

Vikings help . . .

# Bruins welcome back fiery coach

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Watching general manager and team owner Otto Mammell walk through the concession area of the Vernon civic arena Sunday night with a heavy frown and downcast eyes, one isn't surprised to hear the Chilliwack Bruins of the BCJHL have made a coaching change.

Mammell was observed in this dark mood before the Viking-Bruins game got under way so obviously things weren't going right even before the Bruins took to the ice and subsequently lost by a wide 7-3 difference to the high flying Vernon squad.

Word out of the Fraser Valley centre Monday was to the effect Glenn Newport had resigned his coaching position, with the Viking victory probably capping the Bruins need for a change.

The Sunday night loss at the hands of Vernon wrung up the Bruins sixth straight loss and their 13th in 16 starts this season.

Vikings also had a hand in giving the Bruins one of the



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worst records ever in the BCJHL as they added the seven goals to the previous 95 scored against the Bruins in 16 starts to make this total go over the century mark and stand at 102 so far this season.

Now enters Orv Litchfield into the Bruin picture, as this fiery

tempered and often controversial hockey mentor returns to the BCJHL hockey wars after more than a year absence.

Litchfield takes the place of Glenn Newport as coach effective Monday which is hardly surprising by the way the Bruins have been exhibiting lack-lustre play anytime they have played here in Vernon.

Litchfield came to Chilliwack in 1958 presumably as a member of the army service because he immediately took over the coaching job of the Chilliwack Army camp hockey team.

He also played a major role in the minor hockey program before taking on the job of the newly formed Bruins entry into the BCJHL in the 1970-71 season.

Litchfield began the coaching chores for the Bruins early last season but a reported difference of opinion with the front office of the Chilliwack club saw him resign this post. It was later reported his quitting was due to personal business pressure.