

Junior 'A' League Gains Solidarity

Okanagan junior hockey took another step toward solidarity at the weekend with the finalization of a 30-game schedule and the adoption of a solid four-team league constitution.

The junior loop, organized last year by several prominent Valley sportsmen and headed by Vernon's Bill Brown, will kick off the 1961-62 season, Oct. 31. Each team will play 15 home and 15 away games. League and provincial playoffs against the Kootenay and coast champions will follow to determine British Columbia's representative in Memorial Cup competition.

Three of the four teams, meanwhile, are seeking financial backing. Kamloops has already acquired the sponsorship of a major hotel and stands on solid footing.

Central Hotel owner-manager Ernie Davies Saturday signed an agreement with the local Misses Hockey Association to accept all financial responsibility for the team. He will purchase a new set of travelling uniforms and guarantee any operating debts incurred by the club this year.

Former National Hockey League star Ken Stewart has again been appointed coach of the team. Okanagan Junior League representative Don Brown has been named business manager, while local minor hockey officials Doug Daws and C. M. "Bud" Fraser will act as league go-betweens.

Also appointed to the directorate of the club, on the weekend were advisors Don Reid and Paul Madson, treasurer Jim Stewart and equipment manager Nori Sakaki.

Apart from individual sponsorship the league will receive no outside financial help. "We are hoping the fan response will make it a self-supporting organization," said league president Brown.

At least three Western League clubs have shown interest in procuring options on Okanagan players, but Brown has stated the league is not interested in any professional league hook-ups at the moment.

The league, during its regular meeting at Vernon Sunday, also voted to accept the Davies Cup and present it annually to the Okanagan champion. Don Brown of Kamloops was delegated to represent the league at the annual BCHA meetings here this week.



DON BROWN
named representative

Nicklaus Sweeps To Amateur Win

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Champion Jack Nicklaus, blending power with finesse, Saturday outclassed the world's best amateurs over the exacting and treacherous Pebble Beach course to win his second United States amateur title.

The 308-pound collegian who says he has "always wanted to win the Open and the Masters," downed Dudley Wysong of McKinney, Tex., 8 and 6 in the 36-hole final in wind and rain.

Marr Breaks Tie, Wins Seattle Open

SEATTLE (AP)—Dave Marr sank a three-foot birdie putt at the first playoff hole to break a three-way tie Sunday and win the Greater Seattle \$25,000 open golf tournament.

Marr, Jacky Cupit and veteran Bob Rosburg were deadlocked at 635-15 under par at the end of the regulation 72 holes.

Stan Leonard of Vancouver and Al Balding of Toronto tied with Howie Johnson and Jerry Barber for 11th place at 372-eight below par. They each won \$775.

HENRY SOLD
EDMONTON (CP)—Import tackle Urban Henry has been sold by the Western Football Conference Edmonton Eskimos to National Football League Los Angeles Rams. Eskimos acquired Henry from British Columbia Lions at the beginning of the 1961 season.

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