

Chiefs have 140 tryouts

KAMLOOPS (CP) — Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada Hockey League open their pre-season camp today with 140 boys trying out.

At the end of the week coach Joe Tennant will assign players to the rosters of the Chiefs, the Penticton Broncos, the Langley Lords of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, or the Junior B affiliates in Abbotsford and Smithers.

Tennant said he expects the Chiefs, formerly known as the Vancouver Nats, to be strong on defence but hopes the camp will produce a hot prospect to fill the holes on the forward lines and in goal.

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Emergency meeting called by WCHL

EDMONTON (CP) — Officials of the Western Canada Hockey League agreed Friday night to hold an emergency meeting with junior leagues in Eastern Canada to discuss protection against moves by professional hockey clubs.

The junior clubs are concerned over moves by the pros to sign their amateur players even though they are still 18 and under.

"We (major junior leagues) can look after our affairs better than anyone else and we must receive adequate compensation for our players or go under," said Bill Hunter, an executive of teams in both the WCHL and the professional World Hockey Association.

A WCHL spokesman said league officials have arranged meetings in Montreal on Sunday and Monday with representatives of the Ontario Hockey Association, the Quebec Junior Hockey League and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

There is a possibility, however, the meetings might be switched to Toronto, if insufficient hotel space is unavailable in Montreal, he said.

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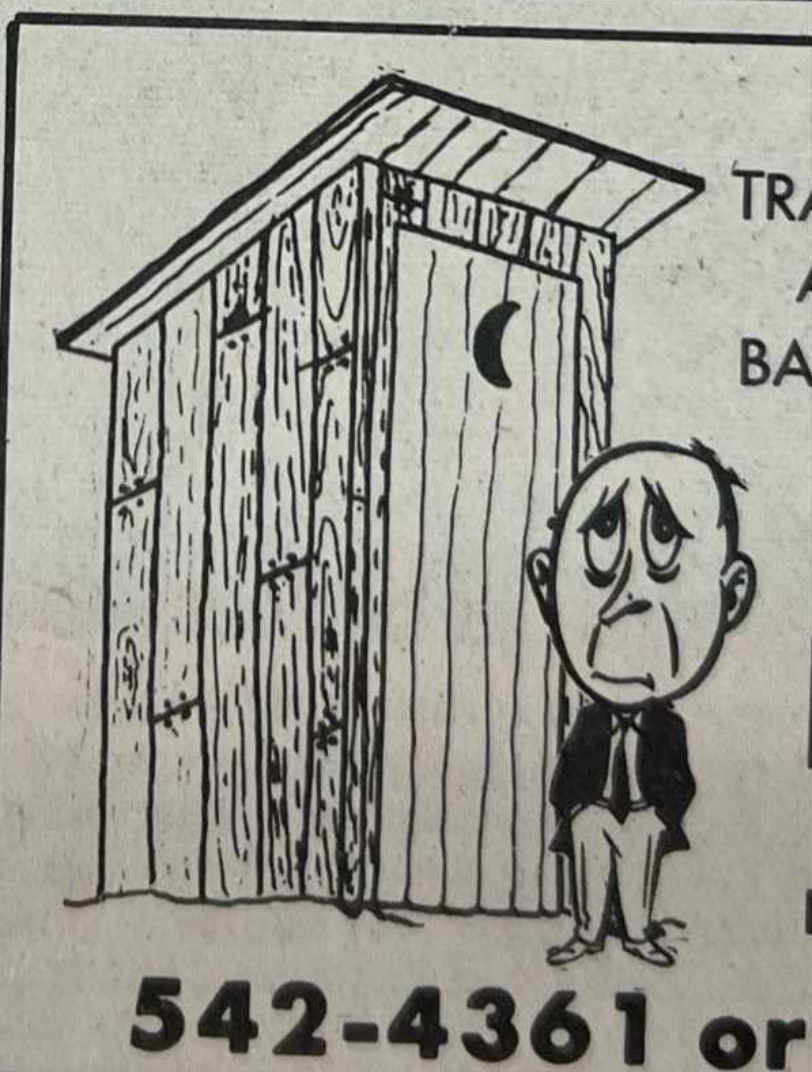
The spokesman said the WCHL wants assurance that it will receive financial assistance

for the development of hockey players "for whom we are offering an apprenticeship ..."

Hunter said before the meeting that the CAHA or a similar body is needed only to supervise amateur hockey from the juvenile level down.

He said if he has his way, the major junior leagues would divorce themselves from the CAHA and make their own deals with professional hockey clubs.

American owners of professional hockey clubs must realize that without financial assistance, junior hockey cannot survive in Canada, he said.



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