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# Sports ROUND-UP

"His lack of foresight and apparent incompetence in handling league affairs has been the lone dark spot on an otherwise bright season of junior hockey" . . . these words directed to Bill Brown, OMJHL president, by Kamloops Sentinel sports editor Wally Cross.

Backing up this statement, Mr. Cross lists "the shoddy way in which publicity for the league's first All-Star team selection was conducted," and asks indirectly why there has been no official release of final statistics for league play.

Whatever the faults of president Brown, both points are hitting below the belt and because each question made my dander rise previously, I will attempt to enlighten our northern friend.

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It was decided that an all-star squad would be picked by each coach, manager and sports editor in the four cities comprising the league. Association secretary Len Miller sent out forms to each of these persons asking them to give a first, second and third choice of players for each position on the team.

First choice would represent three votes for the player, second choice would represent two votes and the third choice would give the player one vote. The three persons were asked not to vote for players on the home-town club.

However, on the date that these forms were to be turned in, none were received from Stan Kelly of the Penticton Herald or from Mr. Cross in Kamloops. At a league meeting on that date, officials were told by the Kamloops delegation that they might as well forget about hearing from Mr. Cross because to their knowledge he hadn't even attended a junior game in the northern city and wasn't very much interested in who made the all-star team.

Because of this, the forms that were sent in from Kelowna and Vernon newspapers were destroyed and only the votes of coaches and managers were used. Thanks, Mr. Cross.

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As for league statistics . . . league statistician Pete Munoz of Kelowna resigned more than a month ago. Therefore, no final statistics have been compiled and the league scoring champion has not been officially named.

Why did Munoz quit? Earlier in the year, vice-president Bob Taylor of Kelowna allegedly promised the league statistician remuneration for his efforts . . . to the tune of about \$100.

Because a motion to this effect was never put before the executive and was not even discussed at a meeting, the poor boy was never paid.

And why should he be paid? . . . at least three other persons volunteered to do the job for nothing when the league first opened. Right now, final compiling of statistics is open for bid. Would you like the job Mr. Cross? I think you'd find Jackie James did win the league scoring championship.