



VERNON LAKERS found it tough going at both ends of the rink during their exhibition match with St. Paul

Junior Vulcans, Saturday night. Left, Rob Toye gets checked in Vulcans' end zone while Brian Burlingame,

above, tries to move a Vulcans' forward from in front of the Lakers' net. (Daily News Photo)

Football teams remain unbeaten

Molson Manics and Old Stockers remain undefeated after games Sunday in the Mountain Division, of the Labatts Men's Flag Football League.

Manics hammered Acutruss Animals 62-12 while Old Stockers outscored Queen's Cowboys 53-37.

In another game, Coldstream Raiders dumped Blasters 25-15.

Meanwhile, in the Valley Division, Peters Tirecraft stretched its win streak to four games with a 37-33 win

over Cougars.

In other action, Siddalls 38ers blanked Kokanee 7-0 and Ron Brown Bulls trounced CKAL Millers 32-7.

Molson Manics will host a tournament, Oct. 13 and 14, at MacDonald Park and VSS. Spokesman Bob Brown said they are hoping for 12 men's and four women's teams.

For further information, or to register, phone Brown at 542-6155 or Daryl Hill at 545-5381.

Volleyball teams find going tough

Vernon high school volleyball teams faced the acid test over the weekend in attempting to live up to their provincial rankings while competing in three separate tournaments. One team came within a game of its position, one team was fairly close to theirs and one team, Vernon Panthers, finished almost as far from the mark as possible.

"We bombed out, I think we ended up 34th of 40 teams," said Panthers' Coach Dennis Murdoch who guided his VSS squad through the UBC Invitational Tournament.

Meanwhile, VSS Royals Girls Volleyball Team picked up a seventh place finish at Sutherland's tournament, finishing just back of their fourth place provincial ranking.

Fulton girls, ranked first among 'A' schools, went undefeated through round robin and semi-final competition in Castlegar before losing in three games, in the final.

Despite the rude awakening Panthers received, Murdoch was neither surprised nor upset by his team's finish.

"We shouldn't have been ranked in the first place," said Murdoch whose club was ranked fourth in the province based on their achievements of last season. "We'll come along though... most of the mistakes were rookie mistakes."

Panthers dropped a string of round-robin matches including consecutive straight game defeats at the hands of Vanderhoof 13-15, 7-15, Delta 5-15, 13-15, and Mount Douglas 9-15, 3-15. However, Panthers did earn a straight games victory over Frank Hurt, 15-9, 15-13.

In the first consolation round, Panthers beat Osyoos 15-10, 15-2 while the second consolation round saw them bow to South Okanagan, of Oliver, 7-15, 15-10, 1-8.

Cyril Foster, mean-

while, watched his Fulton girls' squad slice through their opposition like a hot knife through butter.

Fulton defeated L. V. Rogers AA team, of Nelson, by straight game wins of 15-6, 15-11 and defeated Selkirk-Kootenay, 15-7, 11-15, 15-10.

The local volleyballers also defeated Mt. Sentinel, the host club from Castlegar, 15-6, 12-15, 15-7, then beat Castlegar high school 15-9, 15-11.

Still in round robin, Fulton beat Trail AA 15-9, 15-6, and Golden 15-12, 15-7.

In semi-final action Fulton had little trouble defeating Golden once again with straight victories of 15-13, 15-11.

However, in the tournament final, Fulton stumbled on a team it had previously defeated in round robin play. The local team fell victim to Mt. Sentinel, 7-15, 15-6, 10-15.

Fulton placed two players, Cathy Stenhouse

U.S. junior squad trounces Lakers 9-2

In keeping with a somewhat strange tradition Vernon Lakers have developed, this season the local hockey club failed to win an exhibition game again Saturday night.

Lakers, now 0-5-1 in exhibition play, were humbled 9-2 by visiting St. Paul Junior Vulcans, of the United States Hockey League. It was a contest which went a long way towards demonstrating the powers of concentration and organization to the Vernon club.

"They key was their concentration," said Lakers' coach Mike Enemark, who observed the game from the confines of the West section press box while assistant coaches Len Sloan and Ron Morneau were at the bench. "They had a lot of second effort... it shows what you can do when you spread out and pass the puck."

Kevin Hartzell, coach of the visiting American junior team, reflected some of Enemark's observations while adding a few of his own concerning the Canadian teams his club has faced in exhibition matches.

"I don't think any of the Canadian teams we've played have had the intensity," said Hartzell, whose junior squad was undefeated against Canadian junior A teams on a tour of the four western provinces. "Our kids go to work every night... hey, it's only 60 minutes and you give 100 per cent — if you give 100 per cent it

doesn't matter if you win or lose."

Vulcans used their speed and puck control to their advantage throughout the contest as well as their superior size and aggression, particularly in the area around the net. Vulcans bulldozed Lakers' defencemen on numerous occasions, forcing them to cough up the puck.

Despite the obvious difference in the amount of intensity each team displayed, Lakers' American counterparts were playing their fifth road game in as many nights.

Vulcans led by period scores of 3-1 and 5-1 with Lakers' captain Greg Kowal, in the first period, and defenceman Brian Burlingame, in the third frame, getting the goals for the local team.

Meanwhile, Enemark was disappointed with the effort his troops put in before a somewhat dismal exhibition crowd

of about 350.

"I don't think we played as well as we can," Enemark offered. "As soon as we got down we went to the old one player trying to do too much routine... but that'll improve with time."

Following the game, Lakers' coaching staff axed forwards Randy Hovak and Rob Toye and Enemark indicated that several more players will be trimmed from the roster tonight after practice.

While Lakers haven't fared too well in exhibitions, their record in regular BCJHL season play is impressive. With two wins and a tie, in three starts, Lakers trail only front-running Penitence Knights while both Summerland Buckaroos and Merritt Centennials are close on their heels for second place in the Interior Division.

However, Lakers' troubles could start early in the season as the Ver-

non club plays nine of 12 games in October on the road, including a swing through the Coastal Division which will see them play four games, in four nights. Games at home in October won't bring any relief either as Langley Eagles, as yet undefeated in Coastal Division play, Merritt and Summerland visit Civic arena this month.

In BCJHL over the weekend, Revelstoke Rangers earned their first victory of the season with an 8-3 win over visiting Sidney Capitals, Saturday night. However, Rangers dropped a 4-2 decision to hometown Summerland, Sunday.

Other games Saturday saw Summerland defeat Nanaimo Clippers 8-5 while in a Coastal Division matchup, Langley edged Abbotsford 8-7.

In one other game Sunday night, Sidney picked up its first victory of the season by beating Salmon Arm Totems 8-4.

Strange hangs on to win tournament

ABILENE, Tex. (AP) — Curtis Strange won the golf tournament, Tom Watson got some unexpected help in the race for player of the year, and Mark O'Meara suddenly became a factor in the struggle for golf's money-winning lead.

"That may be it for the year for me," Strange said after he needed only

"But I'll definitely play in the Disney and, if I have a chance to take the money-winning title, I'll play at Pensacola (the final week of the season)."

WAITS TO SEE

Watson's schedule is uncertain.

Seeking a record sixth player-of-the-year title, he came to this

that title. While he lost two points from his total, he had a net gain of two and now leads South African Denis Watson 58-54. Tom Watson came into the week with a 60-58 lead in the complicated standings.

O'Meara is the man who juggled things. He moved ahead of Watson

Vernon club ladies' draw