

GUIDE REPORT

Snowarama goal is within sight

By SMOKEY TRUMBLY
Snowarama goal of \$40,000 is now in sight. If the goal is to be met again, as in past years, Vernon and District residents are going to have to open their hearts and their pocket books in the amount of \$10,000 during the next two days. Snowarama headquarters estimates that as of Wednesday night, it is estimated that \$30,000 has been pledged on more than 50 drivers who have picked up pledge sheets for this year's Snowarama.

Snowarama '82 is a joint fund raising campaign by Lions Clubs and snowmobile clubs. Vernon Lions and the Vernon Snowmobile Association sponsor the event in this area and have enjoyed being top-dog in reaching their goal for the past four consecutive years. This year, 30 snowmobile clubs and 50 Lions clubs in B.C. are involved in Snowarama events of their own. This means that Vernon now has keen opposition from other areas and could lose the title if another area collects more pledges than Vernon.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Lions Society for Crippled Children has aided the crippled children all across Canada for years. Lion's Easter Seal Program is the main fund raising program annually. Here in Vernon, the children's hospital, in Vancouver, became a reality as a result of Lion's effort. Closer to home... Camp Winfield is also proud of their great work. Last year, 386 crippled children enjoyed summer camp in Winfield. A good number of those children were from the Okanagan Valley and other interior points. A large amount of the funds collected annually in local Snowarama pledges goes to cost of operation of Camp Winfield.

Organizing Snowarama is a lot of work. This work is done solely by members of the Lions Club and Snowmobile Club. Fairly and without remuneration. Each year I see these things doing this work say "When I see these people back at it again next year, I ask how come? The answer is always the same, year after year, they turned Camp Winfield and saw the way the work was being enjoying themselves, that was enough for me."

COMMUNITY EVENT

Snowarama is truly a community event. Every resident can become involved in this worthy cause - anyone can pledge, any amount, towards their favorite driver and anyone can be a driver who do not have to be a member of the Lions Club or the Snowmobile Club. All you need to do is register at Snowarama headquarters, pick up a pledge sheet, and obtain pledges on per mile basis. Each driver must complete a 100 mile course.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

English club to visit Vernon

A touring English rugby club will take on the Okanagan-Mainline League Selects in an exhibition game May 21, at Vernon Senior Secondary School. West of Hardy Post, of Yorkshire County, is scheduled to tour Western Canada for about two weeks. The Okanagan-Mainline League players from Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon.

League meeting
Vernon City Soccer League will hold a general meeting Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., in the National Bowl. All teams must have at least one representative in attendance.

Fun Run
Vernon Winter Carnival Fitness Fun Run will be held on Feb. 14. The five kilometre event will get under way at 9 a.m. in the Vernon City Library parking lot. Cost is \$1 per runner. There will be several prizes, including lunch and time draws.

Leads team
Statistics released this week by Vernon Lakers show the team is in the top three in the "Big Bad Armadillo" leads the club in scoring with 35 points, in 14 goals. Central Rovers, Kossan is in second spot with 22 points. Top goal scorer on the club is Derek Waters, with 16.

Football meeting
Vernon Minor Football Association will hold an annual general meeting Feb. 15, in the Vernon Recreation Centre, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in coaching, sponsoring, or helping the association in any capacity, is urged to attend. Bob Harrison, vice-president of the Okanagan Juniors Football Team, will be guest speaker.

On team
Vernon's Dave Irwin, 27, has been named to the Canadian national team which will compete in the World Alpine Skiing Championships, at Schladming, Austria. Jonathon Irwin on the team's team are Steve Podorski, Ken Reid, Dave Murray, Chris Kent, Todd Brooks, Jim Kirby, and Steve Hutchison. The women's contingent includes Gerry Harrison, Laurie Graham, Diane Lebedev, Shanne Leavitt, and Didi Haght.

Snowditch meeting
Molson Men's Snowditch League will hold its general meeting Feb. 4, at 7 p.m., in the Vernon Civic Centre, at 27th Street. All team representatives are urged to attend.

on Snowarama Day, this Sunday. This is not a race, but rather a marathon ride and the driver must complete the course to collect his full pledged amount.

The course is policed by Snowarama officials and should a driver get into any kind of trouble, he will be taken care of immediately. Local gasoline bulk plants donate the gasoline. Snowmobiles, don't supply machines for local celebrities to ride and also have mechanics with spare parts for those who may require assistance. First aid is also available at the site in case it is needed.

SNOWARAMA SITE

Snowarama '82 will be held on the former L. and A. Ranch property, now owned by John Torporcch. The property is located immediately north of Swan Lake and will be the site of former Snowarama (when sufficient snow permitted). There will be ample parking for spectators and a concession for hot drinks.

The drivers will start the course at 8 a.m. The course is slightly more than 10 miles long. Everyone is welcome to attend the event and cheer your driver on.

I will be a driver and again carry K-KAL. Radio colors in this year's event. My pledge to date, total more than \$2,500 for the crippled children. I will complete the 100 miles and am only too happy to be able to do it for all those who have pledged on my behalf so far. It would be nice to be riding on the course come Snowarama Day, and we still may reach that figure by Sunday.

Just about that time, the winners in Snowarama do not receive any remuneration and 100 But, then we think that winners in Snowarama do Camp Winfield again next year and I know I will.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Go to all those who pledged so far to Snowarama Day.

BRICK OF THE WEEK
Go to all those who have not pledged yet and feel they cannot afford to.

GUIDE TIP

I will be in the "Dunk Tank" at Poison Place Mall this Saturday, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. I challenge Wayne Seabrook to join me. Tom Yonkers will be in the "Dunk Tank" at 2:30 p.m. and he challenges John Kozmina to join him. Balls are three for \$1, and the money goes to Snowarama. Don't forget the pancake breakfast, at Poison Place Mall, Saturday, at 8 a.m. Cost is \$3 and you pledge your \$10 to the driver of your choice.

BEST HOURS
Saturday, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Date set for run

Organizers of the eighth annual 10 kilometre Winter Carnival Run say they're hoping for up to 150 entries to take part in the event.

The run takes place Feb. 7, starting at 10:30 a.m., from the parking lot of Vernon City Hall. Bob Williamson, a member of the organizing committee, said they had had 70 entries a couple of years back and were up to 119 this year. According to that climb in statistics, Williamson is optimistic about the turnout.

"Just depending on the weather, which is always a factor, we're expecting a good turnout," he said. "Pre-registration doesn't bring in that many entries, most of them show up on the day of the race."

The run is on a flat 10 kilometre course through Vernon city streets. There are six categories for participants to enter which include: men's open, women's open, senior men's, senior women (40 and over), and team.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Runners must choose, at the outset, the category in which they wish to run.

It was said the event can either be a race or a run, depending on the people entered.

"We do attract some runners from around the area, we even had one of the best runners in the world last year," said Williamson.

However, Williamson said he doesn't want the casual runner to be discouraged by the competitive nature of it.

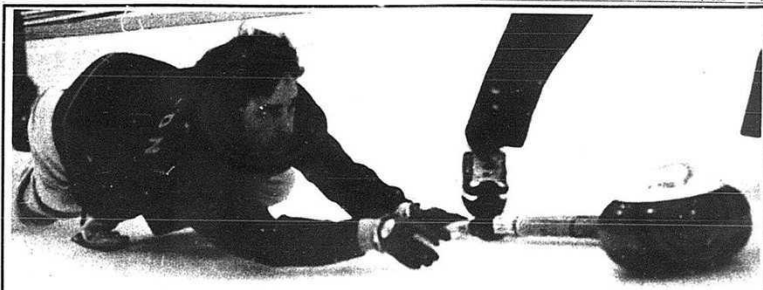
"It's sort of a combination of them both, but the idea is to have people participating who are for the purpose of the team event," said Williamson. "We wanted to create a friendly rivalry in the team and the team event is for people who might not participate on their own."

Each team will consist of five members, two of which must be women. Winter in the team category will be the group with the most members in the team. Williamson said Vernon has its share of competitive runners, usually placing in the top three in most events.

Generally speaking, we're pretty good up and down the line. The runners in the open category are usually high school students in the first or second year university."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS
January 1977
Rain and warm weather has hampered skiing throughout Western Canada this year, however, one ski area hopes to set a record out of the weekend. Vernon's Silver Star has been running all eight of its lifts for the past five years and has already played host to over 60,000 skiers this winter.

Forced to withdraw
NEW YORK (AP) - Forward Dan Roundfield of Atlanta Braves was forced to withdraw from the National Basketball Association's all-star game with an injury for the second year in a row.



VERNON'S DAVE SIMPSON has led his team into the B.C. Interior Curling Association playoffs which got under way today, in Nelson. Simpson is joined by

clubmate Wayne Laface in the 16-team event. Top four

rinks advance to the provincial championships. (Daily News Photo)

CURLING PLAYDOWNS

Simpson rink qualifies

NELSON (Special) - Two Vernon rinks are competing in the 16-team B.C. Interior Curling Association playoffs which started here today.

North Okanagan Zone champion Wayne Laface was scheduled to meet Gerry Peckham, of Prince George, in today's first draw but Dave Simpson landed with

Elgin Smith, of Kimberley. Four teams will advance from the triple-knockout in the seventh end and stake one in the eighth before Guy conceded.

Simpson qualified for the playoffs by blasting Cranbrook's Bruce Young 93 in eight ends, during the final draw of the BCCA Bonspiel, Wednesday, in Nelson.

Simpson broke open a close game with three in the fourth end. He then countered two in the seventh end and stole one in the eighth before Guy conceded.

Simpson's second, Guy Schmieder, told the Daily News their team is playing well.

"I think we've got a good

chance," Schmieder said. "So does Wayne (Laface). His team is curling well too."

Other members of the Simpson foursome are lead Doug Weir and third John Tapawski.

The playoffs are scheduled to end Saturday.

Other teams in the playoffs are skipped by: Mike Matthews, Peter Sher-

ba, and Kevin Smale, of Prince George; Bill Sweet and Wayne Farenholtz, of Nelson; Dave Lovdahl and Bert Geraghty, of Kelowna; Darrell Hausman, of Prince Rupert; Jack Kershaw, Cranbrook; John Merkley and John Palsone, of Trail; and defending B.C. champion Barry McPhee, of Kamloops.

Local skiers enter marathon

Entries have now topped the 1,000 mark for the Cariboo Cross-Country Ski Marathon slated for the 108 Ranch area, Feb. 6.

Among those 1,000 skiers are 30 local entries who will be travelling to the event by bus. Any other skiers wishing to go should contact Keith Brevitt at 542-0008.

The marathon is expected to be a record breaker with entries from around the province, Canada and the largest citizen's event in the world.

Record attendance of 1,425 skiers was established in 1980. Now in its fifth year, it is the number two marathon in the world.

Snow conditions are ideal this season for the 50 km event from the 108 Ranch's Watson Lake to downtown 100 Mile House.

Skiers in all categories will compete for major trophies and medals which will be awarded at a ceremony in the 108 Ranch SkeneOgen Senior Secondary School following the event.

Current record holder for the 50 km event is defending champion Alno Tulvanen, of Port Couillard, with a time of two hours, 51 minutes and 33 seconds.

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Canadian skier breaks collarbone

ST. MONTI, Switzerland (CP) - Six jumps in the first two days of becoming the first Canadian winner of the World Cup ski jumping event when he fell and broke his collarbone.

Bulau, 19, of Ottawa, was the point standings leader and appeared to win his third medal in a row after he left 84 metres on his first attempt, two metres further than any of the other 72 competitors from 14 countries.

But on his second jump, though a light snowfall, Bulau fell forward and snapped his clavicle.

Doctors say Bulau will likely only make it back for the final end of the season in Yugoslavia at the end of the month.

"I'd say it will take about two months to heal and about two months before he can jump again," said Dr. Hans Fischer, who pushed Bulau's back into place before strapping on a restraining harness.

Bulau was in serious pain and had to be rushed to hospital after the fall in an ambulance, but later he walked to his hotel room on his own.

"I didn't land right in the middle of the hill," he said. "I was over the side a little bit and in the powder, not where most of the skiers were landing, and my skis stuck."

"I had a fall like it in training in Japan (where Bulau was first and second in two World Cup meets) and it was snowing there lightly as well."

BREAKS RECORD
Bulau's 11th second jump broke the hill record by 1.5 metres, but because he fell just before the 108 Ranch to compete in the major Nordic touring competition.

His scores were enough for a 14th place finish. Armin Kogler of Austria was the winner with jumps of 88 and 91 metres.

PRO SKI RACE

Eight ski areas sent competitors to the event. A Silver Star team with Mike and Paul McGrath and Terry Baker placed third overall.

Top honors went to a threesome from Kelowna's Big White.

(Don Weist Photo)

New track discussed

Vernon P.R.s and Recreation Director Jim Alvord met with B.C. Games chairman Ron C. S. to discuss the construction of a proposed all-weather track in Polson Park.

Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Committee last week approved, in principle, construction of a rubber-surface track, subject to provincial government financing.

Alvord said, "I met with Bulat to discuss the committee's motion and supply him with cost estimates. He made no commitment, but said he will be contacting us."

NOT SUITABLE
B.C. Parks and Field Association officials have stated the recently completed shale track in Polson Park, which is scheduled to be used for the Games, Aug. 22-30, in Vernon. The association has also said the shale track could be dangerous for able-bodied athletes if it rains.

B.C. Games President Harold McDonald told the Daily News a \$70,000 legacy awarded to the

host city, by the provincial government, has been earmarked, by Games directors, for use on the track project. It has been rumored that we get a firm bid for the project, through a B.C. Lottery Fund grant.

MEETING PLANNED
GVPRD Committee has instructed Alvord to meet with School District 22 officials to discuss possible cost-sharing on any funding deficiency.

Alvord said, "Any meeting with school board officials would be premature until we get a firm bid from the provincial government."

Lakers to meet Cents in crucial junior game

Vernon Lakers have their work cut out this weekend. Merritt Centennials will be in town Friday to try to narrow the seven-point lead Lakers have on them in the battle for the top spot in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Saturday, Lakers travel to Kelowna for a game with the second-place Buckerroos and Sunday, Lakers are home to first-place Penitents Knights.

Lakers' Coach Doug Macbeth said he and his team are looking forward to this weekend and hope to come out of it with two wins.

"I honestly feel we can come out of the weekend with two wins," said Macbeth. "I feel confident, but everything has to go our way."

Macbeth said Lakers are going to lay on the body against Merritt and continue to do so right through to the Penitents game.

"We've got to try to play a strong physical game, especially against Penitents. They're like the wide open skating game and we're going to try and shut them down."

Macbeth said he doesn't think Merritt is a better hockey club than Lakers, but they do some things well.

"Centritt is much like our club,

they have a better defence than we do, but they're not quite as offensive power plus that offensive is stronger now that we have Dale Wood on the team."

Centennials do have a few more veterans than Lakers, but have lost a key performer to Revelstoke.

"They lost Mike Laporte to Revelstoke and he was a two-year veteran of the league. He's helped Revelstoke, but Merritt will be hurting a little."

A victory over Merritt is critical for Lakers with several close games with Kelowna and Penticton.

"If we get by Merritt, the boys should really be up for Kelowna," Macbeth said.

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OLDTIMERS' GAME

Veteran defenceman Don Ferns, foreground, will lead Vernon Canucks against Vancouver Canucks game, Feb. 6, in the Civic Arena.

Advance tickets are \$2 and are available at Sun Valley Sports, A's, Esso Service, and Fern's Esso. (Daily News Photo)