

Kamloops may get BCJHL franchise

The British Columbia Junior Hockey League will probably expand to nine teams for the 1976-77 season.

League President Bryan Couling told the Daily News that applications, from two separate Kamloops groups, have been received by the league.

Couling said the league will make no decision on the applications until January or February.

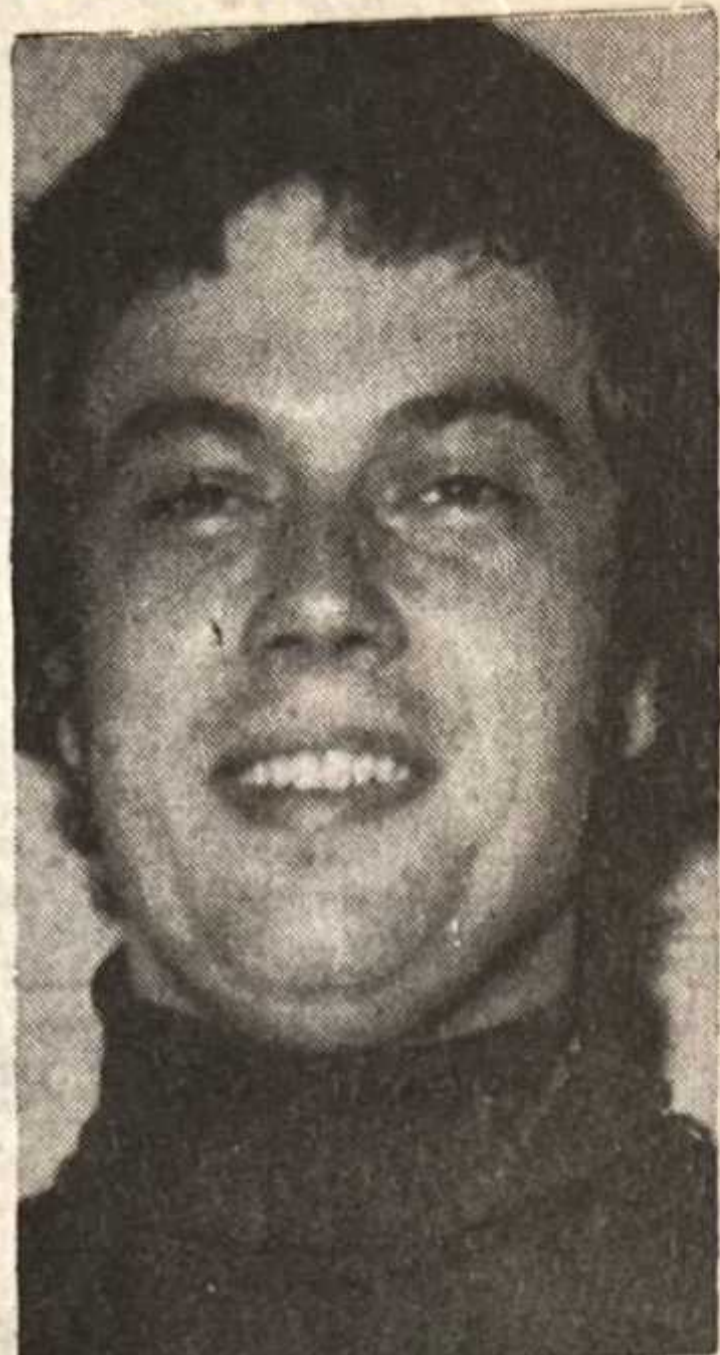
An unconfirmed report says that the two applying parties are headed by Eldon Dever, and the owners of the Kamloops Chiefs.

Despite the decision by the league, on the applications, the Chiefs would continue to operate in the Western Canada Hockey League.

Dever is a former owner of Kamloops Rockets, of the BCJHL, which was disbanded in 1972 when Kamloops was awarded WCHL franchise.

Chiefs would operate the tier-two team, possibly called the Rockets, as a farm club.

Vernon Vikings' Coach and General Manager Joe Tennant



BRYAN COULING
... no decision yet

said today he is all in favor Kamloops getting a BCJHL team, providing the right people are operating it.

Record tied in BCJHL play

Russ Wilderman of Langley Lords tied a British Columbia Junior Hockey League record when he scored two goals in six seconds Friday in Penticton.

Wilderman broke a 4-4 tie when he scored his second goal of the game at 1:31 of the third period against Kelowna Buckaroos. The shifty centre won the ensuing faceoff and took a return pass from defenceman Dwayne Lowdermilk to score his third goal on a blazing shot from the blueline at 1:37.

Langley needed Wilderman's heroics to score a 7-6 win over the Buckaroos. In another game, Chilliwack Bruins downed Maple Ridge Blazers 5-3 at Maple Ridge.

The Lords also got goals from Mark Taylor, Ron Kolman, Randy Larsen and Errol Rausse.

Pat Severyn scored two goals for Kelowna, while Rob Wright, Jeff Norby, John Olver and Perry Schnarr added one goal each.

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Kelowna outshot Langley 35-31, but couldn't overcome the finishing touch of Wilderman.

The previous record-holder for the two fastest goals in the BCJHL was not available.

Five players—Randy Irving, Doug Doerkson, Al Cunningham, Randy Tekenaka and Gordie Brandt—shared the Chilliwack scoring as the Bruins won their first game of the season in their third start.

The loss was the first in four games for the Blazers, who got goals from George Phillipoff, John Paul Kelly and Rob Anderson.

There are five other games scheduled this weekend. Langley plays at Vernon, Maple Ridge at Nanaimo and Penticton at Chilliwack tonight, while in games Sunday, Langley is at Merritt and Penticton is at Maple Ridge.

VSSS hammers Revelstoke

Vernon Senior Secondary School dumped Revelstoke 4-1 Thursday in girls' field hockey action at Revelstoke.

Leanne Willms and Melanie Munk scored two goals each for the winners.

Next game for second-place Vernon will be Oct. 14, at home, against Revelstoke.

Meanwhile, the Vernon Ladies' Field Hockey team will be hosting a tournament on Sunday.

Two teams from Kelowna as well as clubs from Vernon and Salmon Arm will be competing at VSSS.

Vernon meets Kelowna at 10 a.m., and at 2:30 p.m., they tangle with Dr. Knox, the other Kelowna entry.