VERNON MAYOR Lyall Hanson dropped the puck Thursday night to officially open the 11th annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. Taking the face-off are Queen Silver Star Bev Foisy, left, and Princess Corinne Harris. Right, Vernon Watkins Motors Captain Trey Mick breaks away from two Sherwood Park defenders during Thursday's action. Mick scored five times to help Vernon dump Sherwood Park 10-3. However, later in the day, Port Moody trounced the local squad 11-6. The eight-team tourney continues to Sunday. (Daily News Photo)

CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

Our 28th Valentine's Mixed Spiel started Thursday night and we have 64 teams competing for $5,000 in merchandise, supplied by Fisher's Hardware.

This popular Carnival event runs all weekend with the finals Sunday, at 6 p.m. Our banquet is Saturday at 5 p.m. supplied by Hong Kong Village

Regular league curling is not scheduled during this event.

B.C. CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This past weekend, at Nelson, the ladies' championships were held and Barb Parker, of Courtenay, came out the winner for the second straight year. Her chief opposition came from Kamloops' Eleanor Clovechek and Lindsay Sparkes, of North Shore.

This weekend we have the men's finals being played at the Coast. There are a large number of Purple Hearts involved this year, probably more than ever before. Past provincial winners include: Gretzinger, Smale, Sherba, Giles, Horrigan and Pierce. The only two teams with no hearts are Lovdahl, of Kelowna, and Gene Kraus, of Abbotsford.

If Gretzinger's team can continue to curl as they have, they should represent our province.

I think the best opposition should come from Glen Pierce, of the Vancouver Curling Club, but Brent Giles or Kevin Smale could come up big as they both have years of experience in this calibre of play.

MIXED ATTULAC FEB. 27

Don't forget to get your name down for this event. We would like to have 16 teams entered. Everyone enters as an individual and the teams are made up the night before.

There will be live music and food on Saturday evening.

FALKLAND MEN'S SPIEL

Just had a note from my friend Ozzie Leaf, of Falkland, to remind us that the Falkland Men's Open Spiel starts Feb. 16 and continues through to the 21. There will be a full slate of 28 teams competing for merchandise prizes. Ozzie is planning an enjoyable weekend for all the visiting teams.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1977

Vernon must now be considered a longshot in the race for the B.C. Lions' training camp. Lions' Minor Football Co-ordinator Stu Kehoe told the Daily News today it looks like the club will hold camp at Courtenay, on Vancouver Island.

FEBRUARY, 1977

Vernon teams cleaned up at the Youth Bowling Congress junior zone finals held Saturday in Princeton. Local bowlers won the boys and girls single and team events, and will now represent the Interior at the provincial finals March 26 in Surrey.

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Panthers win opener

Vernon Panthers trounced North Surrey Spartans 80-54, Thursday, during opening round action at the Abbotsford Senior Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Panthers advanced to today's semi-final against Calgary's number one ranked team, Forest Lawn, which currently has a 23-0 record. In the other semi-final, Abbotsford hosts Seaquam, of Delta.

SCORED 43

Dale Olson led the Vernon attack with 43 points, including 30 in the second-half. After a slow start, Olson was benched for part of the second-quarter.

"Once Dale (Olson) got rolling, he was unstoppable," said Panthers' Coach Jack Yamaoka. "In the second-half, he just killed North Surrey. ...from the inside and outside."

Kent Burnham added 10 points for Panthers.

Sean Kalonovich was the top scorer for Spartans with 16 points.

TOOK LEAD

North Surrey led 20-10 at the end of the first-quarter, but trailed 32-29 at half-time and 60-41 after three quarters.

After starting the game with a zone defence, Vernon switched to a man-to-man, full-court, press in the second-quarter.

"Surrey was shooting well from the outside and we had to do something to stop them," Yamaoka said. "Obviously, our adjustment worked."

LOST THREE

Panthers lost three consecutive games in the Western Canada Tournament last weekend, in Kelowna. And despite a league victory over Penticton, Tuesday, Vernon has been in a slump.

Yamaoka said, "Hopefully, it (the slump) is over. Our guys worked very hard, particularly in the second-half, against Surrey. We'll have to play well to beat Forest Lawn."

The Calgary school blasted Princess Margaret, of Surrey, 91-58 in the opening round.

Game time tonight is 6:45 p.m.

CARNIVAL TOURNAMENT

Port Moody whips Vernon pee wees

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Vernon has its back up against the wall after opening day play at the 11th annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.

Vernon won its first game Thursday 10-3 over Sherwood Park, Alta., to advance to the 'A' side of the tournament draw. Then, Port Moody trounced Vernon 11-6, before 450 fans, Thursday night.

The local squad has to win its next two games, against defending champion Richmond and Prince George, to qualify for Sunday's 'A' championship.

"We've got our work cut out," said Vernon Manager Rienie Holland. "We can't count on anybody else to help us. ...we have to do it ourselves."

SCORED FOUR

Doug MacDonald led the Port Moody attack with four goals while Jeff McLean and Richard Holub added two goals apiece. Singles went to Jamie Wrycheshen, Darren Morson, and Allan Vermeulen. Trevor Renard was top playmaker with four assists.

Dennis Holland handled most of the offence for Vernon with three goals and two assists. Troy Mick, Blair Robertson, and Mark Lambert rounded out the scoring.

The teams were deadlocked 3-3 at the end of the first period, however, Moody led 10-4 after 40 minutes. Vernon scored two quick goals in the third period, but any hopes of a comeback were squashed, at 9:06, when Holub got his second goal of the night.

IN TROUBLE

The elder Holland said he could tell his club was in trouble prior to the game. "They were all tied up in knots. ...not like the first game when we were loose," he said. "You wouldn't have known it was the same hockey team."

The Coast club is well coached and disciplined. Al McLean, a member of Canada's 1964 Olympic team, and Abe Renard are behind the bench.

After realizing Vernon's strength was down the middle, with Holland and Mick, Moody started bunching and didn't allow Vernon's slick centres to stickhandle towards the net.

Glen Mitchell stopped 35 shots for the locals while Robert Cook kicked out 21 at the other end.

FIVE GOALS

In the earlier game, Mick scored five goals while Holland added four goals and two assists. Robertson tallied once while Scott Cameron collected four assists.

Chad Rumpell, with two goals, and Perry Wack replied for Sherwood Park.

Vernon scored four short-handed goals on route to period leads of 6-0 and 10-1.

The local club hits the ice tonight, at 8:30 p.m., against Richmond. Vernon's final game, in the round-robin section, will be Saturday, at 3:30 p.m., against Prince George.

Richmond qualified for the 'A' side by edging Kamloops 8-6 while Prince George defeated St. Boniface, Man. 6-4, and Moody downed Cowichan Valley 8-6.

In Moody's opening victory, McLean's son, Jeff, scored six times.

Prior to the Vernon-Richmond confrontation tonight, Prince George meets Moody, at 3:30 p.m., and Sherwood Park faces Kamloops, at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, Cowichan plays Kamloops, at 8 a.m.; Moody takes on Richmond, at 10:30 a.m.; and Sherwood Parks tackles St. Boniface, at 1 p.m. The tournament banquet and dance are scheduled Saturday night, at the Vernon Lodge Hotel.

PRATT ILL

Honorary Chairman Walter 'Babe' Pratt may miss the tourney for the first time since its inception. Pratt is in the hospital with heart trouble. He telephoned Tournament Director Stew Mitchell and said he hopes to fly in Saturday, to speak at the banquet, then return to Vancouver, Sunday.

'B' final will be played Sunday, at 11 a.m., with the championship game at 2 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Marshall posts eighth shutout

Cobras' goaltender Stu Marshall recently posted his eighttn shutout of the season as Cobras blanked Maulers 3-0 in Molson Men's Broomball League action, at Priest Valley Arena. Mark Taylor scored twice for second-place Cobras while Terry Balfour added a single. In another game, first-place Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles shutout Ballbrushers 2-0. Jim Wilson and Jeff Vest scored for Eagles.

Hotshot contest

Finals for the Hotshot Basketball Contest will be held Feb. 27, at 12:45 p.m., in the Priest Valley Gymnasium. The contest is open to boys and girls, in grades 6 and 7. Seven local elementary schools will be declaring champions, within the next two weeks, to advance to the finals. The students who sink the most foul shots, in 15 attempts, will receive trophies.

Subs win

Submarines trounced B.C. Tel Polecats 39-6 in Women's Basketball League play Thursday, at VSSS. Kym Colter was top sniper for Submarines with 13 points while Linda Vriend scored 12 and Catherine Connell added 10. In another game, Mark's Mothers blasted Brand X- 37-13. Sheryle Wood sunk 12 points for Mothers while Trudy Hodge added seven. Shirley Fowler replied with six points for Brand X.

Indoor soccer

Hawks blanked Rovers 5-0 in Men's Indoor Soccer League play this week at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School. In other games, Wanderers hammered Dirties 6-1 and Kickers trounce Ranger 7-4. In Women's League play, Caps outscored Drillers 8-6 and Boppers nipped Celtics 4-3.

Sorensen trials

AROSA, Switzerland (CP) — Canada's women World Cup skiers prepared for the scheduled close of the downhill season this week with two training runs Thursday that had Laurie Graham of Inglewood, Ont., ski faster than world champion Gerry Sorensen of Kimberley, B.C. American Cindy Nelson, a silver-medallist at the world championships in Schladming, Austria, posted the fastest first-run training time, clocking one minute, 36.51 seconds. Graham, bronze-medallist in the Schladming downhill, was ninth in 1:36.33 and Sorensen was 13th in 1:38.78.

Scott signs

MONTREAL (CP) — Infielder Rodney Scott of Montreal Expos has agreed to terms for the 1982 baseball season, John McHale, president of the National League club, said Thursday. Details weren't annouinced. By signing, Scott averted an arbitration hearing in New York on Feb. 17, his third consecutive such hearing. Scott won an arbitration decision in 1979 and lost in 1980.

Baumann swim

TORONTO (CP) — Swimmer Alex Baumann of Sudbury, Ont., said Thursday he hopes to regain his world championship form in time to make Canada's Commonwealth Games team. The Games, being held this fall in Brisbane, Australia, could mark a return to international competition for 17-year-old Baumann after an enforced layoff resulting from recurring shoulder problems.

Read victorious

JASPER, Alta. (CP) — Jim Read of Calgary won the Shell Cup Canadian men's giant slalom ski championship Thursday with two aggressive runs down the slopes of Marmot Basin.

Read, 19, had the fastest time of 1:04.12 on the 46-gate course with a vertical drop of 315 metres.

Manitoba champ

WINNIPEG (CP) — Dot Rose, a 29-year veteran of the Manitoba curling wars, came through on top Thursday as a commanding officer instead of a foot soldier and led her rink to the provincial women's curling title.

LAKERS IN CELLAR

Merritt now holds final playoff berth

Merritt Centennials doubled Vernon Lakers 8-4 Thursday in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, at Merritt.

Cents now have 21 points, one more than Lakers in the battle for the fourth, and final, playoff berth in the Interior Division. Vernon is winless in its last 15 outings.

Lakers' Coach Gord MacBeth said Merritt wanted the game more than his club.

"They worked harder than us," he said. "They outskated us and beat us to the puck."

Merritt led 3-2 at the end of the first period and 6-3 after 40 minutes.

SCORED TWO

Allan Wall scored twice for Cents while Paul Herron, Frank Bridges, Bill Montgomery, Fritz Maier, Butch Tent, and Tim O'Toole added singles.

Richie Odiorne, Derek Waters, Ron Ford and Gord Sampson repleid for Lakers.

Vernon netminder Dale Woods made 38 saves while Al Hryniuk kicked out 24 shots for Merritt. Shawn Oswald dressed as backup goalie for Lakers, after starting two games with Kamloops Oilers, of the Western League. He led Oilers to a 4-3 victory, Tuesday, in Victoria, but was then bombarded 11-0, Wednesday, by Seattle Breakers.

MacBeth said, "I probably would have started Shawn, but he was dead tired."

PLAYERS INJURED

Lakers were without Dean Hascarl (knee ligaments), Peter Oliphant (broken jaw) and Helmo Brandstetter (flu). Mike Wiebe, Simpson, and Odiorne, along with three Merritt players, were ejected for fighting.

Odiorne will miss tonight's game in Penticton, against the first-place Knights, because his fight occurred in the final 10 minutes of the third period, which carries an automatic one game suspension.

MacBeth said, "We don't have the depth to win a game without three or four key players. We've lost Hascarl and Oliphant for the season."

CALLED UP

Greg Kowal and Nick Kapick were called up from the Vernon Juvenile Reps for Thursday's game. And MacBeth hopes to take two or three juveniles to Penticton, tonight. However, the local juvenile squad opens its semi-final series Saturday morning, against Kamloops.

Despite the lengthy slump, Vernon still has an excellent opportunity to make the playoffs.

Lakers have eight games remaining, including three against the Centennials.

On Sunday, at 7 p.m. Vernon hosts Revelstoke Rockets.

SHAWN OSWALD
... dead tired

Kal second in junior loop

Kalamalka Lakers captured second-place in the Okanagan Junior Boys' Basketball League north zone by defeating Seaton Sonics 54-48, in the final regular season game, Thursday.

The victory moved Lakers ahead of Sonics, two points back of first-place Fulton Maroons.

Maroons blasted Lumby 63-33 on Thursday.

Richard Johnson led the Kal attack with 14 points while Ken Zubyk, Don Balcome, and Rob Zimmerman added eight apiece.

Paul Morgan was the offensive leader for Seaton with 14 points while Grant Kitzmann dropped in eight.

In the other game, Rick Kaufmann led Maroons past Lumby with 12 points. Bill Faron sunk eight for Fulton while Tom Ross added seven.

In a girls' game Thursday, Fulton trounced Lumby 41-14.

Maroons and Lakers are competing in an eight-team tournament this weekend, in Penticton. Fulton was scheduled to meet OK Mission while Kal took on McNicholl Park, of Penticton, in opening round play today.

North zone finals are scheduled Feb. 19 and 20, in Salmon Arm. Winner of the zone playdowns will host the Valley finals, Feb. 26 and 27.

$37,785 PUTT

Vernon Golf and Country Club Treasurer Dave Morris recently putted into a cup, held by MLA Pat Jordan, which contained a cheque for $37,785. The grant, from the provincial government, will be used for a new sprinkler system at the club.