

# Reach hockey agreement

H. J. Hamilton, president of the British Columbia Junior "A" Hockey League, announced last weekend in Penticton that an agreement had been reached between the British Columbia Junior League and the Western Canada Hockey League whereunder certain teams in each League will be affiliated for the forthcoming season.

Hamilton said the move resulted from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association ruling that place the WCHL in Tier I along with the OHA.

The effect of this ruling was to give the Tier I teams automatic rights to Tier II players, such as the best players in the British Columbia league.

The agreement cancels these automatic releases and will ensure a flow of the best younger players in Western Canada into the British

Columbia league and allow those older players who wish to pursue hockey further to move into the Tier I Western League.

In addition to players, scouting and financial assistance will be given to the British Columbia teams to offset the rising cost of operating kuniur hockey teams especially in the smaller centers.

Victoria Cougars and Vancouver Centennials, who will not affiliate with the prairie teams are expected to apply to join the WCHL next year. The New Westminster Royals who are currently being re-organized have not yet committed themselves on affiliation as under the agreement no team is obliged to enter into the arrangement.

The following affiliations have been approved by the two Leagues:

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Junior hockey

# Training camp starts Sept. 18

The Vernon junior Essos hockey club opens training camp Sept. 18. This was the word received Friday by club manager Vern Dye.

Dye indicated the camp should be going full tilt within a day or two after the first session with at least four time slots a day being allocated to both local and out of town hopefuls trying to make the first 30 man roster.

"We will have the boys do some free skating for the opener then start to bear down on them the following day (Saturday) when we break the camp into two sections, one for local graduates from minor hockey ranks and the other to boys coming in from distant areas to try for a spot on the team.

There will be two, one and a half hour sessions for Vernon area boys and the same amount of time for out of towners," said Dye.

Dye expects at least 40-50 boys to make a try for berths on the Essos lineup this season of which 30 can be carded up to Dec. 31 at which time the roster will drop to 25, then down to 19 by the Jan. 10 cutoff. Final signing date then takes place officially on Feb. 10.

The club expects to have at least nine of last years team

members back in the lineup with fellows such as John Price and Wayne Dye heading the list.

Others showing interest are Bill Owens from Leduc Alberta, Bob and Dale Craig of Burnaby, Jim Marsh and Gordon Merritt from the Caribou country and two others from paririe points, Perry Hiebert and Art Pagee. All are just a little more than interested in wearing the Vernon colors again.

Dye also said Odie Lowe would be back as coach, making it his fifth straight year as the helmsman of the Junior A club in this city.

Last year Lowe led his charges to the B.C. championship and was named as the all-star coach of the seven team league.

Essos will start their 60 game schedule October 3 when they take on Kelowna at home in Vernon Civic arena.

## Jones best cowboy

Malcolm Jones of Lethbridge, Alta., was named the all-round cowboy at the Armstrong Centennial Rodeo last weekend.

Jones, one of Canada's best-known cowboys, walked away with the saddle bronc competition in the two-day event.

Dale Furriman, of Dawson Creek, won the bull riding class while Barry Edge of Cochrane, Alta., took top honors in the calf roping division.

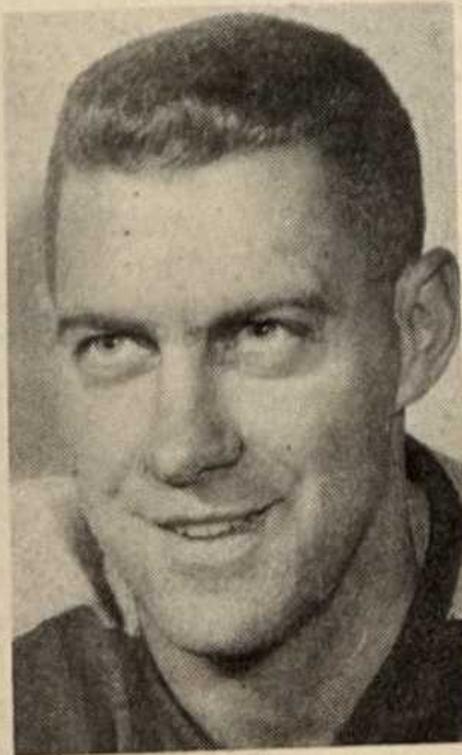
Sparky Trotter of Cawston was tops in steer wrestling while pert Jerry Duce of Granum, Alta., was the best in barrel racing.

Dale Trotter of Calgary won the bareback competition.

Rodeo officials expressed pleasure at the solid turnout both nights.

## Fifth year

# All-star coach resumes post



**ODIE LOWE**  
... at the helm

The B.C. junior A hockey league's all-star coach last season and coach of the league champion Vernon Esso, 42 year old Odie Lowe, has been named to take over the helm of the Okanagan club for the fifth consecutive season.

A hockey veteran in his own right, Lowe once played for the New York Rangers and was considered one of the better juniors ever to play out of Winnipeg and Lethbridge in the late 40's and early 50's.

Lowe was also on the Allan Cup champion Vernon Canadians who took the senior title back in 1956.

The announcement was made public Friday by Esso team manager, Vern Dye.

## Vernon

third period, but folded once again in the face of Bradner's fierce persistence, which, this time, harvested an onslaught of seven unanswered goals.

Rick Horseley was Vernon's individual stand-out, firing six goals during the series. Dale Rintoul, had four, while captain John Kuly collected three. Graydon Brown (2), Gary Turik (2), Terri Mori (2), Kerry Smith (1) and Charlie Tremblay accounted for the other Vernon goals.

Terry Barr paced the winners' well-balanced lamplighting brigade with six goals. Ken Rerick, Pete Chalmers and Willis Powless powered positively for four apiece.

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