

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ski club plans meeting

North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club will hold a general meeting Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Vernon Arts Centre. All cross-country skiers are invited to attend. The club has scheduled a tour Dec. 23, to the Tillicum Valley area. For further information phone Lloyd Beattie at 542-9639.

Honeymooners volleyball

In Sunday Honeymooners Volleyball League play, the scores were: Gordie's Mini Motors 2, Hebbie Sheebies 0; Weekenders 2, Toros Spikers 1; Gordie's Mini Motors 2, Weekenders 0; Toros Spikers 2, Hebbie Sheebies 0; Raisins 2, Leftovers 0; Old Stylers 2, Hammer Heads 0; Old Stylers 2, Raisins 0; and Hammer Heads 2, Leftovers 0.

Ballesteros wins \$300,000

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — Spaniard Severiano Ballesteros shot his worst round of the tournament, a two-over-par 74 Sunday, but still won the Million Dollar Golf Challenge for the third time and earned \$300,000, golf's richest payoff.

"I made very few mistakes... I wish I could play this way every week," said Ballesteros, who won the title last year and in 1981. He finished with a 72-hole total of 279 and led the tournament after each of the four rounds. His best round was Saturday, when he shot a 65.

Briton Nick Faldo, who shot a 72 Sunday and finished at 285, was the runner-up in the 10-man field and collected \$150,000.

Big night for Hodgson

Dan Hodgson, who says he's a better player maker than a goal scorer, fired five goals and added an assist to pace Prince Albert Raiders to a convincing 13-5 decision over Saskatoon Blades in one of several high-scoring Western Hockey League games Sunday.

In other games, Portland doubled Victoria 10-5, Regina downed Brandon 8-3, Calgary dumped Moose Jaw 10-4, Kelowna defeated Seattle 10-3 and Kamloops edged Medicine Hat 4-3.

Felder jumps to wins

THUNDER BAY, Ont. (CP) — A new Austrian wave began sweeping across the World Cup ski-jumping hills during the weekend.

Andreas Felder, 22, a member of the Austrian army, captured both season-opening events at Big Thunder.

Felder's victories in the 70- and 90-metre competitions should come as no surprise. He and teammate Ernst Vettori, 20, have been touted as heirs-apparent to the former Austrian kings of the hill, Armin Kogler and Hubert Neuper.

Nightingale earns title

NEW YORK (AP) — Lynn Nightingale of Ottawa won the women's singles title Sunday and Candy Jones and Don Fraser of Montreal finished first in pairs at the third annual pro skate championships at Madison Square Garden.

Robin Cousins of Britain captured his third consecutive men's title, beating Toller Cranston of Toronto, and led the winning squad in team competition for the second straight year.

Mijovic tops field

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Danny Mijovic of Unionville, Ont., playing in his first professional tournament, scored a five-stroke victory Sunday in the \$100,000 Mexican Open golf championship at Tijuana Country Club.

Mijovic, 38, Canadian amateur champion, posted four sub-par rounds of 69, 70, 65 and 70 for a tournament-record score of 274, or 14 under par. His victory was worth \$16,200.

French skier victorious

DAVOS, Switzerland (AFP) — Christelle Guignard of France upset pre-race favorite Erika Hess of Switzerland to win a women's World Cup slalom ski race Sunday, her first-ever Alpine ski victory.

Hess, however, finished second and, combined with her 10th-place finish Saturday in a super giant slalom event, took the lead in the overall standings.

Cooney uses old trick

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Gerry Cooney, known as a practical joker, says he beat George Chaplin in their heavyweight fight with the help of an old gag.

"I told him his shoelace was untied and he looked at it for a minute and 50 seconds of the second round Saturday night," Cooney said.

Cooney, 28, doubled up Chaplin with a left to the stomach and followed with a left to the chin before unleashing a barrage of 51 straight punches. Referee Bobby Ferrara then stopped the scheduled 10-round bout.

Thomson cashes in

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Australian Peter Thomson stroled to an even-par 72 Sunday to wrap up the Professional Golfers' Association seniors championship and claim the largest paycheck in his 34-year career.

Thomson, who held the lead after each of the first three rounds and finished at two-under 286, earned \$40,000 for the three-stroke victory over Don Janney.

Kills jockey

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — A teenage jockey was killed when he was thrown from his mount and struck the rail during the ninth race at Agua Caliente race track in this border city, track officials said.

Ismael Castanon, 19, was riding Son of Chief on Saturday when the horse suddenly veered into the inside rail in mid-stride, with the jockey being unable to control the animal.

Picks U.S.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The United States has been named as the country to play host to the 1986 world amateur boxing championships.

Eagles blank weekend foes

First place Coldstream Eagles recorded a pair of shutout victories in Vernon Men's Broomball League action over the weekend.

Eagles blanked Toros 4-0 and B and M Flames 6-0. In another game, Club 2929 Cobras nipped Toros 2-1.

Dan Schneider led Eagles past Toros with two goals while Greg Lellman and Norm Amiel added singles.

In the win over Flames, Brad Williams and Randy Rutten scored two goals

apiece while Bob Mann and Brian Schneider collected solos.

Daryl Leier posted back-to-back shutouts, his fourth and fifth of the season.

Ivan Matte and Rick Garbutt scored to give Cobras their victory over Toros.

Brian McAllister replied with the lone goal for Toros.

League play resumes Friday when Eagles take on Flames.

In a doubleheader, Saturday, Cobras battle Flames and Toros clash with Eagles.

SWEDES VISIT VERNON



Nacka, of the Swedish First Division, will take on Vernon Cougars in an exhibition hockey game Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the Vernon Civic Arena.

Nacka is on a two-week tour of B.C. and Alberta which will put them against junior, college, and intermediate teams. Advance tickets for

the Vernon match are available at A's Esso Service and Ernie's Self-Serve Esso.

TORONTO ACQUIRES CAUDILL

Jays get bullpen help

HOUSTON (AP) — It

took several missed airplane flights, a few acting lessons and several million dollars but New York Yankees did what they came here to do.

They finally nailed down Rickey Henderson.

And Toronto Blue Jays got some long-desired bullpen help.

Three days after the

trade was conditionally

made and almost a full day after baseball's winter meetings officially ended, the Yankees completed a seven-player swap Saturday that brought Henderson from Oakland's.

And once that deal was completed, the Blue Jays shipped outfielder Dave Collins and shortstop Alfredo Griffin to

Oakland for reliever Bill

Caudill.

Henderson did not come cheaply. One of the best leadoff men in baseball history, Henderson will be paid an estimated \$8.75 million for five years, making him one of the game's top five money-earners behind George Foster, Dave Winfield, Mike Schmidt and Gary Carter.

"It boiled down to

business and what was best for both ballclubs," Henderson said. "We felt I would be better off in New York."

To get Henderson, an outfielder who set the major-league record of 130 stolen bases in 1982, plus minor-league pitcher Bert Bradley and a reported \$200,000, the Yankees gave up pitcher Jay Howell, highly regarded minor-league pitcher Jose Rijo, Eric Plunk and Tim Lirtsas and minor-league outfielder Stan Javier.

A large portion of Henderson's money will be deferred over the next 20 to 35 years.

"We were extremely reluctant to trade Rickey," said Oakland vice-president Sandy Alderson. "He has demonstrated outstanding ability."

"We were faced with certain economic realities, given the overall composition of our ballclub, and the need to improve in several areas."

Henderson, who turns 26 on Christmas Day, had one year left on his contract and received \$950,000 last season, an amount he won in salary arbitration.

Henderson, who played left field for the A's last season, probably will patrol centre field for New York.

On Wednesday night, the A's and Yankees announced the seven-player trade had been worked out but would not become official unless the Yankees reached agreement with Henderson on a new contract.

A few minutes after the Henderson trade was completed, the A's dealt Caudill to the Blue Jays in exchange for Griffin, Collins and cash.

Oakland made the trade after acquiring Howell, to be used as a reliever.

The Caudill deal satisfied Toronto's biggest need — a bullpen stopper. The Blue Jays lost many leads in the late innings last season. They had courted free-agent Bruce Sutter, who signed with Atlanta Braves last week.



RICKEY HENDERSON joins Yankees

Caudill took part in more than half of Oakland's 77 victories last season, saving 36 games while posting a 9-7 record with a 2.91 earned-run average.

"We've been taking about Caudill for three years," said Toronto general manager Pat Gillick.

Saturday's flurry of activity came well past the 6 p.m. EST official conclusion of the 83rd annual meetings.

Friday afternoon also represented the end of the interleague trading period, although another such time exists Feb. 15 to April 1.

There were nine deals involving 22 players completed during the week-long meetings.

Among those traded were LaMarr Hoyt, former Cy Young Award winner, from Chicago White Sox to San Diego Padres; Don Sutton, winner of 280 career games, from Milwaukee Brewers to Oakland; and starting pitcher Walt Terrell, from New York Mets to the World Series champion Detroit Tigers.

In addition to Sutter, other free-agents who signed contracts during the meetings were pitcher Steve Trout, who remained with Chicago Cubs; designated hitter Andre Thornton, who stayed with Cleveland Indians; outfielder Lee Lacy, who left Pittsburgh Pirates for Baltimore Orioles; and designated hitter Cliff Johnson, who departed Toronto for Texas Rangers.

Juveniles tie games

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps blew leads in both their weekend games against Penticton and ended up settling for ties.

Vernon recorded 7-7 ties in Penticton, Saturday night, and in Vernon, Sunday, but remains on top of the Okanagan Mainline Juvenile Hockey League with a record of eight wins and three ties, in 11 starts.

"I could be really negative and say we blew leads and everything but I can't be negative because we picked up two or four points despite the fact that we could have won both games," said Coach Al Noakes. "Saturday night I played four second year guys and went with all first-years in the lineup also I had a few guys with the flu. Sunday, I used just three 18-year-olds... the positive part was that we were short-handed but we still got two points... they're a good bunch of kids and they work hard."

Saturday, Vernon led 7-4 going into the third period only to watch the hometown Penticton crew score three unanswered goals in the final frame.

Sunday, it was a similar story as the local club was outscored 3-1 in the third period after leading 6-4 after two.

Dale Danallanko paced the Vernon club in Saturday's game with three goals and two assists for a five-point performance while Curt Petersen had three goals Sunday.

However, Noakes was even more impressed with the play of some players who didn't shine in the points department.

Dean Bernhard, recently signed out of midgeet house league, was one of those players to receive Noakes' praise.

"He (Bernhard) hasn't played any rep hockey and he wasn't a superstar or anything like that, but he came up with a good game," offered Noakes.

"Brian Burns was his same steady self all weekend... he leads the team all the time and this weekend was no exception."

Burns had a goal and two assists Saturday and



DALE DANALLANKO... five points

added two goals and one assist on Sunday.

Another positive aspect in Noakes' mind is the fact that he was able to cut his penalty time per game by about one third.

"We cut our penalty minutes from around 30 minutes per game to about 20," he said.

Actually, Vernon had 18 minutes in minors in Penticton and 20 minutes in Vernon, Sunday.

The local juvenile club should be in better shape for its next league game in Salmon Arm, next Sunday.

The Vernon coach expects a better showing at that time since he'll have more regulars in his lineup.

"We're still leading the league," added Noakes.

"We've got work to do but we'll be strong when everyone gets back."

The Vernon club won't be playing its scheduled game Dec. 22, in Vernon.

That game was to have seen Penticton back in Civic Arena.

"That'll be just before we go to Maple Ridge," Noakes said.

Vernon will compete in a tournament, in Maple Ridge, Dec. 26.

If (tournament) will provide us with a look at the Coastal teams and also give us some experience against teams from outside the Interior," Noakes said.

Vernon won the B-side of that tournament last year.

Junior game rescheduled

It turned out to be the weekend that wasn't for Vernon Lakers.

Lakers, originally thought to have a home-and-home series with Summerland Buckaroos which could have earned second place in the BCJHL Interior Division for the remainder of the season, had one of their two games cancelled due to a schedule change.

The game was to be played Sunday night at Civic Arena, but has been rescheduled to Dec. 29. The problem arose due to some differences between the master schedule and the one Vernon Lakers had drawn up.

One other change will see the game scheduled for Dec. 28, in Penticton, moved to Jan. 29.

Meanwhile, Lakers have some time to work their latest addition into the line-up before entertaining Salmon Arm Totems, Friday night.

Jason Phillips, 17, came to Lakers via Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League. He played his minor hockey in Burnaby before going to Blazers' camp this season. Phillips, at 6' and 170 pounds is a welcome addition up front for the local club.

"He's a good, strong skater," offered Lakers' General Manager Vern Bye. "He's a little bit out of shape because he's only played a couple of games with them (Blazers). They've been packing 25 kids since the beginning of the season."

However, any prospect of the Kamloops organization should be considered worthwhile in view of Blazers' status. With only five losses in their first 28 games this season, Blazers lead the WHL and rank among the top three junior clubs in Canada.

In BCJHL action Sunday night, Revelstoke Rangers moved into a tie with Merritt Centennials for fourth place in the Interior Division as they defeated Salmon Arm Totems 8-3 while Centennials were humbled 11-3, in Richmond, by the Sockeyes. One other game saw Langley Eagles, bolstered by a recent trade with Penticton Knights, edge nanaimo Clippers 7-6 in overtime.

Vernie Kinley and Troy Kaye were a winning combination for Rangers with three goals each. Revelstoke led 3-1 and 6-2 by periods. Richard Turgeon and Aaron Nosky had singles.

In Richmond, Rick Dietrich led the Sockeyes with four goals while Brad Wolts and Mike Scardina added two each. Richmond led 6-4 and 9-1.

In Langley, Derrick Ruppel scored the winner just 69 seconds into overtime to provide Eagles with the win. Team-mate John Basco had sent the game into overtime with his second of the evening with 1:29 left in the third period. Mike Bafaro, Shawn Harrison and Richard Sloan scored the others for Langley, which trailed 2-1 and 4-3 by periods.

Dale Briscoe scored three in a losing cause for Clippers, who are fourth in the Coastal Division.

Saturday night, Summerland defeated Revelstoke 5-3, Abbotsford blasted Merritt 12-2, Richmond edged Nanaimo 10-9, and Penticton crushed Salmon Arm 13-5.

Summerland's Craig Bedard scored two goals and assisted on one to lead the Bucks while Campbell Blair, Brent Mowery and Brian Gerrits had singles.

Rick Turgeon, Vince Burroughs and Vernie Kinley should be Rangers.

Pat Ryan and Shane Powell scored the only goals for Centennials who trailed Flyers 4-2 and 8-2 by periods.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1979

W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School boys' and girls' basketball teams kept their undefeated records intact over the weekend. In a

Kamloops, Sonics stretched their win streak to 11 games by capturing the Westside Tournament. And in Chase, the Sonettes were the best of eight girls' clubs.

JUDD'S JOURNAL

A timely victory

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

In case you hadn't heard, though it is unlikely, Vancouver Canucks won a hockey game on the weekend.

You'd have had to have been either deaf and/or blind not to have picked up on this one though. All the tell-tale signs of a Canucks' victory were apparent.

One, they've moved back onto the front page of the Vancouver newspapers, complete with action photos of their game Saturday night and, wonder of all wonders, the bylines have reappeared on the Canucks' game reports.

For the past month, during Canucks' absence from the win column, staff writers for Vancouver papers have had their names conspicuously absent from their stories.

While newspapers and sportswriters in Vancouver seem reluctant to stand behind the Canucks in anything but the best of times, the bylines have reappeared on the Canucks' game reports.

The rest of the hockey world certainly was, Canucks not only halted their own losing streak at nine games (thereby falling short of setting a new club record for consecutive losses), but also ended the high-

flying Edmonton Oilers' winning streak at eight games.

That was a feat considered impossible if not improbable, but Canucks were doubly impressive by holding Wayne Gretzky off the score sheet for the night. That ended a consecutive points scoring streak on the road that goes back two years and 72 games for the Great one.

To be honest, I was one of the pundits who called for Harry Neale's head on a platter numerous times since this most dismal of seasons began. But, I'll give credit where credit is due. Neale's decision to hold a two practices per day mini-camp last week obviously produced some results with the club.

Saturday night's game was some of the best regular season activity we've seen in the NHL in a long time.

There may be a few among us who feel Oilers might have come into the game without their usual competitive edge. To a certain extent, there may be some validity in that manner of thinking.

Having beaten Canucks 7-0 in their two previous games this season in Edmonton, coupled with a 12-3 win over Vancouver in the last game of the 1983-84 season, Oilers were probably over-confident.

On the other hand, pressure may have played a large part in the victory as well.

Not pressure on the Canucks so much as the pressure on the Oilers.

Anyone in hockey can tell you that no team is more feared than the one with the lengthy losing streak. No team wants to be the first to lose, least of all a team that is sporting a winning streak of their own.

Considering the intensity and the effort Oilers seemed to be putting into the game Saturday, the latter theory holds more water than the former.

Although breaking out of a slump at any time is considered "timely" a win over the best in the league Saturday really couldn't have come at a better time for Canucks.

The Vancouver crew embarks upon one of the most gruelling of road trips any team has to face this season.

Vancouver begins its six-game sojourn in Quebec, Tuesday night, travels to Montreal for a game Thursday before closing out the week with back-to-back games in Boston, Saturday, and Buffalo, Sunday.

Next week, on the trip back, Canucks touch down in Calgary, Thursday, and hit the Edmonton Coliseum, Friday night. And, you can bet the Oilers will be prepared to make amends at that time.

At least the victory Saturday may pump the Canucks up enough to win a couple of these road encounters and make the best of a bad situation.