

Spokane out for 1974-75

KELOWNA (CP) — The British Columbia Junior Hockey League Friday announced it will play its 1974-75 season without an entry from Spokane.

League president Bryan Couling said the league has exhausted all options available in trying to have the Spokane franchise approved by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

The Spokane entry was rejected by the BCAHA two weeks ago, mainly because of a tampering charge levelled against Spokane by the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association.

Couling said the charge has now been cleared up, following the return of several Spokane players to Manitoba.

After the charge was dropped, the league asked BCAHA president Frank Spring to conduct a telegraph vote of the BCAHA executive,

asking them to reconsider the Spokane application, but Spring said there was not enough evidence to warrant another vote of the executive.

Couling said the league has decided to terminate efforts to have Spokane admitted to the BCAHA and the BCJHL for the time being.

He said he hopes Spokane will seek entry into the league for next season, and said approval for a 1975-76 Spokane franchise may be sought at the BCAHA semi-annual meeting in Vancouver this December.

Couling added the eight remaining BCJHL teams are prepared to play several exhibition games in Spokane against either the Spokane junior B team, or the Jets junior A team if BCAHA approval is eventually granted.

The season was to open Friday with Langley playing in Penticton and Merritt at Nanaimo.

Vikings host Langley in first league game

Vernon Vikings' coach Joe Tennant released four players Thursday in preparation for the club's first league game Saturday.

Sent to the Vikings' junior B affiliate in Grand Forks were Clyde Goodswimmer, Murray O'Neil, and Cam Sirdiak. Released outright was

defenceman Dennis Burgeron.

Those cuts left 13 forwards, five defencemen, and three goalies, still with the club. Tennant told the Daily News he plans to release three more forwards and a goaltender.

Vikings host Langley Lords Saturday, at 8 p.m. The Lords have lost several key players

to their parent club, Kamloops Chiefs, but the Langley club still has an abundance of big, young players.

Of the 21 players left with Vernon, eight of them saw action with the club last year.

THREE GOALIES

The three goalies left are Jim Scammel, Darrell Furmanek, and Keith Ferner. Veterans Terry Anaka and Brian Griese, are joined on defence by rookies Owen Loyd, Jim Scammel, and Gary Gassoff.

Veteran Rod Dyck will centre Gary Benson and Greg Walmsley. Darrell Billsten will team up with Vernon products Marty Stein and Grant Sidnick, while Dave Denyer will be between Brad Schultz and Dave Caldwell.

Extra forwards are Darrell Booth, Ron Areshenkov, Gary Gilchrist, and Gord Lyon.

Tennant said, "We had an excellent workout Thursday and the players seem to be up for the game."

Gassoff is the only injured player on the club right now. He suffered a serious arm injury in the first exhibition game of the year, and has not yet fully recovered. However, he hopes to dress Saturday.



TERRY ANAKA
... anchors defence

WHA Aeros dump Blues

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association scarcely missed Gordie Howe and his sons, Mark and Marty, Thursday night.

While the Howe family hockey compact is in Europe with Team Canada, a rookie from Swift Current Broncos of the Western Canada Hockey League, led the Aeros to a 5-4 victory over St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League in the first game ever played

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Father and son computerize stats

TORONTO (CP) — A father who likes to keep statistics and his electronics-wizard son may soon put minor hockey coaches in the computer era. They already have done that much for the current Canada-Russian hockey series.

Neil Penman, who for years compiled player statistics

Alex, also took up hockey and Penman continued to provide the detailed breakdowns for their team coaches that he had provided for Brad's teams.

It was Brad's genius in the electronics field that prompted him to look to computers to do the job.