

## OVER RULES DISPUTE

# Junior A league under suspension

B.C. Amateur Hockey Association has suspended the B.C. Junior Hockey League for non-compliance of rules listed in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's handbook.

Frank Spring, president of the BCAHA, said these rules are being observed by all other leagues in Canada, but not by the BCJHL.

He said BCJHL infractions include non-compliance with icing rules, failure to give a minor penalty for touching a puck with a high stick, and failure to rule that a second major penalty be accompanied by a misconduct with an automatic two-minute minor added.

BCJHL President Bryan Couling told the Daily News at first it appeared the league would have to comply with these regulations and become reinstated, but that has changed.

Couling said, "Our main concern was that if we remain suspended, any referee or linesman who works our league could be suspended himself. However, the majority of officials in our league seem to be behind us 100 per cent."



**BRYAN COULING**  
... may not comply

The president agreed with Vernon Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant in saying, "The timing of the suspension is puzzling."

Tennant said, "Our league's non-participation in the Centennial Cup this year may have something to do with it. The BCAHL will lose a lot of money by us not competing in Cup play."

The Centennial Cup is the

national championship for tier two junior hockey leagues in Canada.

Couling said, "I would like to think that the BCAHA is big enough that the fact we're not playing for the Centennial Cup would have nothing at all to do with their decision... but like I said, the timing really leaves me puzzled. We have been playing under these rules all season."

"Personally I couldn't care less whether the suspension is lifted or not."

Spring said the suspension will be in effect until the BCJHL abides by all CAHA rules.

Tennant said, "Maybe those rules are good for minor hockey, or recreation hockey, but not junior A. We had less violence in our league this season than in any other year. I think that should indicate the elimination of those rules has not encouraged violence."

Couling said the decision now is up to the league's eight member-teams.

He said, "We are not competing for Centennial Cup, and the referees are supporting us, so we may tell them what to do with their suspension."



**DREW TUMBACH**  
... back to the Hat

## Tumbach leaves for home

Vernon Vikings have lost the services of right winger Drew Tumbach for the remainder of the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs.

Tumbach, who was having difficulty with his schooling in Vernon, returned home to Medicine Hat this week at the request of his parents.

During regular season play, the speedy rookie winger scored 20 goals and added 28 assists.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant said, "We hate to lose Tumbach, but in a situation like this, there isn't much we can do."

Tennant's problem of filling that hole is compounded by the suspension of two key players. Grant Sidnick and Gary Gassoff both picked up match penalties in last Saturday's playoff game, against Chilliwack, and will be suspended for at least three games.

However, Tennant thinks he can fill the holes adequately.

He said, "We're not going to take any chances. I'm going to call up five players from Grand Forks Border Bruins and I think they can do the job."

Expected to be called up are forwards Blair Donnelly, Wayne Quiring, Glen Merkosky, Randy Merritt, and defenceman Brad McDonald.

The best-of-seven quarter-final series, currently tied 1-1, resumes Saturday in Chilliwack.

## Zone defence stops Winfield

Vernon Art's Gulf put up an impenetrable zone defence to defeat Winfield 69-53 in the championship game of Vernon Men's Commercial Basketball League Monday at VSSS.

Winfield, the defending champs, could not beat the zone and conservative offence engineered by Gulf.

Rick Hanson led Vernon's attack with 21 points, including several field goals from long range. Rick Inrig added 20 for the winners while Rick Kohorst sunk 12.

### JARVIS STOPPED

The big story, however, was Hanson's job on Winfield centre Vince Jarvis. Jarvis, the league's leading scorer, scored only three points before fouling out late in the second-half. Hanson blocked Jarvis well to the outside, and with four fouls early in the

second-half, the big centre was unable to try penetrating.

Jarvis averaged more than 30 points per game during regular season play.

Frank Hitchens was Winfield's top marksman with 12 points.

Gulf led 23-20 at half-time.

**LUMBY WINS**  
In the consolation final, Lumby upset Armstrong Shop Easy 66-65.

Lumby built up a 36-27 half-time lead and held a 66-56 margin late in the game. Armstrong staged a late rally, with nine straight points but fell short by just one.

Eric Parker scored 20 for Lumby, including 12 on foul shots. He fouled out in the second-half, which was partly responsible for Shop Easy's rally.

Gary Wheelhouse sunk 14 for the winners.

Craig Siemens was top scorer for Armstrong with 24 points while Tony Wolcott dropped in 12.

## Owners accept proposal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Major league club owners have reluctantly accepted the "one-and-one" option concept for the next several years and proposed a future reserve system that would end their 100 years of absolute control of a baseball players' destiny.

The proposal, made through the Major League Players Association on Monday, would give all 600 players a chance to be free agents at the expiration of their present contracts.

After that, the owners offered a reserve system that would tie a player to his team for eight years.

The proposal did not unlock the spring training camp gates. That still depends on the players' reaction.


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# A little potpourri



Just a bit about everything, and not too much about anything.

People who tuned into the Canadian University Hockey Championship game Sunday on television probably recognized a name.

**GREG WALMSLEY**, captain of Vernon Vikings last season, was wearing number eight on right wing for Guelph Gryphons. Unfortunately for Greg and the Gryphons, Toronto Blues overpowered Guelph 7-2.

Walmsley is reportedly considering moving back to Vernon this summer, and if he does, he plans on joining Vernon Lodge Tigers Lacrosse Club.

... Speaking of lacrosse, former Tigers' player **GARY TURIK** tells us Kamloops will be back in the Interior Lacrosse Association this summer.

Kamloops left the league two years ago when the Canadian Union of Public Employees strike closed down the Kamloops Arena, and without a place to play home games, the team went broke.

Turik, now living in Kamloops, said there are plenty of players there and they think the newly-formed executive has found a sponsor.

... **VERNON ROYALS** are back from the B.C. High School Girls' Basketball championships, and according to Coach Deloy Routley, both him and the girls learned a great deal in Vancouver.

Routley said, "We get our whole team back next season, but if the girls want to be a winner, they'll have to work a lot harder.

"You wouldn't believe how hard those coast teams work. I thought our club practiced a lot, but nothing like some of those teams."

Besides realizing that you have to work to be a winner, the girls felt the pressure of tournament play, and should be much better next season because of that experience.

... Speaking of girls, **WILLIE WENDEL AND HER GIRLS** have done it again. For the second time in the last three years, Vernon senior girls will be representing B.C. in the Canadian Youth Bowling Congress Championships.

Only Willie, the coach, remains from the team that captured the silver medal in Ottawa two years ago. But, she says this year's team has an excellent chance at the national finals in Regina.

A couple of the girls who were on the championship team, two years back, were on the squad that won the high school zone title last weekend.

They will now represent the Okanagan in the provincial playdowns in Vancouver.

... Getting back to basketball, Vernon Panthers' **COACH RICK INRIG** says he isn't going to coach Panthers next season.

Inrig, who did a fantastic job with the Vernon boys this season, feels it is time to take a year off.

Panthers have a big rebuilding job ahead for next season, but one player who will be back is guard **STEVE KING**. King, who shined in the Okanagan tournament, could be one of the top guards in the province next season. But, Vernon will probably be lacking height up front.

... **VERNON BANTAM REPS** are one game away from winning the Okanagan-Mainline championship. However, they may not have to play that one game.

Vernon thumped North Kamloops last weekend in the first game of the best-of-three final series. But, the game never ended. Kamloops left the ice in the third period, apparently in protest of the officiating.

Referee Alex Kashuba gave the visitors two minutes to return to the ice, and when they didn't, the game was called with five minutes remaining.

B.C. Amateur Hockey Association frowns on that type of behavior, and the Kamloops team may be suspended. If that happens, the highly-talented Vernon club will represent the Okanagan in the provincial tournament in Nanaimo.

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# Cranbrook netminder named best in WIHL

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP) — First-place Cranbrook Royals had the most successful and busiest goaltender in the Western International Hockey League in the regular schedule which ended on the weekend.

Leo Karchie of Cranbrook won the award as top WIHL goalie with a goal-against average of 3.54 a game. He played 2,490 minutes in the

regular schedule, tops in the league and more than twice as much time as Henry Durkin of Spokane Flyers, who had the second-best average of 3.74.

Other WIHL award winners were: Murray Kennett of Spokane, top defenceman; Brian Debiasio of Trail, rookie of the year; and Dennis Schick of Kimberley Dynamiters, outstanding and most sportsman-like player.