

KENDALL'S KORNER

Civic strike hurts Kamis



Interior Senior B Lacrosse League has run into more than its share of problems so far this season.

The team hit hardest has been the Kamloops Kamis which re-entered the league this season, after a one-year absence, to find they have no home arena.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees strike in Kamloops has kept all the arenas in that city closed for the past three months and if rumors mean anything, the strike will probably continue for another two months.

As a result, the lowly Kamis, who have yet to win a game in seven outings, have yet to hold an indoor practice this season and have been playing their home games in Armstrong or Vernon.

However, last week their players finally got fed up with travelling 70 miles for a home game, and their Wednesday night game was postponed. This week, Vernon hosts Kamloops tonight and are scheduled to meet the Kamis again Wednesday. However, it is uncertain where and if that game will be played.

Kelowna Bruins are not enjoying all peaches and cream either. Through some problems with city council, Kelowna is playing in Rutland Outdoor Box this year rather than in the Kelowna Arena.

One game there has already been cancelled because of rain.

NO WORD YET

Vernon Vikings Director Vern Dye told the Daily News this morning no word has been received yet on the future of the Spokane Junior A hockey franchise.

The B.C. Junior Hockey League was given permission last week to locate a team in Spokane, but opposition has been coming from the Spokane Jets Senior A club.

Now, the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association has apparently sided with the Jets, stating a junior club in Spokane would hurt the senior team's crowds.

Dye said there should be some type of decision on the franchise by next weekend.

GREAT ORGANIZATION

The Vernon and District Minor Soccer Association should be commended for the fine job it did organizing the big minor soccer tournament last weekend.

Any time over 400 boys from throughout B.C. and Alberta can be involved in 41 games without any major difficulties, a lot of work had to go into the planning.

SLIM PICKINGS

The Buffalo Sabres, Vancouver Canucks, New York Islanders, and Atlanta Flames, thought they got slim pickings when they joined the NHL.

Pity the poor Washington Capitals and Kansas City Scouts.

Scouts and Capitals will each be permitted to select two goalies and 22 skaters from existing clubs in Wednesday's expansion draft.

But, there is next to nothing for them to pick.

Montreal Canadiens have made Michel Plasse, John Van Boxmeer, Claude Larose, and Frank Mahovlich available for the draft. However, Mahovlich is expected to jump to the WHA today.

Toronto Maple Leafs did not protect Eddie Shack and New York Rangers left Bruce MacGregor, Bobby Rousseau, and Ron Harris available. Philadelphia left three players unprotected including defenceman Joe Watson.

Not much to choose from!