Stihling could be a real asset to his club. "He has size and experience and I've been told he can play hockey," MacBeth said. "Because of his shoulder, he hasn't been on the ice much this year, but I hope to use him this weekend."

Lakers travel to Revelstoke, Saturday, then host Kelowna Buckaroos next Monday night. Second-place Bucks lead Vernon (6-8) by just one point.

FOUR INJURED

Meanwhile, Lakers injury list continues to grow. Forward Ron Ford suffered a separated shoulder in Saturday's 7-5 loss to Kelowna Buckaroos. He will be sidelined two-to-three weeks.

Defenceman Bob Morden is expected to be out of action another three weeks with a broken jaw. Rearguard Ray Williment, who is hobbled by a charleyhorse, and forward Brian Eremko, who is recovering from a shoulder injury, are considered doubtful starters for Saturday.

MacBeth said, "We'd be in real trouble if we hadn't received some help from Kamloops. (Defenceman Paul) Cloutier has been a standout since he arrive and I think Stihling will help us. We might have one or two more new faces before the end of the week."

PIN POINTS

OCTOBER 16
FRIDAY IOP

Women's High Single: Florence Kenney, 297; High Triple: Florence Kenney, 665; High Average: Carol Morneau, 189.

Men's High Single: Mike Bobryk, 370; High Triple: Nashir Kassam, 648; High Average: Nashir Kassam, 203.

Team High Single: Lucky Strikes, +141; High Triple: Lucky Strikes, +207.

TEAM STANDINGS

Alley Cats	1804
Ice Breakers	155
Guzzlers	148
Quadra	147

Sabres suffer setback

Mountain Meadow Mustangs trounced Labatts Sabres 6-1 in White Valley Hockey League action, Saturday, at Lumby Arena.

Mustangs led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-1 after 40 minutes.

Jim Sparrow, Jed Sparrow, Darryl Inquist, Pat Morgan, Al Winther, and Frank Alexis scored for Mustangs.

Guy Davison replied with the lone goal for Labatts.

Mountain Meadow took seven of 10 minor penalties.

League play resumes with a doubleheader Wednesday, in Lumby. At 7 p.m. Mustangs meet Flying Frenchmen; and at 9 p.m., National Hotel Raiders tangle with Sabres.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Royals win Oliver tourney

Vernon Royals placed first in a five-team senior girls' volleyball tournament last weekend in Oliver. Royals won 1 2 consecutive games, including 15-4 and 15-8 victories over Oliver in the championship match. No team managed to score more than seven points against the local squad. Vernon travels to Kamloops for a set of league games today. Next weekend, Royals are entered in a tournament, at Penticton.

TEAM HONORED

An Appreciation Night to honor Enderby Legionnaires Baseball Team has been scheduled Nov. 7 at the Fortune's Landing Motor Inn. Legionnaires recently captured the Western Canada Senior 'B' Championship. Previously, Enderby had hosted and won the provincial title. Tickets for the celebration are now on sale at Fergie's Confectionary.

WINS MEET

Vernon Senior Secondary School cross-country team captured top spot at a meet last weekend in Kelowna. Top VSSS female runner was Roxy Prevost, who placed second. Bill Bishop finished second in the boys' event. VSSS will host a meet Wednesday, with the valley finals scheduled next Tuesday in Penticton.

HOOP PLAYOFFS

Thompson-Okanagan Zone basketball playoffs, for the 1982 B.C. Winter Games, have been tentatively scheduled Jan. 9. Any women's (30 years and over) and men's (35 years and over) teams interested in competing are asked to phone Doreen Gray at 764-8394. The Winter Games will be held March 5-7, in Trail.

SKIERS MEET

North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club will hold its monthly meeting tonight, at 7:30 p.m., in the Centennial Arts Centre. A film, of interest to all Nordic skiers, will be shown.

GAMES RESCHEDULED

Several volleyball games at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School have been rescheduled due to prior gymnasium commitments. Intermediate B Women's League games will be played Wednesday, not tonight, as previously indicated. Games scheduled Nov. 18 will be played Nov. 19. Honeymooners' League games slated for Nov. 16 have been moved to Nov. 26.

STEWART REJECTS OFFER

LONDON (AFP) — Jackie Stewart of Scotland, former world champion auto racer, has turned down $6.5 million to return to Grand Prix racing, it was announced Monday.

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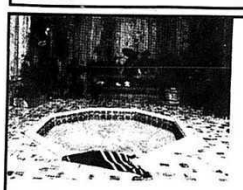

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