

KENDALL'S KORNER

Swimmer and ball team highlight '81

The North Okanagan is home for more than 200 slawpich, 200 hockey, 100 volleyball, and 100 soccer teams.

In an area where sports play such an important role, it is difficult to honor only a few participants. However, we'll do our best to take a look back at some of the highlights of 1981.

A young swimmer burst in the spotlight this year when he broke his second Canadian record.

Steven Van Der Meulen, who turned 13 Monday, recently broke the national record in the 50 metre freestyle event, for boys 12 and under. He already owns the Canadian mark in the boys' 10 and under, 50m butterfly.

In the past 12 months, he has won six aggregates at various meets. Vernon Kookanes' Coach Tom Bryce calls Van Der Meulen, "Probably the top prospect I have ever had."

For his outstanding achievements, Van Der Meulen is our choice as the North Okanagan's Athlete of the Year.

In the International Year of the Disabled, Laurie Reeves gained recognition for Vernon handicapped athletes by capturing four medals at the B.C. Summer Games.

On the basketball court, Vernon native Fay Zarchy toured with the Canadian junior women's team and ranked 1st at Eastern Washington University. Another VSSS graduate, Wilf Haak, won his second season at Trinity College, in Aldergrove.

Dale Evans, a tremendous all-around athlete, is ranked as one of the top high school swimmers in the province after gaining a berth on the Okanagan all-star team last season, as a grade 11.

In the professional hockey ranks, Vernon's Eddie Johnston, who scored on New York Rangers in scoring during the 1980-81 campaign. He was also the only Ranger to play in the National Hockey League all-star game.

Two Olympic-calibre athletes, swimmer Bruce Berger and skier Dave Irvin,



STEVEN VAN DER MEULEN ... top athlete

had their problems. Berger, a former member of the Kookanes, left Canada to swim for the University of California, at Berkeley. However, an arm injury, diagnosed as tendinitis, curtailed his activities. Upon re-

examination in Vancouver, it was discovered he has a pinched nerve and is scheduled to undergo surgery this week at the University of B.C.

He hopes to be ready for the Summer National Championships and Commonwealth Games, next October, in Australia.

WORLD CUP
Irvin's performance on the World Cup tour has been hampered by a series of injuries. However, he is still ranked among the top five downhill racers in Canada.

Rick Mercer, in only his third year of flying, captured the Canadian Hang Gliding title at a meet, in Lumby, last summer.

NAMED MVP
Other notable performances were turned in by Sharon Weitzel, most valuable player by Vernon

Royals in the B.C. High School Volleyball Championships. Paul Harplick, the B.C. juvenile boys' water skiing champion, Terry Lowe, who captured his second consecutive North Okanagan Hockey League scoring title, Aaron Tuhman, awarded a volleyball scholarship to the University of Victoria, and Reimer, a member of Canada's juvenile baseball team, and national women's barrel racing champion Sheila Haggar, of Winfield.

TOP TEAM
Top team of 1981 is the Enderby Legionnaires.

Legionnaires, a team without a league, played exhibition games and tournaments to qualify for the provincial finals, in the B.C. championships, Enderby blasted Nanaimo 19-3 in the final game.

Then, at the Western Canada Tournament, Legionnaires earned the title with a 7-6 win over Alberta.

B.C. CHAMPS
Another team deserving recognition is the Vernon Royals volleyball club.



CARL FLATEN ... dedicated sportsman

Royals became the first Vernon high school team to earn a provincial title, since 1975, when Panthers captured the boys' volleyball trophy. Royals recorded a 19-2 record at the B.C. meet, in Surrey.

Vernon Cougars won their fourth consecutive NOHL title before being defeated in the Coy Cup provincial playoffs by Victoria.

Vernon Panthers qualified for the B.C. High School Basketball Championships, but for the second straight year, lost both games at the tourney.

Wayne Laface's rink earned top prize money at the Abbotsford Cash Spiel and was in contention for several other major bonspiels throughout Western Canada.

For the individuals and teams to be successful, it takes people behind the scenes, usually referred to as sportsmen.

SPORTSMAN
Sportsman of the Year is Carl Flaten.

Flaten has donated thousands of hours to minor sports, in particular hockey and lacrosse, in Vernon.

Carl was a member of the Dairyland Bantam Hockey Tournament last winter and was a winner in many leagues in various capacities, including coach and division manager.

After two years as a division manager, Flaten took over as president of Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association in 1981.

Ernie Kowal, Rennie Holland, Tom Bryce, Joyce Kitzmann, Don Lee, Mel Major, Steve Mitchell, and hundreds of others deserve thanks for their assistance to minor sports.

TOP EVENT
Top event of 1981 was the Canadian Hang Gliding Championships, hosted by the Lumby Air Force. The 10-day meet last summer attracted 40 of this country's top pilots.

Other events worth remembering include the oldtimers' hockey game last winter between Vernon Canadians and Toronto Maple Leafs; the annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament; the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel; third annual Cougars' Hockey Tournament; and the oldtimers' tournament last August, hosted by Vernon Moonshiners.

Happy New Year!

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sports

Editor—DON KENDALL

Largest crowd at Silver Star

Silver Star Ski Area attracted its biggest crowd of the season Monday.

Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan said 3,917 skiers were on the mountain, about 1,000 more than the previous high which was recorded Sunday.

Duggan said, "It looks like this will be one of our best Christmas seasons. The size of the crowds has been encouraging, particularly with our ex-

pansion program scheduled to get under way in the spring."

Silver Star has a 140-centimetre base, with seven centimetres of snow overnight.

Duggan said there is a way people can avoid line-ups at lifts. "We had 200 skiers Monday night ... with no line-ups," he said. "Conditions are great under the lights."

Night skiing runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the Green Chair and Poma Lift runs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Enderby joins baseball league

Enderby Legionnaires will compete in the Kootenay Senior Baseball League during the 1982 season. Enderby Manager Jerry Reimer said today he has received notification from the league and B.C. Amateur Baseball Association that his club's application has been accepted. The loop will include eight to 10 teams. Legionnaires are the defending B.C. and Western Canada champions.

FOUR STRAIGHT
Sunset Properties stretched their winning streak to four games Monday with a 3-0 victory over Canadians in Major Women's Broomball League action at Centennial Outdoor Rink.

Leanne Wilms, Barb Weins, and Colleen Corner scored for Sunset. In another game, Siglet Bros. blanked Western Commodore 3-0. Jan Macleod, Kathy Grundy, and Jan Podgorski were the snipers for Siglet Bros.

MEET CANCELLED
Peppi High School bowling rolled his scheduled Jan. 2, have been cancelled. Anyone wishing to compete in the Peppi playdowns will bowl in the regional finals, Jan. 24. A \$1 entry fee must be paid by Jan. 5 to qualify for the regional tourney.

EXTENDING CONTRACT
GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay Packers have awarded coach Bart Starr a two-year contract, Judge Robert Farina, vice-president and executive committee chairman of the National Football League club, said Monday. Starr's contract was for two years, with a \$365,000 salary in seven years as head coach.

NAMED TOP PLAYER
NEW YORK (AP) — Boston forward Larry Bird, whose totals showed 39 points and 22 rebounds in 20 Celtics victories last week, was named the National Basketball Association's Player of the Week. Bird had a season-high 36 points in the Celtics' 116-116 victory over Cleveland last Tuesday. He added 22 points in a 124-119 win over Kansas City Kings Saturday night. He had seven rebounds against the Cavaliers and 15 against the Kings.

TOP MANAGER
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tommy Lasorda, who directed Los Angeles Dodgers to the 1981 World Series championship, will be honored as manager of the year at the annual Kansas City baseball awards dinner Saturday.

The winners of the American and National League player-of-the-year awards will be named at the dinner. Lasorda's career was previously announced.

JAYS TRADE
TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Blue Jays added strength to the left side of their batting order and disposed of a minor league pitcher who rarely showed the form they had expected of him in two major league baseball transactions announced Monday.

The American League team said outfielder Houston Powell had been acquired from Minnesota Twins while pitcher Paul Mirabella had been sent to Chicago Cubs and assigned to Iowa of the Triple A American Association.

RECEIVES AWARD
DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Johnny Benici of Cincinnati Reds has been named the 17th winner of the Hutch Award, presented in memory of Fred Hutchinson, manager of the National League baseball team who died of cancer in November, 1964. The award goes to a player who has overcome a form of adversity and "exemplifies the character and fighting spirit" of Hutchinson.

Benici, a third-year pitcher, secured ankle May 24 this year which sidelined him until late August.

CALL UP GOALIE
DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies called up goaltender Rick LeFevre from its National Hockey League farm club at Fort Worth on Monday. The club said LeFevre is expected to start as backup goalie for Glen Resch on the team's current road trip. Rockies goalie Phil Housley said he is pleased to see LeFevre, 20, was a fourth round pick by the Rockies from Peterborough, Ont.

NATHAN TO PLAY
MIAMI (AP) — Tony Nathan, Miami Dolphins star running back, expects to be suited up and ready to play in the American Football League game Sunday against San Diego Chargers despite a nagging knee injury.

Nathan, a third-year player who has accumulated 1,224 yards of offense, including 182 on the ground, on only 147 carries this season, has been hampered most of the year by a right knee sprain that has forced him to miss three games and a sizable portion of another.

FERNANDO MARRIED
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Fernando Valenzuela, Los Angeles Dodgers' pitching sensation, has married an elementary school teacher in a brief civil ceremony, but he'll do it again tonight in church.

The ceremony for Valenzuela, 21, and Linda Burgo, tonight will be held in the church of the Immaculate Mary.



WEEKEND GAMES

Lakers take a look at two new players

Vernon Lakers travel to Kamloops, Saturday, to meet Cariboo College Chiefs in an exhibition game.

On Sunday, at 7 p.m., Lakers entertain Kelowna Buckaroos in a B.C. Junior Hockey League action. Vernon was slated to host Revelstoke Rockets, however, Rockets are at a tournament in Saskatchewan. That game has been rescheduled to Jan. 24.

Two new players are expected to play against the Chiefs. Lakers' Coach Gord MacBeth said he plans to take a good look at the players on only 147 carries this season, has been hampered most of the year by a right knee sprain that has forced him to miss three games and a sizable portion of another.

FROM KELOWNA
Brandstetter, who played under MacBeth last season with the Kelowna riding pigs, is expected to provide Lakers with additional scoring punch. The 16-year-old forward was signed by Regina Pats and assigned to their farm team, Regina Blues. K-milwaukee Oilers recently acquired the rights to Brandstetter and sent him to Vernon.

"Heimo will help us," MacBeth said. "He isn't an aggressive player, but he is very smart. He scores a lot of goals by being in the right place, at the right time."

Walters, who can play wing or defense, is a graduate of the Salmon Arm midgey nets.

DEFENCEMAN
MacBeth said, "I'm interested in Walters as a defenceman. Since we've lost (Paul) Cloutier and (Gary) Stirling, we're down to five defencemen. If one of those guys get injured, we'd really be in trouble. So far, in practice, Walters looks like he handles the puck well."

Cloutier was recalled by the Oilers while Stirling returned to home to Alberta and is now playing with Fort McMurray, of the Alberta Junior League.

Lakers, who trail third-place Revelstoke by three points, are entering a crucial part of their schedule according to MacBeth.

"Rockets have picked up a couple good hockey players during the Christmas break," he said, "and we can't afford to fall any farther behind them."

"I'm happy with our forwards and I think we have solved our goaltending problem, but I'd still like to find one or two defencemen better," the signing deadline (Jan. 10).

NEW GOALIE
Dale Woods, who Lakers acquired earlier this month from Dauphin Kings, of the Manitoba Junior League, will share the netminding duties with rookie Shawn Oswald.

PIN POINTS

DEC 18 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
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Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 19 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
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Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 20 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 21 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 22 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 23 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 24 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 25 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 26 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 27 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 28 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

DEC 29 GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lacey, 175.
Men's High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
High Double: Ralph Makarom, 602.
Women's: Maureen MacDonald.
Men's: Ray Brown, 88 pins over average.

Local skier on pro tour

By DON KENDALL

Daily News Sports Editor

Most athletes are considering retirement from serious competition at age 34, but not Vernon's Bernie Berube.

Berube will be the oldest racer when the Pacific Western Airlines Pro Tour, at Silver Star Ski Area.

Berube told the Daily News he can't quit yet because he hasn't peaked, "I got a late start," he said, "I didn't start racing until I was 20. I'm still improving daily."

After competing on the Pacific Western Cup circuit in 1977, Berube's racing career was halted for 18 months when he suffered a serious knee injury in a fall at Rabbit Hill, near Edmonton.

"I just destroyed my knee," he said, "the ligaments, cartilage, everything."

He bounced back last season to compete in six of the 12 events on the PWA tour. Due to financial assistance from Dynastar Skis, Nordica Boots, and Look Nevada Bindings, he will be the only Okanagan skier to compete

in all 12 races this year.

Berube said, "You can't afford to travel from city to city, for three months, without a sponsor ... it's too costly."

With the participation of several American "B" circuit racers this season, the PWA tour is expected to be tougher than past years.

"I'll give it my best shot," Berube said. "I race because I love the sport. Win or lose, my love for skiing won't diminish."

When he retires from racing, Berube plans to coach skis. "I did once coaching a few years ago and enjoyed it," he said. "When I get proper certification, I'd like to try it again."

In the meantime, he'll keep striving for the peak of his career.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1976

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Dogs Running Big Game

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