

Armitage and Lakers ready to end drought

Winger Jeff Armitage came as a bonus this season when Vernon Lakers signed Gord MacBeth to coach the club. Armitage, who played with Revelstoke last year, currently leads Lakers in scoring with 24 points in 23 games. "I wasn't happy last year in Revelstoke," Armitage said. "When I heard Gord was going to coach Lakers, I wanted to come to Vernon."

Armitage played for MacBeth in 1978-80, with Kelowna midgets. That club finished third in B.C. Armitage combines with centre Dean Hascari and right winger Richie Odomie to give Lakers their most experienced line. Between them, they have eight seasons in the BCHL. Armitage's line, like the rest of the club, hasn't been playing up to par in recent games as a three-game losing streak.

"I think our biggest problem is defence," Armitage said. "We're having trouble moving the puck out of our end."

But, the 18-year-old winger feels there are several other contributing factors to the slump. "We haven't been scoring, our powerplay has been ineffective, and we have to improve team spirit," he said. "Team spirit is important. We have to get up for games."

IN PENTICTON
Lakers have two opportunities to get back on track this weekend. On Friday, Vernon visits first-place Penticton Knights, then Sunday, the Rockets are in town.

Vernon is winless in six outings against Knights this season. However, Armitage feels that drought may end Friday. "We've been psyched out against Penticton... thinking we couldn't beat them. The other teams have been giving Knights trouble in the past couple weeks. Revelstoke has beat them twice and I think we're due."

Armitage, runaway leader in the interior division, lost his lead in Saturday's start Tuesday night, dropping a 3-2 decision to Kelowna Buckaroos.



JEFF ARMITAGE
...top scorer

The win, Kelowna's first over Knights, gave second-place Buckaroos 35 points, seven behind Penticton. Lakers and

Rockets are tied for third-place with 16 points.

In the only other game Tuesday, Vancouver Blue Hawks scored three power-play goals and held on late in the final period for a 3-2 win over Richmond Sockeyes.

In Kelowna, Greg Moberg scored what proved to be the winning goal at 2:27 of the final period.

Ken Filby, with two goals, Tom Martin and Rene Comand also scored for the winners. League scoring leader Ray Ferraro and Barry Huber each scored twice for Penticton.

In Richmond, the Blue Hawks got first period goals from Brian Mueller and Earl Graham and carried a 3-0 lead into the final period after Dwight Mathiasen's eventual game-winner mid-way through the second frame.

Goalie Peter Saunders, who had an exceptional game blocking 50 shots, held the Sockeyes scoreless until 7:11 of the third period when Mike Marsetta scored on a rebound. Steve Moria scored the second Richmond goal with 36 seconds remaining.

Kal School to host novice wrestling meet

Kalamalka Junior Secondary School will host an Okanagan novice wrestling meet Saturday. Weigh-in is at 5:30 a.m., with bouts expected to run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More than 100 wrestlers, from about 15 valley schools, will compete. Former and current valley champions are not eligible to wrestle in a novice meet.

Meet Director Bruce Ritchie, of Kalamalka, told the Daily News there are some good Vernon prospects.

"Several of our local wrestlers are ineligible because they have won Okanagan titles," Ritchie said.

Among the Vernon wrestlers expected to be in contention at this weekend's event are: Les Brown, Barry Dennis, and Dwayne Lecluc, of VSSS; Kevin Banks and Drew Perry, of KAL.



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HORSE TALK

With the end of another year approaching, one of the least exciting aspects of being a horse owner pushes its way into our consciousness: memberships are due in the multitude of associations, clubs, associations and societies that revolve around horses. I am not alone when I admit to a feeling of being bogged down by them.

Some will say, "But I don't want to join anything. I just want to ride along that trail on nice days, or just watch that foal grow and play in my pasture." Yes, it would seem that casual horse owners should be able to enjoy this sort of recreation without supporting any body of similarly minded individuals.

HARD FACTS
However, the hard facts remain. You may discover one day that your trail is no longer there. It may have been included in a new subdivision, become a logging site or a mining or industrial operation from which you and your horse are banned. From some level of government, may come a sudden assessment of a tax or levy on that foot which will make it out of the question for you to keep it.

If you happen to be on the other end of the scale and are aiming to make horses your livelihood, or are striving toward world class competition, the costs, restrictions, and red tape imposed by government or equestrian organizations may seriously hinder progress toward your goals. Even a horse owner enjoying a local show or gymkhana may sometimes find a lawsuit looming over him because of some incident and may be at a loss for the protection of insurance.

Any of these horse owners are "One against the world," without the strength offered by organizations. British Columbia has lagged behind other areas in providing an umbrella for the horse industry. But, now the B.C. Horse Council is in its third year of operation. Although it is still suffering growing pains, it is well on its way to becoming the coordinating factor for all of the province's equine activities.

ALIASION
The horse council is designed as a liaison between government and the horse owner. The provincial and federal governments will not deal with separate clubs or associations but for a very small fee (7 individual or \$25 club or organization), all the strength of great numbers plus the resources of a complete provincial body are available to even the casual horse owner.

For horse council purposes, the province is divided into 12 regions. Region 4 (Okanagan) includes the area from this side of Kamloops to Revelstoke and south to Osoyoos and Princeton. We have two directors here in Vernon. Either B. J. White or Larry Anderson can answer your questions, help with applications, or represent you or your club to the council, or to government. The official voice of horse council is the newsletter, Hoot Beats, now available at local tack, feed, and farm stores. Full reports on all the council activities can be read in this magazine.

DIRECTIONS
The directorships within horse council cover (1) Breeds, (2) Recreation, (3) Olympic Disciplines, (4) Competitions, (5) Director at Large, and (6) Horse Insurance.

The benefits that are provided to you, the horse owner, cover most facets of this industry. Trails are being registered, marked, and preserved for riding; clinics are provided, instructors wages and travelling, coaches are being trained to help others; a resource centre to supply books, films and tapes, is in the works; inexpensive insurance is provided to members; and grants are administered to clubs and individuals with specific needs.

Horse council can use its strength in lobbying government or settling disputes for you. Speakers are available to talk to your club about horse council and your advertising, newsletters, and prize lists can be published through Hoot Beats at savings. Even rule changes or fee reductions can be effected with other structured bodies such as the Equestrian Federation of B.C. or its parent organization, the Canadian Equestrian Federation.

Finally, the Provincial Department of Agriculture is being approached with the objective of having the horse industry recognized under the agriculture branch and promoted in a similar manner as it is in Alberta's Horse Improvement Program.

With all this going for you, perhaps this year you should consider getting your membership in to the B.C. Horse Council, even if you join nothing else.

Soccer teams may amalgamate
Vernon will probably have only one team in the Okanagan Soccer League during the 1982 season.

Coldstream Hotel spokesman told the Daily News that representatives of his club are meeting with Vernon Village Green United personnel to discuss an amalgamation.

"We've already met twice and were getting together again Thursday," Mann said. To be competitive with Kelowna and Kamloops, we have to field one, strong team."

United and Coldstream placed one-two in the league's weak second division last season. The five teams in first division, from Kelowna (3) and Kamloops (2), were stronger than any of the clubs in second division.

Mann said, "The guys who want to dedicate themselves to competitive soccer and travelling can play in the valley leagues. Everyone else can play in the Vernon City League."

The Okanagan League has scheduled a meeting Dec. 7 to discuss realignment to one division, with seven or eight teams. At least one of Osoyoos' two



GAMES OFFICE OPENS
Vernon's British Columbia Summer Games headquarters officially opened Tuesday. Judge Howard Hamilton of Kelowna, one of the initiators of the B.C. Games, passed the gavel to Vernon Games Chairman Harold McDonald, right. The office is located in the old Smith House, at 1705 - 32nd Avenue. Vernon Will host the 1982 Summer Games from Aug. 27-30. (Daily News Photo)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Moonshiners win tourney
Vernon Moonshiners won the 'A' event in the Armstrong Oldtimers Hockey Tournament last weekend. Moonshiners travelled to the Canal Flats Tournament, near Fairmont Hot Springs. Vernon lost in the 'B' final, to the host club, Canal Flats.

SKI FILMS
Vernon Ski Club is presenting a Family Film Night, Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Powerhouse Theatre. The three films feature: The World Cup final, Canada's downhill racing team, and Dick Barrymore's latest powder presentation. Advance tickets are available at B.C. Sports World and Bagatelle.

SUSPENSIONS
Two Hawks have been suspended for their participation in a fight during a Carling O'Keefe Broomball League game last Saturday. Bob Johnson will miss two games and goalie Mary Markel will sit out one game. Hawks are already without Ken Johnstone who was suspended for two games. Balbrushers won the game 4-1 in another game Saturday. Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles blasted Maiders.

MANAGER CONVICTED
TOMMY (TOM) — Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver was convicted Tuesday by a Baltimore county district court judge of driving while intoxicated. Judge Gerard Witzladd delayed sentencing for the 51-year-old manager of the American League baseball club.

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