

5th year at helm

Odie Lowe again coaches Juniors

Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior 'A' Hockey League announced Wednesday the signing of Odie Lowe as team coach.

This will be Lowe's fifth straight year masterminding from the coaches box with his greatest achievement coming in the 69-70 season when Vernon won the B.C. Championship.

Another highlight of his hockey career came last February when he was named

Vernon's sports personality of the year.

Now 43, Lowe is a veteran player having played for the New York Rangers and St. Paul in pro ranks, moving up from junior ranks from such teams as New York Rovers, Winnipeg Canadians and Lethbridge Native Sons.

Coaching Lethbridge at the time was his father, Odie Lowe senior, who is well remembered for his own hockey ability.

A native of Winnipeg, Lowe came to Vernon in the early 50's to play senior hockey for the Vernon Canadians who later went on to win the Allan Cup in 1956.

Both Odie and his wife Myrtle are keen workers in the minor hockey program in Vernon. He is on the board of directors and she is a key member of the Mothers' Auxiliary.

They have one son and two teen age daughters.