

Junior Hockey Squad Has New Look—Brown

Vernon Coach Likes Spirit And Condition Of Players

Coach Bill Brown viewed the 1962-63 edition of juniors with optimism after watching the hockey squad's first workout at Vernon Civic Arena Tuesday night.

"They really showed well their first time out," he said. "They're in good condition and show a lot of spirit — something they lacked last year."

The way his hockey hopefuls tore around the ice in skating drills seemed to bear this statement out.

Brown said there were quite a number of last year's juniors back for another season.

To fill the holes left by the oldsters a fresh and eager crop of juveniles have come up.

"Some of them are still too young and could stand more time with the juveniles but there's some good prospects for this year," he said.

Brown has one good prospect that he figures will give the club a boost this season. He's Howie McNeil, an "import" from the Penticton Junior Vees. McNeil, a winger, also plays high school football with the local Pan-

thers.

The next practice is slated for tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the arena. Brown will look the boys over a little closer and maybe do some whittling.

And by what he predicts for his juniors this year they're in for a real training test.

Predicts Brown: "We'll be the best conditioned team in the Junior Hockey League this season. And we won't be outskated by anybody."

'Nuff said.

The Vernon coach also hopes for a good season financially. Although season tickets are now on sale, Brown intends to get a big drive going.

The object is to sell 300 season tickets. At a price of \$8 for the whole season, hockey fans will save \$4 in the long run. The tickets are presently on sale at the Allison Hotel.

A big help to the club is of course coming from the Los

Angeles Blades of the Western Hockey League. Such equipment as pants, pads, sweaters and gloves will be provided.

And the juniors will sport a new name, the Vernon Blades, when they step on the ice for their first game.

The deal came about as a result of negotiations over the past year between Brown and George Agar, coach of the Blades, and former playing coach with the defunct Vernon Canadians.

The Kelowna juniors presently have a similar tie - up with Portland Buckaroos of the WHL.

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