

Coach Brown Resigns, Not Fired By Players

Will Continue As Manager Of Vernon Junior Blades

In an official statement today Bill Brown announced he resigned as coach of the Vernon Junior Blades as opposed to being "fired."

This is contrary to a report circulating that players on the Okanagan Junior Hockey League club banded together to oust him this week.

Brown said the players had told the club executive they knew their coach too well and didn't have the respect they should have for a coach. They did not complain about mismanagement of the club's affairs.

"They then asked for a change of coach," said Brown. "This was done, probably not the one they wanted but a change."

Schaefer Coach

Hap Schaefer will take over the club's reins. Brown will remain as general manager, a position he held in its first year of operation.

Commenting on the players' accusations of receiving poor practices he said they probably stemmed from the fact they were repetitious.

"If they didn't do it right the first time, I kept them at it until it came automatically," he said. "I don't think that's poor coaching."

"My toughest problem with the Blades was lack of players," Brown stated. "When

you have five or six extra players to call on it helps in making everyone work to get on the team. Vernon has only 14 youths who are interested in playing junior hockey."

He claimed that when this situation existed he had to make the players work harder in practices to do the right thing.

Not Always Polite

"You give them a blast where people can hear it instead of benching them. No one likes to be benched or bawled out when others are around but it isn't always possible to be polite."

"In resigning from the coaching chores, I do it in the best interest of hockey in Vernon and I will still give my best in keeping hockey alive in every other position if needed other than coaching."

On the request of new coach Schaefer, Brown said he would remain as general manager of the junior hockey club.

The Blades resume action this weekend when they take on the Junior Vees in Penticton Friday and host the Kamloops Rockets here in Vernon Saturday. Game time is 9:00 p.m.

Mexicans To Visit Silver Star

Members of the High School United Nations Club will be hosting 12 Mexican students this weekend who are visiting Canada at the invitation of the UBC World University Service.

The eight girls and four boys will arrive by bus on Friday evening from Vancouver and will be billeted at homes of UN Club members until Sunday noon.

A full program is planned for the visitors which will include a sight seeing tour of Silver Star and other points of interest. An informal party will be held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bulman.

Sunday morning the visitors will attend mass. At noon, they will be met by members of the local Kiwanis Club to be transported by car to Penticton.

The Mexican group will spend 12 days in B.C. before returning to Mexico.

The trip to Vernon was arranged by UBC student David Hoyer through the auspices of the United Nations Club of the University.

Lowest recorded US death rate was 9.1 per 1,000 of the population in 1954.

North Kamloops

OJHL Leaders Locked Together

Weekend action in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League saw the Kamloops Rockets regain a share of

to Stan Wejr with a fish weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Fred Bramble won the door prize of \$10 worth of merchandise at an Enderby store.

Election of officers, with J. Johnson in the chair resulted in the following slate for 1963; president Don McNair; vice-president Irwin Jones; secretary-treasurer J. May; executive Henry Desnoyer, Harold Palmer, Ole Nelson and George Duff with auditor Ken Smith and reporter Mrs. J. Mack.

first place with the Kelowna Buckaroos.

The Rockets beat the lowly Penticton Junior V's 10-6 on Friday and 11-0 Saturday while the Bucks took another from the Vernon Blades 6-1 also on Saturday.

Both the Rockets and Bucks have 43 points on 20 wins and 3 ties. Vernon, with a 7 and 18 record lags far behind with 14 points and the V's are out of sight with two.

OJHL Standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Kamloops	20	3	3	201	82	43
Kelowna	20	3	3	191	80	43
Vernon	7	18	0	92	121	14
Penticton	1	24	0	44	245	2