

Tom Serviss released

Sharks drop former Vernon Jr. player

Former Vernon Junior hockey ace, defenceman turned forward, Tom Serviss, has been cut from the Los Angeles Sharks of the World hockey league.

Serviss who has gone through a rather bumpy Pro hockey career, spent several good years with the old Vernon Blades of the Okanagan junior A league (before the league went province-wide) and for two seasons carried the captains rank for the local club.

During this time he made a name for himself as a hard checking defenceman who could make good moves up the ice, most often scoring at will.

From the Prairies originally, Serviss played most of his minor and junior eligibility years under the watchful eye of the Chicago Black Hawk organization of the National Hockey League and when he turned Professional, played for the Hawks Dallas Texas farm club before moving into the new WHA system last year.

Apparently Serviss and another player, Jim Shires, were dropped from the club as the Sharks begin to trim their roster.

MEANWHILE AT NEW YORK

Coach Camille Henry said New York Golden Blades set an unofficial club record for the young World Hockey Association season.

"The first period was our worst of the year, the second period was our second worst, and the third period was our third worst."

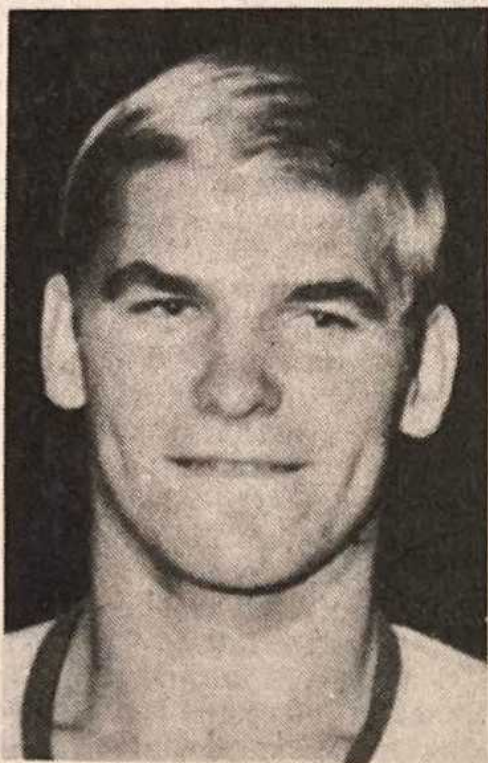
New York's 4-3 loss to Chicago Cougars meant the Golden Blades are winless after three starts, although they have two ties.

In the other game, Quebec Nordiques took over first place in the Eastern Division with a 4-1 win over Toronto Toros.

The final heartbreaker for New York was a missed penalty shot by Andre Lacroix of the Blades with 97 seconds remaining.

NEWTON CAME OUT

"I had it in my mind to take a fairly long shot," Lacroix said, "but when I crossed the blue line, I looked at Cam Newton



TOM SERVISS
... out of job

and saw he was way out of the net.

"... I went in as far as I could and tried to fake him, but the ice was very bumpy. When I tried to go to my backhand, I fumbled the puck."

The result was a weak shot which Newton steered out of the way.

The Cougars, second in the Eastern Division with three points, got goals from Brian Glenwright, Francois Rochon, Joe Hardy and Jan Popeil which gave them a 4-1 lead. Wayne Rivers, Kevin Morrison and Mike Laughton replied for the Blades, outshot 31-17.

The Nordiques had little trouble against the Toros, seeking their first win against a defeat and two ties.

INCREASE LEAD

Quebec led 2-1 after the second period and outscored Toronto 2-0 in the final 20 minutes before 4,056 fans in Toronto's Varsity Arena.

Rejean Houle, with his second of the year, Serge Bernier, with his third, Norm Descoteaux and Gil Gilbert were Quebec scorers.

"And we're not in shape yet," said Quebec coach Jacques Plante, former National Hockey League goaltender. "Houle, Bernier and the others we got this year couldn't start practising until Oct. 1 and they're going to get better."

Houle played last season with Montreal Canadiens and Bernier was with Los Angeles Kings, both NHL teams.

Plante had words of sympathy for Toros.

TOROS WILL IMPROVE

"Last year they had a lot of first-year players and they've added more this year. We added veterans. This gives us an edge. But a year from now Toros will be in the same position we are in now."

The Toros got their only goal from Wayne Carleton who opened scoring in the first period.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles Sharks, who open their regular season at home Saturday night, released centre Tom Serviss and Jim Shires to trim their roster Thursday. They also sent goaltender Paul Hoganson and Mike Hyndman to their minor league affiliate in Greensboro, N.C.

In games tonight, Winnipeg Jets visit Edmonton Oilers and Vancouver Blazers play in Minnesota against the Fighting Saints.

Sacharuk wants back in NHL

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Sacharuk, sent down to Providence Reds last week by New York Rangers, is wasting no time in letting the Rangers know he wants back in the National Hockey League.

The eager defenceman scored three goals and assisted on two others as the Reds defeated Boston Braves 5-1 Thursday night in the lone game in the American Hockey League.

Sacharuk scored from the blue line at 6:26 of the first period, then in the next two minutes assisted on goals by Don Borgeson and Bert Wilson to give Providence a 3-0 first-period lead.

He struck again on a 20-footer at 4:31 of the middle period, and again on a power play midway through the finale.

Yvon Bouillon, a rookie centre and one of nine first-year pros on the Boston club, avoided a Braves shutout by slapping in a 30-footer at 3:16 of the third period.

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