SOCCER CHAMPS

Hawks captured the Vernon Men's Indoor Soccer League title, Wednesday, with a 4-2 win over Kickers, at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School. Team members are from left, back row: Dave MacDonald, Rick Raber, Paul McGrath, and Grant Nixon. Front row: Mike McGrath, Randall Krause, Neil Babiy, and Kelly Schley. In the consolation final, Dirties edged Rangers 2-1.

(Jeff Brandt Photo)

Lakers' new owner looking for partners

Vernon Lakers, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, will be owned by a group of four or five local businessmen during the 1982-83 season.

Ray (Dick) Williment, who purchased the club at a directors' meeting this week, said he expects to have some partners in the operation.

"I can't disclose any names at this time," he said, "but I'm talking with two men now and I understand another two are interested. We should have everything in order within two weeks."

Williment surprised many of the directors when he offered to buy the team. However, he said it wasn't a spur of the moment decision.

"The idea of buying the club has been bouncing around my mind for about a year now and when it came up that they (the directors) wanted to unload the team, I thought it was time to buy," he said.

NO COACH

Williment said he has a person in mind to do scouting for Lakers, but has no idea who will coach the club.

"We're looking for a good coach," he said, "and I feel it is premature to name a general manager."

Coach Gord MacBeth and Team Manager Bob Collins are no longer involved with the team. Vern Dye, a director and former general manager, may remain with Lakers in some capacity.

Williment said the 12-director format, employed by the team last season, didn't work.

"I was equipment manager and sometimes I didn't know when a player was leaving so he got away with half of his equipment," he said. "It just wasn't a good situation."

AFFILIATION

Williment hopes to ice a competitive team, with several local players on the roster. However, he is non-commital about Lakers' affiliation with Kamloops Oilers, of the Western Hockey League.

"I don't know what we're going to do about that (the affiliation)," he said. "We might drop the whole thing, but that is just a thought.

"I suppose they'd be able to help us more next season because they've been doing a lot of building. They only sent us a few players last year."

Vernon has finished last in the BC-JHL's Interior Division for the past two seasons.

Canadian rink defeats defending champions

GARMISCH, West Germany (CP) — Jurg Tanner had trouble with his shotmaking today, and his defending champions from Switzerland paid the price.

Al Hackner's Canadian foursome from Thunder Bay, Ont., reaped the benefits of Tanner's erratic play to win their seventh-round match with the Swiss 7-3 at the men's world curling championship.

The inability of Tanner to make key last-rock shots in the eighth and 10th ends enabled Hackner to steal one and three points respectively and maintain a clear lead atop the standings in the 10 country, round-robin portion of the tournament with a 6-1 record.

Tanner, who won the championship last year in London, Ont., is hoping to become the first curler to win the title in consecutive years since Don Duguid of Winnipeg turned the trick in 1970-71. Ron Northcott of Calgary won it in 1968 and 1969.

Switzerland, now 4-3, fell to a second-place tie with West Germany, the United States, Sweden and Norway. Scotland, a shock loser to West Germany in today's afternoon draw, was tied 3-4 with Italy followed by Denmark, 2-5, and France, 1-6.

SPARKS GERMAN ROUT

In other seventh-round games, Toronto-born Keith Wendorf led a West German 8-2 rout of Scotland, skipped by Colin Hamilton. Per Berg of Denmark defeated Steve Brown of the U.S. 7-4; Sjur Loen of Norway edged the hapless French entry of Andre Trone 5-4; and Sweden, skipped by world junior champion Soren Grahn, 19, defeated Andrea Pavini of Italy 9-3.

Norwegian coach Kristian Soerum had faith in his entry Wednesday and was rewarded when the Scandanavian country upset Canada 5-4 in an extra end, the only loss for the Canadians so far in the tournament.

Hackner and his teammates responded later in the day with 8-6 win over Denmark.

Prior to today's Swiss game, Hackner said: "I think we're faced with a must-win game. We really weren't playing our sharpest against Denmark."

Canadians, who developed the game to the sophisticated sport it has become internationally, haven't overwhelmed their opposition at the Air Canada Silver Broom the last decade. Canada has won just once since 1972.

In other sixth-round games Wednesday, the scores were: U.S. 5 West Germany 4, Sweden 8 Scotland 6, Switzerland 10 France 3, Norway 6 Italy 5.

Switzerland took a 6-5 extra-end triumph over the U.S. in the fifth round, while West Germany won 6-5 over Sweden in an extra end, Scotland beat Denmark 5-4 in overtime and Italy downed France 8-2.

Norway, West Germany, Switzerland and Scotland all scored one point in the 11th ends for their victories.

The Norwegian skip won the game in the 11th end when he hit and stayed with his final stone. Hackner came through with a last-rock takeout for two points in the 10th end for his victory over Denmark.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Wilson named most valuable

Jim Wilson, of Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles, has been named most valuable player in the Molson Men's Broomball League for the 1981-82 season. First-place Eagles captured three other individual awards. Mike Grywacheski was scoring champion, Gord Howard was selected as rookie of the year, and Rick Rysz earned the playoff MVP trophy. Stu Marshall, of Cobras, was top goalie and team-mate Mark Taylor was named top defenceman. Terry Maker, of National Hotel Hawks, was selected top forward.

Opening day

Vernon Golf and Country Club women's section will hold its opening next Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. Women are invited to play some golf, talk with the new executive, and meet new pro Pat Little. The driving range is now open.

Tryouts start

Coldstream Motor Hotel women's fastpitch team will be beginning tryouts tonight, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, at 10 a.m. The days and times will remain the same during April. All workouts are at Alexis Park.

In Quesnel

QUESNEL, B.C. (CP) — Quesnel Kangaroos will play host to Bonneyville Pontiacs in a best-of-five intermediate hockey series beginning Friday in this Cariboo community.

Quesnel won the B.C. championship last weekend and Bonneyville is the Alberta titleholder.

Linemen sign

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Lions have signed offensive linemen Gerald Roper and Dennis Guevin, their two territorial protections, to 1982 Canadian Football League contracts, the team announced Wednesday.

Roper, 22, was a starting guard at the University of Arizona the last two years. The 6-foot-3, 250-pounder is a native of North Vancouver.

Guevin, also 22, played four years at Simon Fraser University as an offensive tackle. The 6-foot-5, 270-pounder comes from Kamloops, B.C.

Rink unbeaten

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Ron Morissette of Calgary expanded his undefeated string to six games at the Royal Canadian Legion seniors curling championships Wednesday.

Morissette's rink won its sixth-round game in eight ends, defeating Irv MacKinnon's Charlottetown rink 11-5. Morissette scored three in the opening end and stole four more in the second when MacKinnon rubbed a guard attempting to in-turn tapback while facing four Alberta stones.

Camp site

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Argonauts will hold their 1982 training camp at the University of Guelph, the Canadian Football League team announced Wednesday.

Cheerleader?

ATLANTA (AP) — Bruce King says he's serious about his attempt to join Atlanta Falcons' all-female cheerleading squad.

"If a man has the ability, why can't he do it?" asked the 22-year-old bartender Tuesday night before participating in the National Football League team's cheerleader tryouts. "What's the difference between a guy and a girl dancing on the football field."

Will return

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Marvin Johnson, former world light-heavyweight boxing champion, will return to the ring Tuesday after an absence of more than a year, he announced Wednesday. Johnson, of Indianapolis, will fight Darnell Hays of Columbus, Ohio, in the feature match of a seven-fight program scheduled for Tuesday, at the Danville Civic Centre in Illinois. It will be his first fight since he was a fourth-round knockout victim of Michael Spinks in Atlantic City, N.J., on March 28, 1981.

Beats Fritz

NICE, France (AP) — Top-seeded Yannick Noah of France advanced to the quarter-finals of a $75,000 Grand Prix tennis tournament Wednesday by beating compatriot Bernard Fritz 6-0, 7-5. Ramesh Krishnan of India, whom Noah will meet in the quarter-finals, beat American Jimmy Arias 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. In other matches, Claudio Panatta of Italy beat Eric Fromm of the United States 3-6, 6-0, 6-1, and Jose Garcia of Spain beat compatriot Manuel Orantes 6-3, 7-5.

Will withdraw

AMSTERDAM (Reuter) — F.C. Amsterdam will withdraw from professional soccer at the end of this season because of financial difficulties and lack of support, says Dingeman de Stoop, chairman of the Dutch Second Division club. De Stoop announced the impending closure Tuesday night.

GUIDE REPORT

Sportsmen surveyed

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Environment currently has two surveys under way that are directed to fishermen and hunters.

One is the annual Hunter Harvest Questionnaire — B.C. hunters who have received a 1981 harvest questionnaire from Fish and Wildlife Branch are urged to complete and return the postpaid card promptly.

The annual survey of a large sample of resident hunters provides information about hunting activities in the province that is invaluable to an effective wildlife management program. For instance, answers to the questionnaire indicate the degree of hunting pressure on various game species in different parts of the province, as well as the relative success of hunters in total. Contacted hunters who purchased a licence for a particular species, but did not hunt or kill an animal of that species, should reply, as well as the successful sportsman. Their answers are needed to complete a true picture of last year's hunting activity.

HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN

Second survey from the ministry is directed to fishermen, as well as hunters. You may have received your questionnaire already, if not, I suggest you write to the Minister of Environment, Hon. Stephen Rogers, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. and ask for a copy of this questionnaire. This is the first time in years that the sportsman has had the opportunity to express his, or her, thoughs on the fish and wildlife management programs in this province. The questionnaire asks such questions:

How much is a day spent hunting or fishing worth to you? Does it matter if you're successful? Or, is just getting away into B.C.'s beautiful back country the most important part of your hunting experience? The Ministry of Environment is looking for answers to these and other important questions.

The Ministry is asking for your help in establishing realistic, up-to-date values for freshwater fishing and hunting experiences in British Columbia.

QUESTIONNAIRES

"During the next three months, we will be mailing out a large number of questionnaires to resident and non-resident anglers and hunters. Many of you who bought hunting or fishing licences in 1981 will be asked what species you hunted and fished for, where you did it, how much you spent, and what the overall experience was worth to you.

"These questionnaires, which will be held in strictest confidence, take about 10 minutes to complete. Some of you may receive more than one, depending on the number of species tags you bought in 1981.

"As part of this survey, you will also be given an opportunity to pass on your opinions about how well we are managing these vital resources. If you receive a questionnaire, please take the time to fill it out and return it to us in the envelope provided — no postage is necessary.

"Remember — this is your chance to exert a real influence on the fish and wildlife management programs in this province. Don't miss it. They want to hear from you.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Goes to Belford Valair, chairman of Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District, for making this committee's top priority construction of the boat launch facility at Paddle Wheel Park. Honorable mention goes to Okanagan Landing Community Association for its cooperation.

BRICK OF THE WEEK

Goes to fishermen or hunters who do not voice their disapproval when answering the Ministry of Environment Questionnaires. The branch is nothing more than a shadow of its former functioning body, and with inadequate budget allotment annually, the branch cannot do proper management of our fish and wildlife resource. I would hope you will also ask that all money realized from the sale of fishing and hunting licences go exclusively to a fund that will be used for fish and wildlife management and conservation programs, not into provincial general revenue coffers as happens now.

GUIDE TIP

Swan Lake and White Lake, in the Salmon Arm area, will be the first lakes to open this spring. Swan Lake should be open with ice more week.

BEST HOURS

Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and Sunday from 7:20 to 9:20 a.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

APRIL, 1977

Burnaby moved into sole possession of first place in the provincial Pee Wee hockey championships with an 11-2 victory over winless Terrace on Thursday night in the Enderby Arena. The win gives Burnaby a 4-1 record. Two points ahead of second-place Vernon and Penticton. However, both Okanagan teams have a game in hand.

APRIL, 1977

Enderby Hockey School Director Joe Tennant announced this week the school's second season of operation will be from Aug. 1 to 26. Among confirmed instructors are Grant Mulvey of Chicago Black Hawks, Don Ashby of Toronto maple Leafs, Bob Nystrom of New York Islanders, and Eddie Johnstone.

Rugby club combines youth and experience

Vernon Men's Rugby Club will be heading into the 1982 season with a team full of youth and experience.

The team finished fourth out of eight teams last year, but veteran Stu Marshall says his team is capable of finishing third, or even second, this year.

"It looks like we have good speed in the backfield and the younger players have been progressing so we're looking to a successful year," says Marshall.

Marshall, a four-year member of the club, is among the elder statesmen, but is optimistic about the club's youth.

"Our team is quite young, averaging 22-years, with four or five older guys," says Marshall. "We always seem to be in a rebuilding year, but this season our younger players have a few years of experience and we should be pretty strong."

YOUNG TALENT

Marshall says he's expecting a good year from Mike Potyrala and Jim Morden.

"Mike played for the B.C. under 19 team in the Summer Games last year and has a lot of experience," said Marshall. "Jim (Morden) is still in high school but he's a pretty solid kid with a lot of speed and should have improved from last year."

Also among the experienced youths are Scott Woodman at break, Colin Bigdal, also at break, and John Bibby, at outside centre.

The club has been practicing in a gym but has an outdoor workout scheduled Tuesday at VSSS. Because of the short practice time, Marshall is unsure whether the team will be entered in a tournament in Penticton April 10.

"We don't want to risk any sort of injury which is what happened last year," said Marshall. "But someone who is really getting into shape is Allan Jones our coach. He's helped us 100 per cent. He's really been working us hard in practice."

With the conditioning of Jones, Marshall says his team even has a shot at Kelowna and Kamloops, the two top teams in the league.

"What we're trying to do this year is develop a junior team for the Summer Games to compete against Kelowna and Kamloops."

Marshall says the development of the Okanagan teams has come a long way from four years ago.

"In the provincial finals last year, three Okanagan teams finished in the top 10 and that was unheard offour years ago," said Marshall. "The teams are getting better mainly because of the high schools getting involved in rugby."

SAME LEVEL

Among the other teams Vernon will compete against in the Okanagan are Revelstoke, Penticton, Merritt and Trail.

"We're about the same level as Trail and Penticton but I think both teams can be had. I think we split with them last year, but I'm sure we can take them this year."

Vernon plays a 12-game schedule, with all home games at Kalamalka Junior Secondary. Vernon's home opener is scheduled for April 18, against Revelstoke.

Marshall said because of the rep trials, April 17-18, the home opener is tentative.

Haak travelling with team

The Athletes in Action Basketball Team, which is based in Langley, conducted a clinic Tuesday at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School.

Wilf Haak, a graduate of Vernon Senior Secondary, is travelling with the AIA squad. Haak attended Trinity College last fall, the school which feeds players to AIA.

The team held another clinic Wednesday, in salmon Arm, before travelling to Kamloops.

The AIA program has gained international recognition in recent years by defeating several national and collegiate clubs.

Haak hopes to attend university in the United States, next September, on a basketball scholarship. He was named most valuable player in the Okanagan during the 1979-80 season.

ACTIVE SNOWMOBILERS

Vernon Snowmobile Association President Bob McDonald, centre, recently presented two awards. Norm McKinley was given the Russell Varty Memorial Trophy as most active member and Gina Vlaandren received the Jack Passmore Memorial Trophy as most active female in the club.

(Daily News Photo)

Drop-in programs popular

JIM ALVEBERG
. . . great response

By GORD SMILEY
Daily News Sports

City of Vernon Recreation Director Jim Alveberg is the first to admit it's impossible to please everyone all the time, but he's come close with the drop-in centre.

The drop-in centre is for people who don't want to compete in organized sports, but still want to participate. The recreation department has made this possible, where at the Priest Valley gym on certain days and times, people are able to pay $1 at the door and enjoy whatever activity happens to be set that day.

The program was implemented last year, but Alveberg says it has really caught on this year.

"Because of the response we've had to the program this year, we're going to increase our hours next year," says Alveberg. "It's easy for people to drop-in, all the equipment is there for them."

FITNESS ROOM

Not only has the drop-in program enjoyed high participation, so has the fitness room and the outdoor rink.

"People coming in from out-of-town can't believe that we have an artificial ice outdoor rink," says Alveberg. "It's something very unique to the community and gets a lot of use during the winter, as well as the summer (tennis)."

"The fitness room has also shown a sharp increase in use, and we're hopeful that there may be an addition to it in the near future."

However, as the weather warms up, Alveberg now turns his attention to the shape of the playing fields and parks.

"We're starting the scheduling of the fields, everything comes in a crunch but it has to be done."

One of the projects the recreation department has worked on is constructing underground irrigation in McDonald Park.

"It only takes four or five days, but people are probably wondering why we dug it up when we dug it up last year," says Alveberg. "When we dug it up last year, we didn't know the irrigation system would be approved; so obviously we couldn't put it in."

But Alveberg says no matter how much work goes into the fields, his department receives the same complaints every year.

"Conditions of the fields is usually the big complaint, user fees is another," says Alveberg. "They're the same complaints every year and nothing unique to Vernon or any other community."

What is unique to Vernon is the multi-use aspect of the recreation centre.

"We have everything located in one centralized area; the arena, gym, swimming pool, curling rink, fitness rooms and auditorium," says Alveberg. "I know quite a few larger communities don't have an indoor pool or some have just got one."

Alveberg says the community is fortunate in some of the facilities it has, but he still sees areas of improvement.

NO LIGHTS

"We still don't have a field with lights, but its been entered in the five year capital budget and we'd put them up either at McDonald Park or Polson Park, he says. "We'd also like to improve the tennis courts. The one at Polson Park should be a first class facility for us, but we're not going to spend any money on it until we know the conditions of construction in that area."

To make decisions concerning the community is obviously going to upset a few people, but Alveberg would like to alleviate that problem with some community feedback.

A SURVEY

"We have a 70 per cent chance of getting a student from the University of Victoria to take a survey and get a reaction from the community," says Alveberg. "We'd like to know if people are involved in some of the programs, what programs they'd like to see, whether they even care if there are programs for them to be involved in."

When alveberg does receive feedback he says it's important his department doesn't overreact.

"When skate boarding was so popular some communities built special ramps for the kids to skate on and now those ramps have been bulldozed over because it was only a fad."