



BOB IRVINE
... leads league

BCJHL TOP TEN

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts.
Irvine	Pen.	19	25	44
Berry	Kel.	11	30	41
P. Schnaar	Kel.	19	19	38
Aulin	Pen.	12	26	38
M. Schnaar	Kel.	17	19	36
Bain	Langley	10	26	36
Schamhorn	Bell.	22	13	35
Sidnick	Ver.	15	20	35
Bailey	Ver.	22	12	34
Iannone	Pen.	10	24	34

VERNON SCORING

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Sidnick	15	20	35	63
Bailey	22	12	34	36
Walmsley	14	13	27	75
Booth	11	16	27	13
Billsten	9	16	25	4
Areshnekoff	11	13	24	9
Schultz	9	10	19	23
Anaka	1	18	19	40
Stein	7	11	18	32
Gilchrist	5	13	18	69
Ranson	10	5	15	11
Griese	3	10	13	19
Lloyd	2	6	8	113
Gassoff	2	5	7	34
Benson	1	6	7	26
Scammel	2	4	6	73
McDonald	2	4	6	60

Vikings plan tier one club



Next year, Vernon may have a tier one junior A hockey team.

B.C. Junior Hockey League announced Monday that the league is applying to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association for tier one status in the 1975-76 season.

It is doubtful all eight BCJHL teams will move to tier one but at least six teams will move up.

Reportedly, several BCAHA officials are in favor of the change, so the league should have a good chance of getting its application approved. As the release by league president Bryan Couling said, "There is no reason why B.C. hockey players should have to leave the province to play tier one hockey."

With only three tier one teams in the province, New Westminster, Kamloops, and Victoria, few B.C. players get to play top notch junior A hockey in this province.

Instead, if they are good enough, they end up in prairie centres like Flin Flon, Lethbridge, or Medicine Hat.

Vernon coach Joe Tennant came under some pretty sharp criticism early this season for building such a young tier two team here.

But, as we now know, there was some method to his madness. Even if his club does not catch Kelowna Buckaroos, or win the playoff title, Vernon would be in great shape for a move to tier one next year.

Only three players will graduate from the Vikings this season, leaving 17 to form a nucleus for next year.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The way Vikings have improved during the past two weeks, it is tough to believe Tennant is building a team for the future.

Vernon has won six of its last eight games and had a five game win streak going until Sunday when they were edged 5-4 in Langley.

Vikings do not play at home again until Nov. 29 when they host Kelowna Buckaroos, losers in only three games this season. But, Bucks will have to contend with the hottest line in the league.

The unit of Ron Areshnekoff, Gary Gilchrist, and Greg Walmsley, which averages 183 pounds, has been burning up the league in the last two weeks.

Besides scoring goals in bunches, they are also an extremely physical unit which gives the opposing defencemen nightmares.

Because of his fine play, Walmsley has been named the BCJHL's 'Player of the Week.'

In the four coast games, Vikings played last weekend, the smallest crowd was 700 and the four-game total was 4,300 fans.

Let us hope Vernon fans start getting behind their team. Early in the season it was tough getting excited about the Vikings. But, they are playing great hockey now and deserve all the support they can get.