

The Dull Edge

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A Tough Act To Follow

Nobody likes a loser. But nobody hates a loser like a loser hates himself. When you have been a loser as long as both of these clubs have been then it becomes even more than a game.

Luckies have been a little more fortunate than their Central City neighbours in the past few years. They captured the Okanagan Mainline Baseball League pennant in 1962 but left themselves higher and dryer than Noah's Ark after the flood by losing in the playoff battle to the Mer-

ritt What-Ever-They-Called-Them-At-That-Time.

The year before they had lost out in a flag bid but snatched the CKOK trophy, emblematic of playoff supremacy, from the hands of the Oliver contenders.

Since the year '62 Kamloops Lelands have drawn both the circuit championship and the mug.

For Labatts and Luckies, the last bid makes Sunday about as easy a task as trying to upstage World War Two. It's just too tough an act to follow.

Football Or Tradition

The valley High School sports program moves into full swing this weekend on every front but Vernon. Locally the under-19ers strut their stuff a week tomorrow.

This writer will beg-off predicting a winner in the grunt and guts circuit for the simple reason that this is your agent's first run through the music mill. However, if the blueshirts' treatment of prying photographers barely resembles any of the punishment enemy linemen can expect this year, my money is on Panthers.

The possibility always exists too, that Cats may become complacent and be content to sit back on their laurels, taking their winning ways for granted. Should this happen, and we are not saying that it necessarily will, you usually end up losing — so help you Jim Webster.

Bossing the 11-man (or was that 12) group will be Doug Weeks, who will be remembered as the pilot of the OMBL Penticton Molsons this past season.

Can Winter Be Far . . .

"Very optimistic" says president Dave MacKay of the future of the Vernon Junior Blades. He tells that George Agar of Saskatoon and Sherm Blair, at Williams Lake, are "bird dogging" for the locals this fall and Blades should have a very healthy camp indeed.

Blades can pick up three out-of-province youngsters to bolster the line-up while the sky's the limit on B.C. players. Salt the few in with the juvenile players

of last year and scrounge around for a couple of goalies and . . . well maybe . . . just maybe there's something in it . . .

Personally, I can only think of three players Blair would send to Blades' camp and if its the "one," Ivan Malanosky, who returns bigger and stronger this year, could have himself a line-mate.

Locals open their training camp the middle of next week in preparation for their opener later in October.