

# B.C. Lions are roaring



Today's three-second question. When was the last time B.C. Lions were in first place this late in the season?

It does not take an avid football fan to know the answer is the glorious year of the Lions, 1964. The first, last, and only year the Leos ever won the Grey Cup.

For the first time since '64, people in Vancouver are starting to talk about the Lions actually playing in the Grey Cup.

The way B.C. completely demolished Winnipeg and Hamilton, in their last two games, has led to that kind of talk.

Hamilton defensive halfback, Dave Easley, an ex-Lion, paid quite a tribute to B.C. when he said Monroe Eley and Lou Harris are the best pair of running backs the Ti-Cats have faced this year.

That is quite a tribute to the Lions' duo considering Easley is rating them higher than a pretty potent pair in Saskatchewan named George Reed and Bobby Thompson. It also rates them ahead of Ottawa's duo of Art Green and Jim Evenson.

Then let us consider that the Lions' running attack is doing all this without their fullback Johnny Musso, who has played in only one game this season.

## SLOTBACK SCRAPPED

With the happy thought of Musso coming off the injured reserve list soon, coach Eagle Keys will probably scrap Jim Young's slotback position and move Dirty 30 out to flanker.

That would make way for Musso at fullback with Harris and Eley in the halfback slots.

There is no way Keys can sit out any one of those four backs, a problem which I am sure he is losing no sleep over.

Lions' defence, which is fast earning its nickname of the dirty dozen, appears to be improving every time out. Hamilton managed only 10 points against the Leos Sunday, three of them off a field goal after Bob Briend had fumbled a punt deep in the Lions' zone.

Not since the days of Joe Kapp, Willie Fleming, Tom Brown, Tom Hinton, and company, have the Lions' fans had something to cheer about more than one game at a time.

The Grey Cup is in Vancouver this year Nov. 24, and who knows, the Lions could be there.

## DON'T WORRY YET

The 800 hockey fans on hand Saturday night at the Vernon Civic Arena, were probably a little dismayed at the poor showing by Vernon Vikings in their season opener.

I have to admit, 8-2 is not exactly a flattering score for any team. The Vikings lost their first game and they will probably lose a lot more before Christmas, until the team matures.

Vernon has a young and inexperienced club this season, perhaps the most youthful junior club ever put together in this city. It will take some time, and patience, to mold the club into a contender.

Only a handful of last year's players are back, and coach Joe Tennant has a new contingent of good prospects. Much of the crowd groaned as the Vikings made fundamental mistakes, no junior player should make.

However, it must be remembered, for more than 75 per cent of the club, it was their first junior A hockey game. Langley Lords have a strong team this year, which didn't help the Vikings' debut any.

Vernon leaves on a gruelling four game road trip Thursday, which will have them playing the four coast clubs in four nights. That trip could well mature a group of boys into young men.

# Spokane files suit

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The junior amateur Spokane Jets Monday said they had filed a \$412,000 damage suit against the Western International Hockey League.

The Jets said the action, filed in Kamloops, B.C., contends that the WIHL had illegally blocked the club's entry into the B.C. Junior Hockey League Tier Two.

The Jets, the deadline past for entering Tier Two, said they would compete this season in Tier Three in the British Columbia junior league.