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KENDALL'S KORNER

Hockey club not sold yet



Still no word on the future of the Vernon Vikings.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told me Monday that he hopes to have everything cleaned up by next weekend.

It now appears that the club will definitely be sold by the current owners, a group of eight local businessmen. However, the team could quite possibly be purchased by another local group.

It was rumored a week or two ago that Calgary Centennials owner, Scotty Munro, was the leading candidate to buy the club but the present owners made it no secret that they would rather sell to local interests.

Dye said he has not yet made up his mind whether he will remain with the club, or in what capacity.

First response from this corner when the price tag on the club was put at about \$50,000 was, they'll never get it. But, with electricians turning down a \$21,000 a year contract, I guess just about anything is possible. Reportedly, the people interested in buying, are willing to meet that offer, or at least come close to it.

ALL-STAR GAME

Lacrosse fans in the North Okanagan will be in for a real treat Saturday night when the Interior League all-stars tackle Prince George in the Vernon Civic Arena.

The interior all-stars could well be the finest group of lacrosse players ever assembled on one team in this area.

Team representatives from Kamloops, Kelowna, Armstrong, and Vernon, practiced for the first time as a unit Sunday and another workout has been scheduled for Wednesday evening.

One of the all-stars commented Sunday, "It is too bad we can't keep this team together; it's a pretty good club."

But, the reply from one of the other players was, "Yes, but the other teams in the league sure wouldn't have much."

The all-stars only vulnerable spot could be in goal where Kelowna's Mike Neid will start, backed-up by Vernon's Larry Lochhead.

Vernon goalie Terry Garrett, who was picked last season for the all-star team is not playing this season leaving the interior squad with a bit of a question mark in the net.

GREAT PREDICTIONS

If you remember correctly, your neighborhood scribe predicted a few weeks back that Philadelphia would eliminate New York in five and Chicago would get bounced by Boston in seven.

Well, New York was a little tougher in Madison Square Gardens than anticipated, and Chicago ran out of steam a little earlier than scheduled, but no one is perfect.

The Stanley Cup final? Boston in six. I doubt if the animals from Philly are going to get away with too many elbows against the Big Bad Bruins.