HOUSE LEAGUE CHAMPS

Vernon Lodge Hotel defeated Tradeland Realty 7-4 this week to win the Pee Wee House League championship. Members of the Lodge team are from left, back row, Coach Rod Trentini, David Horochuk, Geoff Porter, Chris Kopp, Michael Wise, Shawn Rogers, Terry Stecyk, and Mark deReuter. Front row, Doug Short, Jason Chambers, Tom Kowal, Kelly Cherkowski, Danny Molan and Frank Wood. Missing is Coach Ernie Kowal.

(M. Hodgson Photo)

KENDALL'S KORNER

Tennant in town

One of junior hockey's most colorful personalities, Joe Tennant, was in Vernon this week to promote his Enderby Hockey School.

Rick Andersen, of Kamloops, has purchased part of the school and will manage the operation. Tennant will stay on as head supervisor.

The school, for boys aged six to 19, runs from Aug. 6 to Sept. 1. Instructors will include Eddie Johnstone of New York Rangers, Barry Melrose of Cincinnati Stingers, and Errol Rausse of Seattle Breakers.

Enough of the free publicity. Tennant had some interesting comments on everything except the weather. With Joe, there is never a dull moment.

BLAMES SCOUTS

His club, Merritt Centennials, breezed through the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division with a 25-point lead over the nearest rivals. But, in the semi-finals, Kamloops Rockets eliminated the Cents 4-2.

"It was those (bleep) college scouts that did it to us. Those vultures were all over the place. My players didn't know whether they were coming or going. How can a teenage boy think about winning a hockey series when he has three or four college scouts bothering him every minute of the day?"

PRAISES COACH

On the Vernon Canadians this past season: "I thought the kid (Coach Greg Kvisle) did a good job. He came in here with nothing to work with, picked up a few good hockey players and came up with a respectable hockey team.

"The club was lacking something, but I don't think it was his fault."

Tennant also had praise for Vernon's Terry Lowe, who won the BCJHL scoring championship. "That little guy had as much guts as any player in this league. He was the best forward and probably the best player, in the BCJHL."

Tennant resides in Kamloops year-round and is one of the few people who doesn't believe junior hockey is doomed in that city. "When we met Kamloops in the playoffs, they had more than 2,000 people jammed into that rink. You can't tell me junior hockey is dead there. It is simply a matter of running the Rockets properly."

ATTACKS McLEAN

One person he didn't have any kind words for was BCJHL President Ernie McLean, who is also coach and part-owner of New Westminster Bruins of the Western Hockey League.

"I'm going to go to the next league meeting and get that guy (McLean) right out of here (the BCJHL). He uses the whole BCJHL for a farm team, wants us to run our teams the way he says, and doesn't want to pay us peanuts for developing his players.

"Let him run the Bruins and get out of our hair."

HIS FUTURE

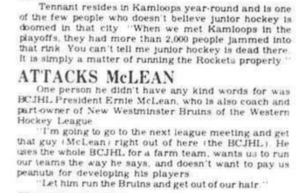
On his future, Tennant said he plans to stay involved with the Centennials, but not as a full-time coach.

For health reasons, he feels he just can't keep up the pace anymore. "I don't want to go to 80 hockey games and 100 practices next winter.

"I'll remain involved, either as a manager or as a co-coach."

On the Centennials, he said, "We'll have a stronger team than last year. I'm losing a few hockey players, but those holes are already filled."

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK



This week's honored bowlers are Gladys Hearl, of Crazy 5 in the Friday IOF League, and Ira Arnold, of Aristocats in the Monday 9-11 p.m. league. Hearl rolled a 699 triple to go 207 pins over her 164 average. Arnold had a 904 threesome, 265 pins over his 213 average.

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Five softball leagues must supply umpires

Teams in five softball leagues, operated by the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department, will have to supply their own umpires this year.

A release from the department said, "Due to the limited turnout of umpires this season, we cannot provide officials for five leagues."

The leagues effected are the Major Men's Slowpitch, Intermediate Men's Slowpitch, Church Men's Slowpitch, Major Women's Fastpitch and Intermediate Women's Fastpitch.

The department will continue to supply umpires for the Honeymooners, Women's 3-pitch and minor softball leagues.

Umpire clinics are currently being conducted by the department.

LEAGUES REGISTER

The Major Women's and Intermediate Women's Fastpitch Leagues will be registering April 5, from 11 a.m. at the Recreation Complex.

The major loop offers a top level of competitive softball. It is open to players 16 and over. Games will be played Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m., with some weekend contests. League play commences April 26.

A maximum of 10 teams will be accepted and the entry fee is $50 per club.

The intermediate loop offers a secondary level of recreational fastpitch.

Beginner to intermediate players, aged 16 and over, are eligible to play.

Games are played on Tuesdays, with some weekend contests scheduled.

20 TEAMS

A maximum of 20 teams will be accepted. Individuals wishing to play, but having no team to play on, can contact the complex and leave their name on a waiting list.

Entry fee is $45 per team.

For further information phone 545-6035.

SPORTS BRIEFS

VSSS WINS

Vernon defeated Kamloops 6-4 in exhibition high school rugby action Thursday in Kamloops. Sam Saiko provided all the scoring for Vernon with a pair of field goals. VSSS is back in action next Thursday when it hosts the annual grad game.

COFFEE PARTY

The ladies' division of the Spallumcheen Golf and Country Club will be holding a coffee party next Wednesday, at 10 a.m., in the clubhouse. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

Several Vernon volleyball leagues declared champions this week. In Intermediate 'B' women's competition, Guzzlers won at Beairsto School, Silver Six took the title at the Recreation Complex, and Sneakers emerged victorious at Silver Star School. In Monday Honeymooners' League playoffs, Up-n-atoms took top honors by defeating Lemons in the final match.

HAMILTON FALLS BACK

LUSAKA, Zambia (Reuter) — Britain's John Morgan shot a three-under-par 70 Friday to take the lead after the second round of the Lusaka Open golf tournament with a total of 141. Gar Hamilton of Toronto, the first-round leader with a 69, fell four strokes back after a second-round 76.

JOINS GRIZZLIES

TORONTO (CP) — Granville Liggins, former all-star lineman with Calgary Stampeders and Toronto Argonauts in the Canadian Football League, has been appointed director of sales and operations for Toronto Grizzlies of the semi-professional Mid-Atlantic Football League. The appointment of Liggins, a 32-yearold veteran of 11 CFL seasons, was announced by the Grizzlies on Friday.

BREAKS MARK

MOSCOW (Reuter) — Sergei Salnkiov of the Soviet Union broke the eight-minute mark for the 800-metre freestyle swimming event Friday, clocking a world record time of seven minutes 56.49 seconds in a swim meet at Minsk. Salnikov, 18, took more than five second off the previous record held by American Bobby Hackett.

YAS EXTENDS PACT

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Veteran slugger Carl Yastrzemski, set for his 19th season with Boston Red Sox, received a two-year extension of his baseball contract with an undisclosed pay increase Thursday. Yastrzemski, who will be 40 in August, negotiated his own extension binding him to the American League team through 1981. No figures were announced.

JAIL FOR HAYES

DALLAS (AP) — Bob Hayes, former Olympic hero and all-pro receiver for Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment Thursday for selling cocaine to an undercover agent. Hayes, 36, pleaded guilty a week ago. Judge Richard Mays Hayes five years on each of two counts of selling cocaine with the sentences to run concurrently.

Action Vernon scheduled

The second annual Action Vernon Week has been scheduled to run from April 3 to 8.

Object of the week is to make the citizens of Vernon award of the wide range of recreation activities available in the area.

The week's agenda includes: April 3, free roller skating; April 4, swim for health; April 5, free racquetball, squash, and tennis on Racquet Thursday; April 6, Fitness Friday with free slimnastics and swimming; April 7, cross-country run and one-mile run; and April 8, Cycling Sunday.

The week is also being used to send out Vernon's annual challenge to Terrace and Kitimat to an accumulated total mileage in running, swimming, and cycling.

Further information will be provided next week.

ROSSLAND VICTORIOUS

Kamloops dumps Vernon Oldtimers

Kamloops scored four goals in the third period to defeat Vernon 6-4 Friday night in the opening game of the fourth annual Vernon Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament at the Civic Arena.

In Friday's other game, Rossland battered Banff 12-0.

Vernon led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 3-2 after the second. But, Kamloops scored four unanswered goals in the third before Jack Howard got Vernon's last goal at 15:52.

Ken Moffat led the Kamloops attack with two goals while Cliff Russell, Brian Moritz, Skip Holmes, and Fred Gabor added singles.

Odie Lowe, Art Davison, and Jim Moro were the other Vernon snipers.

18 SAVES

Vernon netminder Don Bock-Phillips made 18 saves while Lorne Lussier blocked 15 shots for the winners.

Each team was assessed two minor penalties.

Best player on the ice was Bill Donaldson, who set up two Kamloops goals. Donaldson, who still skates like a 25-year-old, made several pretty passes and was robbed twice by Bock-Phillips.

Vernon drops to the consolation side where it was scheduled to meet Banff today, at 2:45 p.m.

In the other game, Rossland outshot the short-handed Banff squad 65-15.

TWO EACH

Norm Dennis, Gerry Penner, Bob Profili, Leo Luchinni, and Bob Durkin scored two goals each while Dave Stewart and Primo Secco added singles.

Play resumed today at 8 a.m. with the final two first-round games. East Kootenay was scheduled to take on Brentwood, of Calgary, with Grande Prairie battling Nanaimo.

Final games today are slated for 5 and 7:15 p.m.

On Sunday, the consolation final will be played at 10:30 a.m., with the championship game at 1 p.m.

Cougars plan to hit Elks in final series

The North Okanagan Hockey League championship series gets under way tonight at the Enderby Arena when Grindrod Elks host Vernon Sport Cougars.

The best-of-seven series resumes Sunday night in Vernon. Both games are slated to start at 8 p.m.

Grindrod, which ran away with the regular season title, will be without leading scorer Gary Pearson. Pearson, who left three weeks ago to take a job on the coast, scored 75 points in just 27 games.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson told the Daily News he expects tonight's game to be rough and he thinks his club will win the series.

PHYSICAL GAME

Swanson said, "For us to be effective, we have to play a physical game. We've got a bigger team than Grindrod and we'll be using our size."

Elks have an excellent skating team, but that doesn't seem to worry Swanson. "There is only one team in the league that could skate with us and that was Westside Packers. We've already eliminated them."

The Vernon coach feels the key to stopping the Elks is their defence. Swanson said, "The backbone of the Grindrod team is the defence. They have the best defence in the league and we're going to have to go after them in their end."

Cougars' captain Gary Gilchrist agrees with his coach. Gilchrist said, "Grindrod doesn't like being hit, so we'll be hitting. As for their defence, Bernie Reed is the key. If we can stop Reed, we'll stop their team."

TOP DEFENCEMAN

Reed, named as the league's outstanding defenceman, collected 37 points in 30 games and accumulated 105 penalty minutes.

Ed Forslund, selected to the NOHL's second all-star team, will be between the pipes for Elks. And Charlie Briskham, who was brilliant in the semi-finals against Westside, will likely get the starting nod for Vernon.

Swanson said, "I haven't decided if I'll start Charlie or Jack (Gilroy) tonight. I probably won't make my final decision until after warm-up. I'm confident either one of them will do a good job for us."

TOP SOCCER TEAM

(M. Hodgson Photo)

Wanderers defeated Hawks this week at Kalamalka School to win the Vernon Men's Indoor Soccer League championships. The Wanderers are from left, back row, Ken Webster, Kurt Wenzlaff, and Jim Garlick. Front row, Kelly Schley, Bill Hadwell, and Terry Gilbank.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1974

Three Vernon basketball officials, Terry Garret, John Ross and Mel Briggeman, have been selected to represent the British Columbia Basketball Referees Association at the All-Native Winter Games in Prince Rupert.

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VERNON OUTDOORS Club recently elected a new slate of officers for 1979. They are from left, back row, Ken Cunnington, Ted Hoyte, Harold Morgan, George Shaw, Harald Haralds, Svend Kristensen, and Bob Platt. Front row, Barbara Binnie, S. K. Black and Jane Forsey.

HIKING — ORIENTEERING

Vernon Outdoors

CANOEING — CYCLING

By ROBERT PLATT

The Vernon Outdoors Club got its summer program under way Wednesday night when it elected officers for the ensuing twelve months.

Administration is in the hands of Harold Morgan, who was re-elected president. Vice-president is S. K. Black and secretary is Barbara Binnie. Jane Forsey continues to look after the financial side of the club's affairs.

Public relations and social personnel are: Harald Haralds, S. K. Black, Adana Abram and Bob Platt.

The members also elected people to supervise the various activities embraced in the club's organization. They are: Canoeing, Svend Kristensen with George Shaw as Pathfinder; Cycling, Harald Haralds; Trails, Ted Hoyte; Hiking, Stan Allen, Art Abram; Orienteering, Ken Cunnington.

The first hike will be on April 1 when Miriam Townsend will lead members up the old ski hill, above the Old Kamloops Road. Further information about this hike will follow later.

Buffalo rallies to dump Canucks

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Almost in spite of themselves, Buffalo Sabres appear to be nailing down second place in the National Hockey League's Adams Division.

NHL
Wales Conference
Norris Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Montreal	45	16	10	300	186	100
Pittsburgh	32	28	11	250	250	75
Los Angeles	31	30	11	257	257	73
Washington	21	36	15	245	300	57
Detroit	20	35	16	233	262	56
Adams Division						
Boston	39	21	12	283	236	90
Buffalo	32	25	15	245	235	79
Toronto	30	31	11	233	229	71
Minnesota	26	33	11	237	246	63
Campbell Conference						
Patrick Division						
Islanders	46	13	12	326	190	104
Rangers	39	24	9	296	252	87
Phila	35	23	14	247	221	84
Atlanta	37	28	7	287	255	81
Smythe Division						
Chicago	25	34	12	215	259	62
Vancouver	21	41	11	202	278	53
St. Louis	17	43	12	228	311	46
Colorado	14	49	9	189	306	37

For the second time in as many starts, the Sabres had to perform some last-period heroics to overcome one of the NHL's weaker teams as they defeated Vancouver Canucks 4-3 and opened an eight-point margin over Toronto Maple Leafs.

In their last outing Wednesday, they were life-and-death to defeat Colorado Rockies, who have the worst record in the league, and Washington Capitals, another tail-end club, held them to a 3-3 tie Sunday.

Second place is important in the NHL since it guarantees a playoff berth while teams finishing third or lower engage in a wild-card scramble to keep their Stanley Cup hopes alive.

Ironically, the Canucks' playoff chances are almost as good as Buffalo's. They have 53 points, 16 less than the Sabres, but they are seven points ahead of the third-place St. Louis Blues in the Smythe Division.

FLAMES LOSE AGAIN

In the only other NHL game Friday, Philadelphia Flyers defeated Atlanta 4-1 to boost their third-place margin over the Flames in the Patrick Division to three points. Both teams will make the playoffs.

If coach Billy Inglis was dismayed by the Sabres' 3-1 deficit after two periods in Vancouver, he had nothing but praise for his players after Rick Martin's goal at 12:05 capped their third-period comeback.

"We've got a real good feeling on this team," he said as the team prepared for another potential cliff-hanger in Los Angeles tonight.

At Atlanta, the Flames led 1-0 and outshot Philadelphia 11-3 in the first period and then abruptly ran out of gas.

The Flyers pulled ahead on second-period goals by Mel Bridgman and Dennis Ververgaert and continued to dominate the rest of the game as Atlanta suffered its fourth straight defeat.

"You have to be disappointed with this game," said Flames coach Fred Creighton. "It wasn't a good night for a lot of people."

Switzerland captures title

PERTH, Scotland (CP) — Gaby Casanova and her Switzerland rink, playing together for the first time this year, made it a runaway in the final game of the world women's invitational curling championship Friday, defeating Sweden 13-5.

Casanova, who said she was suprised her rink even won the women's title in Switzerland, advanced to the final with a 6-3 verdict earlier in the day over Lindsay Sparkes and her Canadian rink from North Vancouver.

Brigitta Torn, who skipped her Swedish rink from Stockholm to the best record in round-robin play with eight wins and two defeats, beat Scotland's Beth Lindsay 7-5 in the other semi-final game.

Norton floored in first round

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Larry Holmes is still on top of his share of the heavyweight boxing world. Earnie Shavers is in position again to reach the top. Ken Norton is in limbo.

Holmes defended the World Boxing Council title by knocking down young Ossie Ocasio four times in the seventh round — the first time with three straight punishing left jabs — and stopping him at 2:38 of the round.

But the 34-year-old Shavers stole the show by stopping the 11-to-5 favored Norton at 1:58 of the first round after knocking him down twice.

"I really feel in all sincerity I'll beat Holmes next time," said Shavers who earned the WBC's No. 1 ranking and a September title shot with his devastating victory. Shavers lost a one-sided 12-round decision to Holmes here last March 25.

"I'm gonna knock him (Shavers) out," said Holmes, who rode his victory over Shavers into a title bid against Norton, which he won on a split decision here last June 9. "I'm not Kenny Norton. When I back up I know what I'm doing."

WILL FIGHT WEAVER

But first Holmes will fight Mike Weaver, the No. 8 WBC contender who has a 23-8 record.

"It's signed and sealed," said promoter Don King, who staged Friday night's bouts at the Las Vegas Hilton Pavilion.

With things looking up for Shavers and the boxing picture still bright for the 23-year-old Ocasio, what does the future hold for Norton? He has been a major factor in the heavyweight division ever since he broke Muhammad Ali's jaw and scored a split 12-round decision as a virtual unknown in 1973.

"He's gone now," said Holmes of Norton.

"I don't know," the 33-year-old Norton said. "I can't make up my mind right now."

Norton is financially secure and has ties to television and the movies. He has a contract with NBC as a sports commentator and is reported to have had offers to make more movies. He has already made

HAS NO EXCUSES

About his second knockout loss — he was stopped in two rounds by George Foreman in a title bid in 1974 — Norton said: "He did to me what I wanted to do to him. No excuses."

Norton, who weighed 225 to 210 for Shavers, had the best of the first exchanges of the fight. Then he backed to the ropes and Shavers was on him. Shavers shot home a left hook to the temple and followed with a right uppercut.

Norton reeled along the ropes, Shavers followed punching. Finally Norton went down in the centre of the ring. He struggled up and was decked by a right uppercut. Referee Miles Lane started to count, then stopped the fight. Norton wouldn't have beaten a 10 count.

Like old times for goalie Smith

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was just like old times for Gary Smith.

The 35-year-old Ottawa native has spent most of his 15-year career in professional hockey tending goal for bad hockey clubs and is accustomed to handling more rubber on any given night than an assembly-line worker in a tire factory.

It figured to be different a few weeks ago when Smith joined Winnipeg Jets, one of the more respectable teams in the World Hockey Association. But the way the Winnipeg defence played for him Friday night, he might as well have been back with California Golden Seals, who disappeared from the National Hockey League in 1976.

Edmonton Oilers fired 40 shots at him, 16 in the first period alone. But he got in the way of enough of them to permit the Jets to come up with a 6-4 victory, their fourth in a row.

Meanwhile, 39-year-old Dave Keon scored twice for New England Whalers in a 5-3 victory over Quebec Nordiques and 18-year-old Michel Goulet provided the winning goal in Birmingham Bulls' 2-1 victory over Cincinnati Stingers.

LIKED TO STICKHANDLE

Smith, who once forced the NHL to rewrite its rule book by stickhandling across the blueline rather than entrusting the puck to his Oakland teammates, was at his best in the third period at Edmonton as the Oilers outshot Winnipeg 12-7 but the Jets did all the scoring.

Terry Ruskowski banged in a rebound at 18:37 to break a 4-4 tie and Morris Lukowich added an empty-net goal, his third of the night and 57th of the season, with 10 seconds remaining.

Police investigate brawling Bruins

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — City police are investigating a brawl Thursday night between New Westminster Bruins and Portland Winter Hawks in a Western Hockey League major junior game at Queen's Park Arena.

A police spokesman said Friday charges are being considered.

Referee Terry Gregson handed out 191 minutes in penalties in the brawl-marred contest, including 156 minutes to the Bruins.

General manager Brian Shaw of the Winter Hawks said he was disgusted by a series of incidents late in the game and said he would press charges.

The Columbian reported that two Portland players were attacked by several New Westminster players with seven seconds left in the game. The evening newspaper said one Portland player had to crawl back to the players' bench after being badly beaten.

"We have to lay charges, we have no alternative," said Shaw. "I've got kids' lives at stake and some of them could have been killed."

COACH FURIOUS

Coach Ken Hodge of the Winter Hawks said he was sickened by what happened and "this is the worst thing I've ever seen. It was so obviously deliberate to everyone here."

Al Paradise, supervisor of officials for the Western Division of the WHL, was at the game and later refused comment on the incident or the officiating of Gregson. Paradise will file a report with WHL president Ed Chynoweth at league headquarters in Calgary.

Bruins' coach Ernie McLean blamed the incident on the officiating and said his team had "not been getting a fair shake" from WHL officials.

"I thought the referee lost control of the game in the second period," McLean said. "He should have thrown me out with seven seconds left for not putting five players on the ice."

The Columbian reported that the incident began with a fight between New Westminster's John Ogrodnick and Portland's Don Stewart at 19:53 of the third period. When play was to be resumed, New Westminster put four men on the ice, then two more, and Gregson awarded Portland a penalty shot because the Bruins had too many men on the ice.

MISSED SHOT

Tim Tookey of the Winter Hawks shot wide against netminder Richard Martens, but not before McLean had defenceman Boris Fistric of the Bruins attempt to play goal while wearing a face mask.

The newspaper reported that, when the game finally ended, members of the Bruins left their bench to join two fights in progress on the ice. Portland players did not leave the bench.

Gregson handed the Bruins seven game misconducts and seven fighting majors. Two Portland players were penalized for fighting.

Portland, in first place in the division, won the game 4-1. The Bruins, defending Memorial Cup champions, are in third place.

Meanwhile in Victoria, Attorney-General Garde Gardom said hockey violence is a matter for the police and the people running the sport, not government.

Gardom said violence in hockey should not be allowed to continue and police may lay charges if they are called for in specific situations.

Streaks halted in WHL

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Portland Winter Hawks and Saskatoon Blades had unbeaten streaks ended in Western Hockey League games Friday night, while idle New Westminster Bruins lost a coach and eight players through suspensions.

Victoria Cougars overcame a 3-1 first-period deficit in Portland and went on to an 8-6 win, ending the Winter Hawks unbeaten string at 13 games.

In Saskatoon, Randy Ruff scored four goals to lead Lethbridge Broncos to a 9-7 win, ending the Blades unbeaten streak at six games.

In other games, Brandon Wheat Kings eliminated Regina Pats from playoff competition with a 9-3 win.

BLAZERS SWEEP SERIES

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Bellingham Blazers ended their season Friday night, sweeping the British Columbia Junior Hockey League championship with a 7-4 win over Kamloops Rockets.

Bellingham, runaway leaders in the league's Coastal Division in the regular season, took the best-of-seven final in four straight games, the same number they needed in the best-of-seven semi-final round.

Even though the Rockets were defeated, however, they now advance to the finals of the B.C. junior championship because the Blazers, from Bellingham, Wash., are ineligible to compete.

The provincial championship is considered part of the Centennial Cup national final series, and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association rules prohibit non-Canadian teams from competing.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

Dirty Diggers won the Intermediate 'A' Volleyball Championship this week by dumping Multi Enterprises. The Diggers are from left, back row, Elsa Henkelman, Mona Danforth, Laurie White, Holly Relerson, and Linda Robinson. Front row, Lorene MacLennan, Pat French, and Val Seymour.

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