

Long-time Vernon soccer supporter Kurt Wenzlaff, second from left, had a trophy named in his honor this week. The trophy will be presented annually to the player who exemplifies sportsmanship in the Okanagan Valley Soccer League. With Wenzlaff are from left, Vernon United Manager Ernie Schley, trophy donor Gus Columbus of OK Building Supplies, and Vernon Rovers Manager Tony Stamboulieh. (Daily News Photo)

KURT WENZLAFF HONORED



The North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club has been active of late, even if snow conditions have changed with the approach of spring.

Those people with mohair bases to their skis are getting around with smug looks on their faces, chortling with glee as they whiz along the trail, while the staunch types using waxable equipment ponder on what to pull out of the pack. And with warmer weather here, the problem will be harder to solve.

Last Sunday, 30 skiers went to Beaver Lakes, out of Winfield, and most of the party coped with the difficult snow, at least, they were all the better after the workout. If one made the plateau, here again waxing was the be-all and end-all of it — the reward was well worth the climb. Trees of great height, free of undergrowth, made a truly beautiful scene. Returning through these giants called for strict control with many changes of direction.

The end of season club social will be held on Sunday, March 11, at Stussi's Cross-country Centre, near Falkland. The Stussi Cup will competed for on this occasion. It's a yearly event and run over a 10 km course. There will be fun events too for all members of the family, followed by supper in the chalet. Members and their friends will meet at Downtown Super-Valu parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

The tour for this coming Sunday was originally scheduled for McCulloch trails, out of Kelowna. Snow conditions may be unsuitable, in which case, the Starr will be the venue. However, meet at Downtown Super-Valu parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to hear the latest news about the McCulloch trip.

Canadians short-handed

Vernon Canadians will go into tonight's third game of their best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-final series, against Kamloops Rockets, with a depleted line-up.

Game time is 8:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena. The series is tied 1-1.

Rich Creelman is limping. Lance Vachon still has a cast on his wrist, and no player help is available from the midgets or juveniles.

THREE LINES

If Creelman, who injured his ankle in practice earlier this week, can play, Canadians will have exactly three lines and four defencemen.

Vachon, who hoped to play tonight, was not given the green light by his doctor. And the midgets and juveniles are involved in their own playoffs this weekend.

Despite the shortage of bodies, Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Blomquist told the Daily News he is confident his club can win tonight.

TOO LOOSE

Bloomer said, "We've been too loose in our end of the rink. We've got to tighten up."

The Canadians' GM said it is important that Dale Slous' line starts playing with weight. "At the end of the season, Slous' line was playing super hockey. I don't know what has happened to them. We sure need a good game from them tonight."

In two games, Rockets have scored six goals against that trio.

Fourth game in the series will be played Sunday, at 8 p.m., in Kamloops.

CENTS WIN

In BCJHL quarter-final action Friday night, Rod Danchuk and Gary Strkla scored three goals each to pace Merritt Centennials to an 8-1 victory over Kelowna Buckaroos.

In other games, Jeff Wylie got four goals in Nanaimo Clippers' 10-3 trouncing of the visiting Abbotsford Flyers and Bellingham Blazers thwarted eight Chilliwack power plays to defeat the Colts 5-1 in the opening game of their best-of-seven series.



LANCE VACHON
...sidelined

The win in Merritt gave the Centennials a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven quarter-final series.

Dale Ames added two goals for the winners while Tom Rohrback scored for Kelowna, which was outshot 33-24 although Merritt was assessed eleven of 17 minor penalties.

In Nanaimo the Clippers took a one-game lead in their series with other goals by Ken Calder, Jerry Bogle, Mike Johnson, Nigel Thomas, Dave Wheeldon and Bob Dietterle.

CLIPPERS HAVE EDGE

Anthony McMurchy, with two goals, and Todd Semenchuk were the marksmen for Abbotsford which was outshot 49-35 before more than 1,000 fans.

Don Fraser scored two goals in the Blazers' victory, with other goals coming from Brian Law, Dave Brockhill and Art Lehikoinen. Alf McVey spoiled Ken Bales' shutout bid with a power-play goal midway through the final period.

The Blazers took nine of 10 minor penalties in the game before 342 fans in Bellingham.

Panthers whip Whundas 84-54

Vernon Panthers are still alive and kicking in the Okanagan senior boys' basketball championships.

Panthers hammered Westsyde Whundas 84-54 Friday to avoid ellimination from the valley tourney in Penticton. In first round play, Penticton Lakers crushed Panthers 56-37.

LONG ROAD

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig said, "We've still got a long road ahead of us – we'll have to take the games one at a time."

Panthers were scheduled to play KLO Cougars earlier today. Winner of that game advances to tonight's consolation final against the winner of today's Salmon Arm-Kamloops game. And the consolation winner has the right to playoff Tuesday against the loser of the championship game between Kelowna and Penticton, one of the valley's second berth in the B.C. championships.

Inrig said, "We have to win three straight games to go to the B.C. tourney – and we can't afford to lose one. If we play like we did against Westsyde, we can do it."

Rick Beaton led Panthers against Whundas with 21 points. Glenn Collingridge scored a season high of 17 for the winners while centre Kelly Olsen dropped in 11.

FOUL TROUBLE

Olsen got in foul trouble, early in the 3rd quarter, but it didn't bother the Panthers.

Inrig said, "We finally got our offence together. We played good defence against Penticton – I wasn't worried about the defence. We had to start scoring some points."

Vernon dominated the boards with 49 rebounds to Westsyde's 32.



GLENN COLLINGRIDGE
...season high

Lacrosse to register

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association will hold its registration March 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Village Green Mall.

Boys aged 6 to 18 are eligible to play. Cost is $12 per player, with a maximum of $25 per family.

Cougars host Elks Sunday

Grindrod Elks and Vernon Sport Cougars would probably never get along at a Sunday social, simply because they have a fierce rivalry going in the North Okanagan Hockey League.

It will be far from a social gathering at the Vernon Civic Arena Sunday night when the league champion Elks tangle with the third place Cougars.

AT STAKE

At stake is second place in the six-team loop as the Cougars trail the Westside Packers by just one point.

Sunday night's encounter will be the final league game of the season.

Cougars' General Manager Vern Dye is confident his Cougars will knock off the powerful Elks who have lost just three contests this season.

"Second place is at stake and you bet we're gonna win," said Dye who added his club is healthy.

"We're going to have to skate hard and check hard and hope our defencemen come up with big games," continued Dye.

BIG LINE

Cougars will be going with their big line of league scoring champions Dave Caldow, Gary Gilchrist and Mike Correale.

Gilchrist will have one last chance to become the first player to score 60 goals as he is one short of that magic mark.

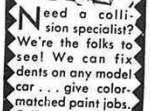
Elks will counter with their big gunners, George Fargher (24 goals) and Rick Harris (22 goals). High-scoring Gary Pearson has gone fishing on the West Coast.

OTHER GAMES

In other league action this weekend, Rutland Molsons take on the Elks Saturday night in Enderby and Winfield Raiders battle Revelstoke Selkirks in a meaningless Sunday afternoon game in Revelstoke.

Game time Sunday night, in Vernon, is 8 p.m.

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Ball team meets Sunday

Vernon's entry in the North Okanagan Baseball League will hold an organizational meeting Sunday at the Coldstream Hotel, at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in the organization and administration of this city's senior baseball club is encouraged to attend.

The team will open its 1979 North Okanagan Baseball League season May 6, and play a 24-game schedule to conclude July 29, against teams from Enderby, Kelowna and Kamloops.

GOALIE LEAVES HOSPITAL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Philadelphia Flyers goalie Bernie Parent is being released today from hospital, where he has been treated for an eye injury for two weeks.

PIN POINTS

FEB. 18
Sunday 7-5 Mixed

Womens high single, Donna Cochrane 281, high triple, Carol Skidmore 703, high average, Donna Desmaras 217.

Mens high single, Paul Babineau 314, high triple, Paul Babineau 756, high average, Marcel Gallop 293.

Team high single, Icebreakers 1173, high triple, 5 Easy Pieces 3450.

700 Club: Carol Skidmore 703

TEAM STANDINGS

[illegible]	233
5 Easy Pieces	201½
Gidd's Bros	183½
Duckies Inn	180

FEB. 18
YAC Seniors

Womens high single, Allison Palmer 302, high triple, Allison Palmer 725, high average, Allison Palmer 274.

Mens high single, Danny Wood 286, high triple, Cameron Beach 801, high average, Barry Koenig 292.

Team high single, Spit Fires 1088, high triple, Spit Fires 3228.

700 Bowler of the Week: Danny Wood 286, bowled a 246 game.

Bowler of the Week: Allison Palmer 302, bowled a 725 triple.

Mens 200 average: Rick Block 201, bowled a 600 triple to go 77 pins over average.

TEAM STANDINGS

[illegible]	728½
Spit Fires	696½
Team Tanabe	607½
Tri-Lake	541

February 19
Mon. 7-9 Mixed

Women's high single, Val Wiebe 283, high triple, Lil Jamieson 760, high average, Lil Jamieson 224.

Men's high single, Bill Horner 337, high triple, Mark Katalay 921, high average, Marcel Gallop 247.

Team high single, Crackers 1365, high triple, Captains Choice 3602.

400 Club: Bill Horner 317, Jerry McGaghey 313, Val Wiebe 303.

700 Club: Lil Jamieson 760, Mary Passmore 724.

TEAM STANDINGS

Captains Choice	264
Pin Ups	241½
Bird Heating	233½
Seymour 200	229

February 19
Mon 9-11 Mixed

Women's high single, May Turek 267, high triple, Peggy Turek 800, high average, May Turek 227.

Men's high single, Rod Brisbin 276, high triple, Archie Turek 684, high average, Archie Turek 234.

Team high single, What Eagles 1040, high triple, What Eagles 2960.

700 Club: Marie Jo Paduch 724, May Turek 737, Willie Wendel 755.

800 Club: Peggy Turek 800

TEAM STANDINGS

What Eagles	678
Anti-Eagles	668½
Anti-Eagles	633
Birdbrains	621

FEB. 20
Tuesday Nite 9-11

Womens high single, Alta Hirsch 273, high triple, Donna Pryshlak 637, high average, Brunhilde Stange 214.

Mens high single, Try Hards 1011, high triple, Alley Cats and Try Hards 2853 each.

TEAM STANDINGS

[illegible]	218
[illegible]	208
[illegible]	205
[illegible]	203
[illegible]	193
[illegible]	190

FEB. 20
Tuesday 7-9

Womens high single, Eileen Moore 356, high triple, Eileen Moore 804, high average, Ruth Potts 211.

Mens high single, Alex Frick 338, high triple, Frank Gratton 796, high average, John Tykalowich 249.

Team high single, Winsomes 1445, high triple, Winsomes 3765.

700 Club: Eileen Moore 356 and 804, John Tykalowich 307, Alex Frick 338, Tim Murphy 331, Cliff Pahlenkede 321.

TEAM STANDINGS

Four Roses & A Prickle	250½
Compensators	229½
Geniers TV	214½
Rondells	201

FEB. 20
Tuesday Coffee

Womens high single, Eva Kronbauer 293, high triple, Donna Edwards 675, high average, Lil Jamieson 224.

Team high single, Sugar Pops 1211, high triple, Sugar Pops 3494.

TEAM STANDINGS

Lucky Charms	273½
Bob Berries	240
Capn Crunch	232
Corn Chex	195
Cheerios	194½
Fruit Loops	188½

February 21
Wed. 7-9 Mixed

Women's high single, Marilyn Weir 291, high triple, Donna Desmaras 712, high average, Lori Kupryk 228.

Men's high single, Val Andretta 285, high triple, Val Andretta 756, high average, Val Andretta 238.

Team high single, Price & Markle 1157, high triple, Price & Markle 3264.

TEAM STANDINGS

Hot Shots	231½
Brandy Bunch	225
P.M.'s	223½
Happy Gang	195½

February 21
Wed. 9-11 p.m.

Women's high single, Lori Kupryk 279, high triple, Helene Belec 665, high average, Lori Kupryk 208.

Men's high single, Len Melbourne 309, high triple, Ken Bridgeman 779, high average, Shig Tabata 239.

Team high single, French Signs 1298, high triple, Family Affair 3612.

300 Club: Len Melbourne 309

TEAM STANDINGS

Assassins	224
H & R Fencing	238
Family Affair	212½
Limey Plus	206½

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SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sinners reach final

GIBSONS (Special) – Armstrong Sinners have advanced to the championship game at the British Columbia senior girls' 'A' basketball championships.

Armstrong won two consecutive games Friday to qualify for the final tonight, against Little Flower Academy, of Vancouver.

Sinners defeated George Dawson, of the Queen Charlotte Islands, 57-45 and Revelstoke 68-49.

SPECIAL DEFENCE

Dawson used a special defence against Sinners to keep Armstrong's two tall girls, Sara Enoch and Heidi Schoenberger, away from the hoop. As a result, outside shooter Helen King was the top sniper for Sinners with 14 points. Schoenberger still managed to score 13 points and Sara Enoch dropped in 12.

Armstrong held quarter leads of 14-13, 30-19, and 45-29.

In the Revelstoke game, defence was the key for Sinners. Leanne Pratico, who averages 30 points per game for Revelstoke, was held to 18.

Enoch was the big gun for the winners with 22 points with Schoenberger sunk 20. Suzanne Lemaire, with 11 points, and Tarren Saumer, with 10, also hit double figures for Armstrong.

Revelstoke recently defeated Sinners in the Okanagan finals.

BIG GAME

Armstrong Coach Tony Wolcott said, "That was a big game for us. I knew we'd score enough points to beat Revelstoke, but I was worried about stopping their offence."

Wolcott is expecting a tough game with Little Flower. He said, "Little Flower has finished second in the province five times, in the last eight years. They are hungry for a victory. We have a slight height advantage and we're going to have to use it."

Little Flower reached the final by edging St. Thomas Aquinas 50-49 on Friday night.

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Gloomy Friday for local teams

North Okanagan boys and girls teams, competing in the valley junior basketball championships in Penticton, suffered losses on Friday.

McArthur Park, of Kamloops, defeated Clarence Fulton, of Vernon, 68-63 in boys' action.

In girls' play, Sahali, also of Kamloops, dumped Lumby 53-30.

Fulton Coach Bob Shannon said, despite the loss, he thinks his team is better.

Shannon said, "McArthur Park shot exceptionally well. Our defence wasn't that bad – and their shooting was just incredible. I doubt if they've shot that well all season."

Mike dePfyffer and Jeff Baerg were the top snipers for Fulton with 14 points apiece.

Fulton, which was scheduled to meet Kelowna's KLO earlier today, can finish no better than third.

BAD QUARTER

In girls' play, a disastrous second-quarter killed Lumby Timberines. Lumby held a 10-9 after the first-quarter and stretched that margin to 13-10 early in the second-quarter. However, Sahali caught fire and led 28-17 by half-time.

Timberines' Coach Herb LaFontaine said, "That second-quarter was the difference. They outscored us 19-7 and we just couldn't recover."

Zofia Jarosinski was the only Lumby player to hit double figures with 10 points. Timberines can now place no better than fourth.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

In Gibsons: 8 p.m., Armstrong vs. Little Flower Academy for B.C. Senior 'A' girls' basketball title.

In Penticton: Vernon Panthers competing in Okanagan senior boys' "AA' basketball championships.

In Penticton: Clarence Fulton boys and Lumby girls in valley junior hoop finals.

CURLING

Fliming Tractor Bonspiel continues to Sunday at the Vernon Curling Club.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

5:30 p.m., Lumby Arena, Lumby vs. Kamloops with winner representing Okanagan in B.C. tournament.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

8 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon Canadians vs. Kamloops Rockets. (best-of-seven series tied 1-1).

JUVENILE HOCKEY

8 p.m., Vernon at Salmon Arm (best-of-three series tied 1-1).

NORTH OKANAGAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

8 p.m., Rutland at Grindrod
2 p.m., Sunday, Winfield at Revelstoke
8 p.m. (Sunday), Grindrod at Vernon.

WHITE VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE (Lumby Arena)

8 p.m., Flying Frenchmen vs. Coldstream Hotel.
7 p.m. (Sunday), Coldstream vs. Peerless Pipe (playoff game)
9 p.m. (Sunday), Allison Smoke Eaters vs. Rene's Barons (play-off game).

SUNDAY

PUP HOCKEY

8 a.m. Enderby Arena, annual Pup Tournament gets under way.

SENIOR BASEBALL

10 a.m., Coldstream Hotel, Vernon team meeting.