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Junior league plans breakaway

The British Columbia Junior Hockey League will try to withdraw for the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association and come under the Western Canada Hockey League prior to the 1974-75 season.

BCJHL President Dr. Arnold Lowden said Sunday at the league's annual meeting in Vancouver, league directors will seek an early meeting with WCHL officials in an attempt to place the BCJHL under the jurisdiction of the WCHL and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Vernon Vikings Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News today that Vern Dye and himself, who are representing Vernon at the league meetings, fully supported the move as did every other team.



JOE TENNANT
... full support

WATERED DOWN
Tennant said, "The BCAHA is just trying to water down the calibre of junior A hockey in the province. They recently granted the entire Pacific Coast Hockey League junior A status and their next move would probably be to grant the

Kootenay League, junior A status.

"There is nothing to stop the BCAHA from giving a girls' hockey team, junior A status.

"I feel this is a great move for our league. Eventually it will mean the improvement of our league by 100 per cent.

"It just was not practical for the PCHL which operates on budgets of about \$16,000, to have the same status as our teams which operate on \$90,000 budgets."

BEING CHEATED
Dr. Lowden said BCJHL directors feel there are more benefits from the WCHL than the BCAHA.

The BCJHL president said the league is being cheated by the BCAHA and pointed to the BCAHA's opposition to the BCJHL's attempt to expand into Spokane, Wash.

It was also announced at the league's meetings that the Vikings' 66-game schedule will open Sept. 28 when they play host to Langley Lords.

The league directors later voted in favor of allowing up to four, 20 year-olds, on each club for the 1974-75 season.

MERCKX TRIUMPHS
GAILLARD, France (AP)—Eddy Merckx of Belgium won the ninth leg Saturday in the Tour of France bicycle marathon to consolidate his hold on the over-all lead.

Kamloops wins Babe Ruth title

Kamloops went undefeated and captured the Interior Senior Babe Ruth double-knockout, championship tournament over the weekend, in Kelowna.

Kamloops handed Salmon Arm both their losses, 2-1 early in the tourney, and 6-5 in 11 innings, in the final game.

Kamloops now travels to Victoria for the provincial finals in two weeks.

After a dismal season, Vernon Rotary came up with an extremely impressive performance in the tourney and almost emerged as spoilers.

Vernon was only one of 14 league games and although they won just one of the three games played in the tournament, it was by far the club's best performance this season.

In the tourney's first game, Kamloops had to come from behind to defeat the locals 7-5. Fred Perepolkin collected three hits for Vernon in that game.

In the second game, Vernon staged a comeback and edged Kelowna 13-12.

Vernon trailed 9-3 in the fifth



KEN HOLLAND
... two hits

inning but fought back to tie the score 9-9 in the sixth. Kelowna scored three times in the top of the ninth, but Vernon scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth to pick up the victory.

Les Jantz was credited with the win, in relief.

In the semi-finals, despite two hits by Ken Holland, Vernon went down to a 5-2 defeat, to Salmon Arm, in extra innings.

Holland slugged a single and a double.

Cache Creek youth wins rodeo title

KAMLOOPS (CP) — The allround cowboy award in the British Columbia High School Rodeo has gone to Sanford Mead of Cache Creek, who finished first in three events — bare bronc and saddle bronc riding and bull-riding.

Gerry Hursley and Keith Pozzadon took top honors Sunday in team-roping with an over-all time of 70.1 seconds. Clark Turley of Kamloops won steerwrestling with a time of 23.4 seconds. Danny Moore of Dawson Creek won the calf roping event.

In the girls' events, Carole Waterston of Chase won goat-tieing. Bev Armstrong of Revelstoke won pole-bending and Charlene Donchi of Pritchard won the breakaway roping event. Marianne Black of Kamloops won two events — barrel racing and cowcutting.

The top three finishers travel to the North American finals at Toma, Wis., next month.

Final play kills Lions' comeback

HAMILTON (CP) — Ian Sunter's 15-yard field goal on the final play of the game gave Hamilton Tiger-Cats a 25-23 victory over B.C. Lions in a Canadian Football League exhibition game Sunday night played before 21,158 at Ivor Wynne Stadium.

Hamilton's winning drive was engineered by rookie quarterback Jim Stoeckel and overcame a 23-22 lead B.C. had gained on Ivan MacMillan's 18-yard field goal with one minute and seven seconds left in the game, the only time the Lions had held the lead.

Stoeckel, 21, from Harvard, was one of three quarterbacks Hamilton used after starting quarterback Chuck Ealey was shaken up on the second Ti-Cat play of the game.

Bill Etter, Ealey's back-up man a year ago, passed for touchdowns to Tony Gabriel and Dave Fleming and put the Ti-Cats in position for two other field goals by Sunter.

Phil Pierce, another rookie from the University of Tennessee, was calling the plays in the third quarter when

Sunter clicked on another field goal.

Don Moorhead started the Lions' first scoring march in the first quarter from their own 34 and in, eight plays, set the stage for McMillan's 37-yard scoring kick early in the second quarter.

Moorhead and Karl Douglas alternated as quarterbacks for B.C. as the Lions counted touchdowns from Johnny Musso and Lou Harris.

Douglas took the Lions on a 74-yard offence that stalled at the Hamilton yard-line and McMillan hit from the Ti-Cat 16 and Hamilton carried a 12-6 lead at half-time.



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