



VERN DYE and Roly Sammartino renewed old acquaintances with several Vernon junior graduates during the Cougars' Tournament last weekend. From left are: Ken Price, Dye, Bob Marsh (kneeling), Jim Marsh, Dick Marsh (kneeling), Sammartino, Gary Gassoff, and Rod Dyck. (Daily News Photo)

KENDALL'S KORNER

A trip down memory lane

It was like a trip down memory lane last weekend when Vernon Cougars hosted their third annual hockey tournament. Cougars were eliminated after two consecutive losses, but there were plenty of familiar faces on the ice during Sunday's championship game, between the Vernon Cougars and the Kelowna Rockets. The Cougars were led by Vernon's star player, Roly Sammartino, who won the tournament scoring title, spent parts of two seasons with the Vernon junior team, then called the Vikings. The Cougars were led by Vernon's star player, Roly Sammartino, who won the tournament scoring title, spent parts of two seasons with the Vernon junior team, then called the Vikings. The Cougars were led by Vernon's star player, Roly Sammartino, who won the tournament scoring title, spent parts of two seasons with the Vernon junior team, then called the Vikings.

Vikings after being sent here by Medicine Hat. Gassoff had the guts and attitude, but didn't have the skating ability or size of his three brothers who made it to the pro ranks. Ken Price spent two seasons in Vernon, 1972-74. In his final year, he led the club in scoring. Rod Dyck, a slick centre, collected 72 points in the 1973-74 season with Vikings. He left Vernon the following year, during training camp, after a disagreement with Coach Joe Tremblay. Jim Marsh, who was a standout on the Cougars' defence during the tournament, was an all-star with Vernon Essos in 1969-70 when they won the B.C. championship. Marsh then joined Nelson Maple Leafs and later spent five seasons in the minor pro ranks. Kangaroo: Coach Dick Marsh played defence for the Vernon junior club, in those days called the Blades, from 1967-69. Bob Marsh, a member of the Essos when they won the B.C. title in 1972, watched the tournament from the stands. An illness ended his hockey career prematurely.

A THRILL
Watching and talking to the Vernon alumni was particularly enjoyable for Vern Dye and Roly Sammartino. Dye was manager and Sammartino, trainer, of the local junior club for more than a decade. "It was a real thrill for me," Roly said. "They were, and are, a great bunch of guys. I'll take this memory with me to my grave." I'm sure watching the Kangaroos brought back fond memories for a lot of devoted hockey fans. And for new fans, they were treated to some great hockey by the Vernon alumni and the local club.

Silver Star Ski Area opens for 81-82 season

Silver Star Ski Area opened today, on a limited basis. The sweetie, mid-week, and Yellow Chair are now open daily, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan said he hopes the ski area will be fully operational by this weekend. "We're ready to go," Duggan said, "as soon as we get the snow, the rest of the lifts will start operating." There are up to 60 centimetres on parts of the mountain. Another 10-20 centimetres are needed for full operation. Meanwhile, the area's night skiing project is proceeding on schedule. The poles have been erected and lights are scheduled to arrive within a week. Night skiing will be offered from Tuesday to Saturday, starting in mid-December, according to Duggan. The Green Chair and Poma runs will be illuminated. Season ticket holders will be able to take advantage of the night program by paying a supplementary fee.

TO FIVE GAMES

Athletics stretch streak

Sun Valley Athletics extended their winning streak to five games with an 8-5 win over National Hotel in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action Monday, at Priest Valley Gymnasium.

and Kelly Olson, with 12, handled most of the offence for Trophy Gallery. Jack Robinson and Rick Wilson were the only Contractors to hit double figures with 13 and 12 points respectively. Express held a 43-39 edge before the Gallery exploded for 12 consecutive points. League play resumes with three games Monday.

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SCORED 29
Hotelmen held league scoring leader Rene Dolcetti to four points. However, while they were stopping the 6'7" centre, forward Morris Vardabasso scored 29 for Athletics. Bob Shannon added 12 points for Sun Valley while Harry Adam dropped in 11.

Bob Martindale was the offensive leader for National Hotel with 29 points, including 15-19 from the foul line. Dave Charlton dropped in 22 points for Hotelmen.

National, which had only five players dressed, trailed 40-39 at half-time and stayed within 10 points of Athletics until the dying minutes.

Armstrong, which trails Sun Valley by two points, reeled off five consecutive baskets one in the first-half to break open a close game.

Su Fitzpatrick was top sniper for Armstrong with 22 points while Adrian Lemaire swished 20 and Tony Wolcott added 12. John Henson was the big gun for Wheelhouse Drywall with 26 points while Eric Parker collected 22.

SEE-SAW
At VSSS, the lead changed hands 12 times before Trophy Gallery emerged victorious over Express Construction.

Clint Kanester, with 18 points, led the Express team.

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ARMSTRONG centre Mike McKay, right, goes high in the air to block a shot by Ron Woods, of Wheelhouse Drywall, during Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action Monday, at Priest Valley Gymnasium. McKay scored 17 points to lead Armstrong to a 106-78 victory.

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SPORTS
Editor - DON KENDALL

Twosome tourney at Lincoln Lanes

The Family Twosome Bowling Tournament got under way last weekend at Lincoln Lanes. Father and son winners were: jet, Mike Butcher and winner, plus 102; bantam, Richard Orton and John, plus 102; Eddy Huber and Ed, plus 117; senior, Cam Beach and Bob, plus 138; Mother and daughter winners were: jet, Janet Milton and Elsie, plus 83; bantam, Erin Milliken and Ariene, plus 108; junior, Cathy Shippy and Gladys, plus 91; senior, A.L. Irving and Pat, plus 172. Second-half of the tourney will be held next weekend.

INMATION
Tom Reed, of Vernon, was among 1,800 runners who competed in the recent Seattle Marathon. Tom Howard, of Vancouver, won the race in two hours, 19 minutes. Howard has won the Vernon Winter Carnival five-mile race, twice.

TWO GAMES
Two games are scheduled in White Valley Hockey League action Wednesday, at the Lumby Arena. At 7 p.m., Mountain Meadows Mustangs face Lumbly Gardens and at 9 p.m., National Hotel Raiders meet Labatt's Sabres.

SWEETSTAKES BEGIN
ATLANTA (AP) - The Reggie Jackson sweepstakes begins in earnest this week when Mr. October, one of baseball's most contract free agents, opens contract talks with at least four clubs. Jackson, who earned his

One division in rugby loop

Okanagan-Mainline Rugby Union will scrap its two division format prior to the 1982 season. At a recent meeting, the league voted to have one division next season, with six or seven teams.

GOOD CLUB
Vernon Rugby Club President Stu Marshall told the Daily News the move makes sense. "With the exception of the Kamloops first team, the clubs are all fairly even," he said. "There is no reason for the two divisions."

WITHDRAWALS
The Kamloops first team has withdrawn from the Okanagan-Mainline Union and will apply to compete in the tougher Fraser Valley League.

Marshall said, "Kamloops is just too strong for this league. There is no team in the Okanagan that can come close to Kamloops."

WINS GIANT SLOM
LIVIGNO, Italy (AP) - Paul Frommelt of Liechtenstein clocked the fastest times in both heats Monday to win the first international giant slalom ski race of the season. Frommelt had a combined time of one minute, 39.26 seconds to edge Bojan Krizaj of Yugoslavia, 1:39.49, and Petar Popangelov of Bulgaria, 1:39.90.

BEGINS FRIDAY
VAL D'ISERE, France (Reuters) - World Cup ski race organizers said Monday the 1980-81 season now will begin with a women's giant slalom Friday, after weekend storms brought snow to this French alpine village. Bare slopes last week forced the organizers to postpone the women's downhill, which was scheduled to start the season Wednesday.

WINS TITLE
JOHANNESBURG (AP) - The United States, best her 15-year-old country, Kathy Paldi, 74, 6-4 Monday to win the women's title in the Sigma Open tennis tournament. Horvath was the tournament's No. 3 seed and Rinaldi No. 4.

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LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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Three teams were undefeated after the opening day of play in the 28th annual provincial high school boys' volleyball championships in Prince George. Top ranked Prince George Polars, second-ranked Vernon Panthers and surprise Vanier High of Courtenay went undefeated.

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