

Vikings hit where it hurts

Vernon Vikings' coach Joe Tennant had his pocketbook made considerably lighter Wednesday.

Tennant, and the Vikings, were fined a total of \$600 for two separate incidents.

The B.C. Amateur Hockey Association announced it has fined the Vikings \$300 for not having their player cards in to the association on time.

Tennant said he notified B.C. Junior Hockey League President Brian Couling last week that the cards would not be in on time because some player releases, from other clubs, had not arrived.

Tennant said, "At that time Couling said the delay was alright."

The other fine, also \$300, was levied by Couling, to Tennant, for going onto the ice in Kelowna Tuesday to protest a referee's call.

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However, Vikings were not the only ones hit in the wallet. Bellingham Blazer coach Lawrence Gingras was fined \$100 and suspended for one game after a game in Penticton Sunday, was called with 10 minutes remaining in the third period.

Blazers' captain Paul Enquist will sit out two games for his actions toward referee Jim O'Neill during that game.

An altercation at the end of the game in Langley Friday has resulted in one-game suspensions to Langley's Lori



JOE TENNANT
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Cail and Nanaimo Clippers' Rod Guimont.

On the brighter side, Tennant expects a new player in the Viking camp Friday.

Gary Thompson, a 185 pound centre, is on his way to Vernon from Brandon. Thompson, 17, comes highly recommended.

Vikings resume play Friday when they host Merritt Centennials. Centennials defeated Penticton Broncos 6-4 Wednesday, leaving the Broncos in a second-place tie with Vernon, behind Kelowna.

In the only other game Wednesday, Langley defeated Nanaimo 8-5.

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Hockey league served with writ

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP) — The Western International Hockey League has been informed that a writ has been served on the league by the Spokane Hockey clubs Inc., the Spokane Jets and Rockets.

The writ was issued last Thursday in Kamloops, B.C. but the league wasn't informed until Wednesday.

The writ seeks damages and an injunction preventing the WIHL from permitting the continued operation of the Spokane Flyers, the current Spokane entry in the WIHL, until the suit is decided in court.

The Spokane Hockey Clubs claimed that the WIHL improperly admitted the Spokane Flyers to the league. Dennis Coates, former president of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, is counsel for the Spokane clubs.

WIHL president Al Flick said the league plans to counter the action, but gave no details.

The Jets were a member of the WIHL last season. The Rockets were to become a member of the BCJHL this season, but the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association refused to approve the franchise.