

Lefley sidelined with jaw injury

The Vernon Vikings' weekend coast road trip cost the B.C. Junior Hockey League club the services of one of its top players, Jack Lefley.

Joe Tennant, Vikings coach, said today the winger suffered a broken jaw when hit by a slapshot in one of the weekend games.

Lefley will be out of action for at least a month because of the injury, Tennant said.

Two other Vikings, Steve Danshin and Gary Huth, are also on the injured list.

Danshin missed the coast trip — which saw the Vikings winning streak ended at nine games by the Maple Ridge Blazers — because of an infected foot, Tennant said.

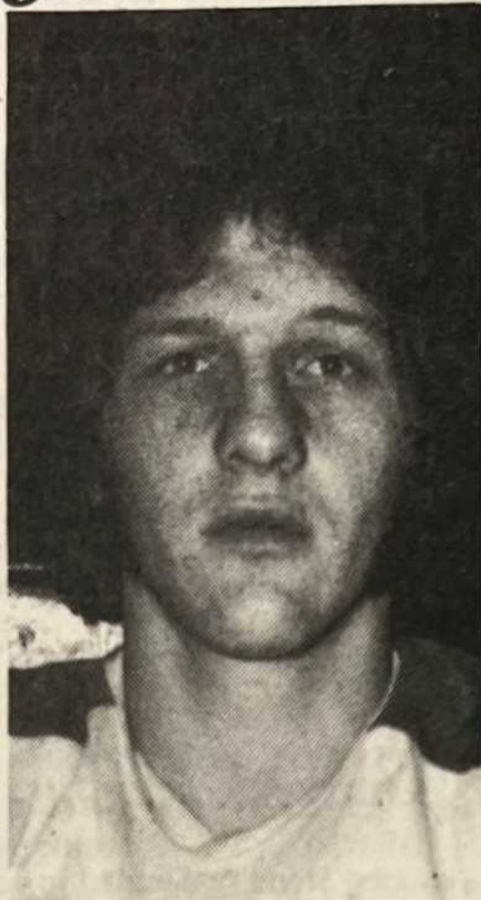
Huth, currently the Vikings top scorer with 29 points, has a chipped bone in his leg, and is still playing but is not skating as well as usual.

Tennant said medical reports on the two players will be received today or Wednesday.

He said he is not looking for a replacement for Lefley, as the Vikings have 20 players on their roster, and can get by without replacing the winger.

Vernon's next home game is Wednesday night, when Merritt Centennials are in town. Game time at the Civic Arena is 8 p.m.

Tennant said Merritt is the only team that has beat Vernon at home this year — the Centennials handed the



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Vikings a 5-3 loss a month ago.

Since that win, the Centennials have gained strength with a new coach.

The Vikings coach also said Saturday's game, when the Kelowna Buckaroos are here to play the Vikings, will also be an important game, as Kelowna is currently in second spot, behind the Vikings, in the Interior Division standings.

At the game, a total of \$1,000 in door prizes will be given away. A total of three draws are to be made.

Tennant said he expects a full house for the match.

Vernon currently has 30 points, six more than the Buckaroos, but the Kelowna squad has three games in hand.

Penticton Vees are in third place, a point behind the Buckaroos, while Merritt Centennials are in the cellar with 20 points.

Kelowna and Penticton tangle tonight in Penticton.

In the coast division, Nanaimo Clippers lead with 30 points, while Langley Lords have 27 points, Maple Ridge has 18, and Chilliwack Bruins have 10.

Langley's Mark Taylor and Kelowna's Mike Wills are the league's leading scorers, with 41 points each.

Penticton's Gord McKay, Merritt's Darrell Zelinski, and Nanaimo's Gary Lupul are tied for second spot with 39 points.

There are no Vikings in the league's top 10 scorers.

Meanwhile, Larry McNabb, coach of the Clippers, has been fined a total of \$300 for two separate incidents.

League president Bryan Couling said in Kelowna Monday McNabb was fined \$200 for going onto the ice to protest officiating during a game in Langley Sunday.

He was fined an additional \$100 for several published reports of remarks criticizing the league's referees, Couling said.

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