

Larry Hale buys out Pen. Broncos

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Larry Hale, a defenceman with Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association, announced Wednesday he has purchased Penticton Broncos of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

The Broncos, who made it last season to the Western Canada tier two junior hockey final, were sold to Hale by a group of 10 local owners. He had been in the group and exercised his right of first refusal to buy the team, saying he did so to prevent outside interests from taking control.

Hale said coach Don Slater will remain at his post and will hold an interest in a new owners group along with Larry Lund, another Houston player, and George Still, one of the original owners of the Broncos who will be general manager.

Hale and Lund are Penticton natives.