

Talaber wins men's open title

More than 140 people competed in the recent fifth annual Talaber's Winter Carnival Open Racquet Tournament. Wendell Talaber, of Vancouver, won the men's open title. He defeated Rick Gartel, of Penitence, 21-15 and 21-12 in the final match. Talaber is the top amateur player in B.C. and ranked seventh in Canada. Women's open champion was Romany Rummals, of Kelowna, who defeated Vernon's Ronnee Delangen in the finals.

The results were:
Men's singles: Doug Mulholland, Kelowna; Dave Kieler, Surrey; consolation Dave Davon, Salmon Arm.

Men's B Singles: Steve Philpott, Kelowna; Lowell Vuch, Burnaby; consolation Dale Gruber, Kelowna.

Men's C Singles: Garland Class, Kelowna; Al Swartz, Penitence; consolation Frank Gair, Penitence.

CURLING CLUB NEWS

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We really had a busy week with the Jopu Borspael on at lunch hour and people having fun during the Winter Carnival.

Our week was topped off with the Valentines Mixed Spiel. Local teams that fared well were skipped by Larry Wynn who captured D event and Glen Bridgeman who won B Event. We enjoyed the visiting teams who travelled to our town for the weekend. Thanks to some of the local businesses for their help and a special thanks to John Trotter, of Labatts.

LOCAL SUI ER LEAGUE STANDINGS
Burr Insurance, 22 pts. Spoil Golf and Tennis, 20 points; R.J. Chikien 18 pts. Spots: Podolan Construction, 14 points; Willys Major Inn, 14 points; Spetchian Carpet, 12 points; Goon Hong Restaurant, 12 points; Goon Hong Restaurant, 12 points; Ken Gauden Optical, 8 points; Tri-Lake Mercury, 4 points.

THIS WEEKEND AT VERNON

The Plumbers' Spiel started today and finals will be Sunday, at 9 a.m. Regular mixed league is tonight. Saturday night we have a Hudes Mini-Spiel. There is practice ice available non Sunday and Commercial and Legion leagues are at regular times.

CURLING TIP

We have been talking about the responsibilities of the four team members and today we come to the skip. A lot of the tips I use are from Curt Canada manuals or things I see during a curling day. I would like to add to this article about the skip that if you want to be a competitive skip and your intention is to pursue zone and district playoffs, you better be able to make most of your shots and handle pressure. If you let someone else throw the last stone. Always remember this is a team sport and we are not all made the same.

THE SKIP

Leadership ability is the most important prerequisite to becoming an effective skip. The skip must be able to guide and control his or her team in a manner that will command respect from every other member of the rink.

It takes a certain breed to be a good skip, but he or she need not always be the best shotmaker on the team. The skip must control the team, call the proper shot, use proper strategy, and successfully complete every shot that will determine the final outcome of the game.

Good skips must be able to gauge how much a particular rock will curl dependent upon the weight thrown, ice conditions and the manner in which the thrower releases the stone. Consistently placing the broom in the correct spot for every shot attempted is a key responsibility. To consistently call ice correctly requires an exact knowledge of individual differences, particularly release. The knowledge of release is gathered through the skip's ability to analyze each player's proficiency at executing various shots. With this in mind, the wise skip will ask each player to throw his best turn, shot, etc., when and where possible. This is a key factor in developing a player's confidence.

Through close observation, the skip must also analyze the opponent's deliveries and their particular styles of play. It is then possible to exploit potential weaknesses.

Since the skip, as a person in charge of the team, also has control of calling sweeping. Expertise in this area is gained from close observation of ice conditions and how the running stones react for every shot attempted.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1977
Vernon Wiltm Motors Pee Wee Reps captured first place in the Okanagan-Mainline League by thumping Kelowna twice last weekend 8-3 and 11-2.

FEBRUARY, 1977
Six men and six women have qualified to represent Vernon in the Interior five-pin championships to be held at Lincoln Lakes March 18 and 19.



SKI PASSES

Former Silver Star Ski Area General Manager David (Woody) Woodman and his wife, Roxanne, are presently time-servers from pre-

sent manager Norm Crear, right, and marketing manager Mike Duggan, left. Woodman is presently employed by Sunshine Ski

Village at Banff, but continues to keep his home in Vernon. (Don West/Photo)



PLAQUE WINNERS in the recent Carnival Racquet Tournament included from

left, back row: Otto Reich, Jeff Bannerman, Alan Salter, Wendell Talaber, Herzig,

Rick Gartel, Blair Penning, Leith Brooks, Ron Boyle, and Al Swartz. Front row:

Sue Abbott, Ronnie Delangen, and Gail Jackson. More than 140 players com-

peted in the three-day event. (Chris Castrucov/Photo)

OILERS HERE TONIGHT

Cents dump Lakers

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Seaton hosts badminton meet

W.L. Seaton Junior Secondary School will host its second annual junior badminton tournament this weekend. More than 250 students will play about 550 matches, between today and Sunday afternoon. Preliminary rounds will be held at Bealisto, Clarence Fulton, Vernon Senior Secondary and Seaton schools. Finals in all groups are scheduled Sunday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., at Seaton.

Scored 29

Linda Vriend scored 29 points to lead Yellow Submarines to a 60-19 win over Brand X in Women's Basketball League play, Thursday, at VSS. Kim Coffey added 16 for Subs. Shirley Fowler was top sniper for Brand X with eight points. In another game, Sandra Jones dropped in 18 points as Mark's Mothers blasted B.C. Tot Potatoes 54-4. Doreen Griffiths added 11 points for Mothers.

In Kelowna

Vernon Panthers (7-0) can clinch first-place in the Okanagan-Mainline Senior Bays Basketball League tonight

when they battle the second place Owls in Kelowna. Game time is 8 p.m. On Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., Panthers host Salmon Arm Jewels.

Houston loses

Doug Hannon (Royal Anns Hotel) defeated Ron Holston (Hong Kong Village) in Pacific Western Airlines Super Curling League action Thursday, in Kelowna. The loss eliminates Houston from league playoffs, which get underway next Wednesday. Four Vernon and four Kelowna teams will take part in post-season play.

Bighorns lead

Oliver Bighorns blasted Kelowna Packers 11-4 in North Okanagan Hockey League semi-final action Thursday, in Oliver. Bighorns now lead the best-of-five series 2-1. Fourth game will be played Sunday, in Kelowna. Winner meets Vernon Cougars in the best-of-seven championship series.

Players fined

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Basketball Association levied a total of \$2,350 in fines Thursday against three players — Maurice Lucas of New York Knicks, Lonnie Shelton of Seattle SuperSonics and Wayne (Tree) Rollins of Atlanta Hawks.

The league said Lucas was fined \$1,000 and Shelton \$500 for their fight during a game at Seattle Feb. 8.

Rollins was fined \$500 for a flagrant foul against Jeff Cook of Phoenix Suns in a game Feb. 12 at Phoenix.

Losses case

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — First baseman Dave Revering of New York Yankees has lost his salary arbitration case, the American League baseball club announced Thursday.

Revering, who hit .233 in 1981 with four home runs and 17 runs batted in, requested a contract cutting for about \$25,000. The Yankees had offered about \$250,000.

McBride traded

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Marvin Miller charged Thursday that Philadelphia Phillies have "deliberately let down their fans" by trading outfielder Bake McBride for reliever Sid Monge.

Miller, executive director of the Major League Players Association, said the Phillies' major-league trade Tuesday with Cleveland Indians "is part of the collusion apparent in dealing with free agents."

Final season

MIAMI (AP) — Earl Weaver reiterated Thursday that this will be his last season as manager of Baltimore Orioles. "This time next year I hope to be hitting a golf ball around," Weaver, 51, said on the eve of the opening of the American League baseball club's spring training camp.

Weaver has been manager of the Orioles since the middle of the 1968 season.

Merritt Centennials increased their hold on fourth-place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division Thursday with a 4-2 win over visiting Vernon Lakers.

Merritt now has 22 points, three more than the last-place Lakers. Vernon has five games remaining, including two against the Centennials.

Merritt got goals from Allan Wall, Fritz Maier, Glen Yasunaga, and Guy Lanki, who scored in the final second of the game.

Rob Kossan and Richie Olsnes scored for Lakers.

NARROWED GAP

Cents held period leads of 1-0 and 3-0. Vernon narrowed the gap to 3-2 midway through the third. Winger Derek Waters had a glorious opportunity to tie the game with six minutes remaining, but shot wide, with Merritt goalie Mark Taylor out of position.

Lakers' Coach Gord Macbeth said the Ducks knew the game could have gone either way.

"We played well enough to win," he said. "Our kids really wanted this one... we just didn't get the bounces."

Macbeth claims the final score was 3-2. "He (Lanki) scored with no time remaining on the clock... the game was over."

Vernon netminder Shawn Oswald turned in a strong performance with 33 saves while Taylor kicked out 36 shots at the other end.

The second period was interrupted by a fight which resulted in the ejection of Lakers' forward Ron Ford, leaving Vernon with just 12 players. Goalsie Dale Woods and defenceman Rick Woods did not make the trip for personal reasons and rearguard Mike Wiebe has the flu. In addition, forwards Dean Hascari and

Peter Oliphant are sidelined for the remainder of the season with injuries.

HOT OILERS

Lakers return to the ice tonight when they host their one affiliate, Kamloops Oilers, at 7 p.m.

Last time the two clubs met, in December, Lakers skated to a 6-5 victory. The Kamloops roster includes Vernon Minor League Association graduate Bobby Wensley.

One fan at tonight's game will

win an all-expense paid trip for two to Edmonton, to see the NHL Oilers host Vancouver Canucks and Buffalo Sabres, next month.

League play resumes Sunday, at 7 p.m., when Kelowna Buckaroos visit the Civic Arena. The stretch drive, which will determine Vernon's playoff future, is next week with games in Penitence, Tuesday, against the first-place Knights' Wednesday in Merritt; and Thursday, at home, against the Centennials.

Mustangs place first in Winfield tournament

Mountain Meadow Mustangs, of the White Valley Hockey League, defeated Joe Richie Racers, from Kelowna, in the championship game of the recent Carling O'Keefe Hockey Tournament, in Winfield.

Mustangs bolstered their lineup with several players from clubbing in the second period. At the other end, Bernie Feedham kicked out 33 shots.

Mustangs led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 5-4 after 11 minutes.

Mountain Meadow took 11 of 17 minor penalties.

In earlier games, Mustangs edged Loggers 5-4 and blasted Winfield All-stars 8-1.

Brown scored the winning goal against Loggers, midway through the third period. Vest and Jed Sparrow scored two goals each in that game while Luke Hildebrand collected three assists.

Brown was top sniper against All-stars with two goals while Bernie Smithson, Rick Rysz, Gord Henschler, Rick Hawkins, Jim Sparrow, and Louis added singles. Jed Sparrow was top playmaker with three assists.

WON AWARDS

In addition to winning the tourney, Mountain Meadow also captured three individual awards. Forward Jed Sparrow was chosen most valuable player while Mike Smithson

earned the goallending award and Keith Lewis was named as top defenceman.

In the final game, Jeff Vest led Mustangs with three goals while Jim Sparrow, Wayne Brown, Darcy Anderson, Terry Carrington, and Louis added singles.

Smithson made 21 saves, in clubbing in the second period. At the other end, Bernie Feedham kicked out 33 shots.

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VERNON MOTORCYCLE ice Racer Howard Cuning earned a room full of trophies, plaques, and ribbons during the 1981-82 season. He was B.C. Interior champion in two classes and placed second in another.

(Daily News Photo)



Local racer dominates motorcycle ice series

Vernon's Howard Cuning recently won two classes on the B.C. Interior ice race classification.

Cuning finished first overall in the 125 expert and the 250 senior while placing second in the 500 senior class. George Kuzmyuk, of Kamloops, narrowly edged Cuning for top spot in the 500 senior class.

It was also Kuzmyuk who challenged Cuning for the 250 senior title. The two went head-to-head in the final race in the 250, as well as the 500 class. Cuning was an overwhelming winner in 125 expert.

Cuning also received Vernon's Ice Racer of the year award for the second straight year.

Other Vernon riders to do well were 250 senior class first, Howard Cuning, and Mark Wadsworth, second in the 250 junior class.

TOP THREE
Following is the top three finishers in each classification:
500 expert class: first, Tony Allen, Kamloops; second, Clay Salter, Kamloops; third, Dave Clem and Barry Rempel, both from Kamloops.

250 senior class: first, George Kuzmyuk, Kamloops; second, Howard Cuning, Vernon; third, Tom Mitchell, Barriere.

500 junior class: first, Mike Atkins, Vernon; second, Carson Mann, Kamloops; third, Shane Mott, Kamloops.

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