



Rod Trentini and Carolyn Mason are among the thousands of people who have enjoyed night skiing on

Silver Star, since it started three weeks ago, Silver Star was blanketed with 35 cen-

timeters of new snow in the past 24 hours to increase the base to 170 centimetres.

Night skiing is available Tuesday to Saturday, from 4:30 to 10 p.m. There is also

an extended day ticket available, from 12:30 to 10 p.m. (Daily News Photo)

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Football fever hits



Many housewives throughout North America breathed a sigh of relief Friday night when the Orange Bowl ended and a television commentator proclaimed, "The college football season is now over."

On New Year's Day, the strain on women and television dials was almost unbearable as husbands struggled to watch the Fiesta, Rose, Cotton, Sugar, and Orange Bowls.

With the Tangerine, Bluebonnet, Liberty, Gator, and Peach Bowls already behind them, wives were confident they could get their husbands to shovel the driveway.

HULA BOWL

But wait, a commercial tell us, the college all-stars will meet next Saturday, in Hawaii, for the Hula Bowl. One more bowl game... well that isn't too bad!

Then, that same announcer who gave fleeting hope to disheartened wives, said football fans can now focus their attention on the National Football League playoffs.

NFL Conference semi-finals got under way today with Tampa Bay Buccaneers meeting Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers taking Miami Dolphins.

On Sunday, Buffalo Bills face Cincinnati Bengals and New York Giants battle San Francisco 49ers in the other Conference semi-finals.

SUPER BOWL

Conference championships are scheduled Jan. 10, with the Super Bowl on Jan. 17.

The football season will finally end Jan. 31, in Hawaii, when the NFL all-stars play in the Pro Bowl.

However, most driveways will be cleared of snow before the end of January so husbands can drive to the store for another load of beer and potato chips.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bucks visit Vernon Lakers

Vernon Lakers host Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Sunday, at 7 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Lakers currently trail third-place Revelstoke Rockets by three points in Interior Division standings. Lakers travel to Kamloops tonight for an exhibition game with Cariboo College Chiefs.

FIELD BOOKINGS

Due to scheduling demands and public requests, all softball leagues organized by Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will run to the end of July.

Regular league games will be played in May and June with playoffs to follow.

Sundogger leagues, which have been operated during July and August, may no longer be offered. For further information phone 546-6005.

LOSERS DELRAGO

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs, already plagued with assorted injuries, got more bad news Friday when it was learned centre Bill Derlago will be out at least 10 days with a severely bruised ankle after he stopped a shot late in a 5-2 National Hockey League victory over Detroit Red Wings Thursday night.

JOINS KRIEK

MELBOURNE (AP) — Hank Plister and Steve Denton, both of the U.S. joined South African Johan Kriek and former champion Mark Edmondson of

Australia in the semifinals of the \$400,000 Australian Open tennis tournament Friday.

CAPLETTE RELIEVED

WINNIPEG (CP) — Wayne Caplette of Winnipeg says he's relieved he finally has reached agreement with Canadian mid-dleweight boxing champion Ralph Hollett on a title fight.

The scheduled 12-round fight set for Jan. 21 in Halifax, is the result of nearly two years of lobbying by Caplette, a two-time Canadian amateur middleweight champion.

INJURES HIS KNEE

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Centre Sven Nater is likely to miss the rest of the National Basketball Association season with a knee injury, says coach Paul Silas of San Diego Clippers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS'

JANUARY, 1977

There is a good possibility Vernon may have four covered tennis courts in operation by Oct. 1, 1977.

Vernon Parks and Recreation Director John Mahler told the Daily News the city has been approached by a private company, from Vancouver, interested in leasing city land to construct the courts.

Mustangs edge closer to league-leading Lotus

Mountain Meadow Mustangs dumped Lotus Gardens 5-2 in White Valley Hockey League action this week at the Lumby Arena.

The win moves Mustangs to within five points of first-place Lotus in WHL standings. Mountain Meadow also has two games-in-hand.

Larry Louis, Brad Day, Bernie Smithson, Keith Louis, and Jed Sparrow scored for Mustangs.

Raj Horochuk countered with a pair of goals for Lotus.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Mountain Meadow held a 3-2 edge after 40 minutes.

Lotus was assessed four of 12 minors, four of six majors, one of three misconducts, and a match penalty. Ron Iternan was handed the match, which carries an automatic suspension.

SABRES WIN

In another game, Labatt's Sabres scored twice in the third period to defeat National Hotel Raiders 4-2.

Sabres now trail third-place Raiders by one point.

Rick Hawkins, Guy Davison, Perry Hooper, and Terry Schaefer blinked the right light for Labatts.

Wayne Nuysens and Brian Hunt replied for Raiders.

The teams split 10 minor penalties.

SHORT-HANDED

For the second consecutive game, National Hotel had only nine players. "We've been hit hard by injuries and guys moving out of town," Nuysens said.

Raiders' top scorer, Daryl Slizak, will miss the remainder of the season with a broken heel.

League play resumes next Wednesday with a doubleheader. At 7 p.m., Raiders meet Lotus and at 8 p.m., Mustangs tangle with Sabres.



TOILET BOWL

While most people were watching U.S. college football games on television Friday, a group of

hearty souls were battling for the coveted Toilet Bowl, at Vernon Senior Secondary School. Cobras blanked

Molson Canadians 6-0 in the fun-filled football.

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IN SEATTLE

Vernon native hits the big time

Ted Bowsfield lives within an easy day's drive of his birthplace. But in terms of a career, Bowsfield has taken the Vernon born pitcher a long way.

Bowsfield is director of operations at the Seattle Kingdome, one of the most modern indoor stadiums in North America. About 4,000,000 will find into the Kingdome for sporting events, concerts, exhibitions, consumer shows, and religious crusades this year.

Bowsfield, 46, left Vernon as a toddler and grew up in Penitentiary. He spent 10 years in professional baseball before moving into the administration field.

Bowsfield was signed as a 19-year-old by Boston Red Sox joining the club's farm team in San Jose, in 1964. The following year he recorded nine wins against seven losses for San Jose while striking out 124 in 117 innings.

CALLED UP

His break came three years later when the Red Sox called him up in July, 1968. He won four games for the Sox that season, including three against New York Yankees, and had two losses. He was named Rookie of the Year.

However, even as he was receiving accolades as a top rookie, his left arm was beginning to break down. Between 1970 and 1984, Bowsfield played for Cleveland Indians, California Angels, and Kansas City Athletics. His final season was with Vancouver Mounties, of the Pacific Coast League. He completed his pro career with an overall record of 40 wins and 40 losses.

PIECE OF MEAT

Bowsfield said, "At 29, my career was finished. The ligaments in the back of my shoulder were beyond repair. My arm was like a piece of meat... I couldn't even lift it some days."

After retirement in 1985, he began his administrative career by taking on the job as director of operations of Anaheim Stadium, home of California Angels.

Five years later he was offered his current job in Seattle.

North Okanagan Hockey League all-star game will be played tonight, at 8:30 p.m., in Salmon Arm.

First-place Vernon Cougars take on the top players from the league's other four teams.

Cougars hope to avenge a 7-6 loss to the All-stars, last year in Endorby.

All-star spokesman Gord McIntosh told the Daily News he is expecting a great hockey game.

"Everyone knows how strong the Cougars are... they have only lost twice this season," McIntosh said. "But, we have a good club too. We've got nine of the top 14 scorers in the league on our roster."

A line from Kelowna Packers, with Rod Danichuk, George Lutz, and a strong, expected to be the top forward line for all-stars.

when the Kingdome was only half-completed. Bowsfield played a major role in bringing both major league football (Seattle Seahawks) and baseball (Seattle Mariners) into the Kingdome as prime tenants.

AN AMERICAN

He said, "I became an American citizen in 1967 and

even though I gave up my Canadian citizenship, I still have a nice feeling about Canada, particularly the Okanagan. I have several relatives in Vernon, including my aunt Chris Matlock, who I'm very close to."

On May 26, Bowsfield was inducted into the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame.



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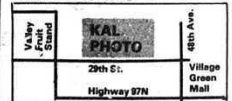
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