

# Interlocking Schedule Part Of PCJHL-OJHL Set-up For This Season

An interlocking schedule between the Pacific Coast Junior Hockey League and the Okanagan circuit is in the set-up stages this week following an announcement last Tuesday that such a move has been okayed by both leagues concerned.

The announcement of the partial link-up came on the heels of an Okanagan ruling that rejected a North Kamloops franchise for the second straight year.

The OJHL is scheduled to play its first game October 14, a Friday night, with the interlocking schedule to start two or three weeks later once each team has shown itself around the four-team league.

At the moment it is planned to have the coast clubs journey to the Okanagan twice during the season to

play two-game series on each trip. Each team from the OJHL will make a single trip to the coast for a two game series with the coast teams.

Directors of the leagues felt that this was the first big step towards the formation of a junior hockey league encompassing the entire province.

From a purely selfish standpoint the OJHL felt the partial schedule would give the Okanagan hockey fan more value for his money. The two coast teams making the trip will

be New Westminster and Vancouver.

During the 1965-66 season the Okanagan circuit had four teams, Kelowna, Vernon, Penticton and Kamloops. North Kamloops had put in a bid to join the OJHL for that season but were turned down.

The Outer-Hub looked elsewhere for its team to play. The Pacific Coast Junior Hockey League was on its last legs and, along with Prince George, the North Kamloopsians entered the coast set-up which also included New Westminster, proved the best in B.C. circles last season, was too much of a match for any team on the coast and league officials looked elsewhere.

Getting back to the valley, the OJHL did not have that good of a season and, except for the finals, teams suffered both on the ice and at the gate.

This year North Kamloops again tried to enter the four-teamed circuit and were once again turned down. The obvious reason was the scheduling of games for a five team set while this year an even greater reason was the link-up between coast and valley leagues.

It is hoped that the interlocking schedule will go a long ways to boost the calibre of the hockey played in B.C. More important is better competition which will give provincial teams a better chance at advancing along the playoff path which leads to the Memorial Cup.

## Five People Injured In Crash

The driver of an automobile involved in an accident in the Enderby area, which sent five persons to hospital early Sunday, was expected to be charged this morning with criminal negligence.

Enderby RCMP said 28-year-old Roger Fleury of Enderby was scheduled to appear in Enderby police court before Magistrate P. G. Farmer and be charged with criminal negligence.

RCMP said the charge arose when Fleury was alleged to have been proceeding west on Mabel Lake Road at a high rate of speed, about five miles from Enderby, failed to negotiate a turn, veered off the road, and came to rest by a culvert Sun-

Hand, who received a lacerated knee, bruises and a broken arm; Bell Killman who received cuts and bruises; and Miss Edith Elliott who was being x-rayed today for possible back injuries. Also admitted were Robert Levalle and Fleury who received multiple lacerations and bruises. Levalle, Killman and Fleury were released from hospital later Sunday. Both Miss Hand and Miss Elliott still are in hospital today. All are from Enderby.

RCMP said the men and women had been at Mable Lake which is about 23 miles from Enderby. The vehicle, which is about 10-years-old, is considered a "write-off" by police.