

# League suspension temporarily lifted

The president of the B.C. Junior Hockey League says the league's suspension by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association has been temporarily lifted.

Bryan Couling told the Daily News the agreement allowed Wednesday night's playoff game, between Maple Ridge and Nanaimo, to be played without any repercussions.

BCAHA President Frank Spring announced late Wednesday that the suspension has been put into abeyance until noon Friday.

Couling said, "The BCAHA has apparently told referees and linesmen that if they officiate our games, while we are suspended, they will have their cards lifted and will not be allowed to officiate next season.

"However, we still appear

to have the support of the majority of officials."

The league was suspended for not complying with several rules in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's handbook.

The eight BCJHL teams voted unanimously Tuesday not to change league rules and to continue playoffs despite the suspension.

Couling said, "We will probably make our final decision just prior to noon Friday. Right now, I don't really know what will happen. But, either way, the playoffs will continue on schedule."

## NEW PLAYERS

In one-ice happenings, three members of Grand Forks Border Bruins joined Vernon Vikings today in preparation for this weekend's two games in Chilliwack.

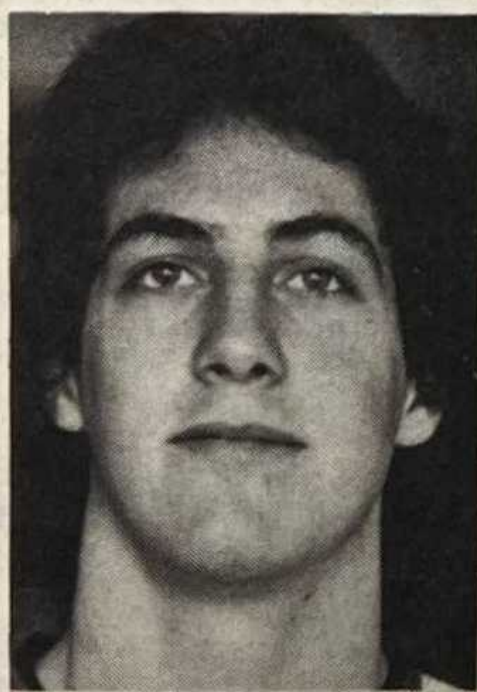
Forwards Blair Donnelly and Jerry Quiring, along with defenceman Brad McDonald, practiced with Vikings today.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant said he expects forwards Randy Merritt and Glen Merkosky, both writing exams this week in Grand Forks, to join the team on Friday.

Vikings' roster was depleted this week with the suspension of Grant Sidrick and Gary Gassoff, and the departure of Drew Tumbach.

Kelowna Buckaroos received bad news Wednesday. League scoring champion Mike Wills has been admitted to hospital with stomach problems, and may be out of action for the remainder of the season.

Bucks, minus Wills, host Penticton Vees on Friday.



MARK SCHNARR  
... scored two

## Nanaimo salvages deadlock

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers fought back Wednesday to salvage a 7-7 tie with Maple Ridge Blazers in British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoff action.

Nanaimo now leads the eight-point quarter-final series 5-2.

Maple Ridge led throughout the game; 1-0 at the end of the first period and 4-3 at the end of the second. The Blazers were leading 7-5 in the third period before Brian Day scored the tying goal at 13:45.

Kim Hillkewich scored two goals to lead Nanaimo. Gary Lupul, Terry Graf, Rod Guilmont and George Fritz scored singles.

Roy Wheaton, Stu Robertson and Mark Schnarr each scored twice for Maple Ridge. Randy Betty added one.

Nanaimo outshot Maple Ridge 51-30.

## Funner Days at Silver Star

Second annual Funner Days will take place Saturday and Sunday at Silver Star Ski Area.

Poma lift operator Bill Cuthbert is organizing the event, designed for fun and frolic.

Included in the festivities will be races, prizes, contests, parties, and costumes.

Cuthbert told the Daily News the only entry fee is a costume.

He said, "We'd like to invite everyone to hop into a costume and come up to enjoy the fun."

Special attractions will include a free style and aerial demonstration, ski patrol toboggan team races, the appearance of Funner Bear the only Ski Bear in captivity, and a Nancy Greene Ski League race.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said, "With great snow, Okanagan sunshine, and all the festivities, this could be the best weekend of skiing this year."

## FINAL WEEKEND

Meanwhile, Tillicum Valley Ski Area will be open this weekend for the final time this season.

Area Manager Sandy Boyd said the lifts will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, but Sunday will

probably be the final day of skiing.

Boyd said, "Our snow conditions are still good, but people are thinking of gardening and fishing this time of year. The real avid skiers will be heading up the Star from now on."

Tillicum enjoyed its best year ever according to Boyd.

He said, "We had an excellent December and January, but some rain hurt us a bit in February. Overall, we had more skiers than ever before."

## Super Stars thump Devils

Glen Buettner scored 35 points to lead Super Stars to an easy 73-36 victory over Trend Salon Devils in Men's Fourscore Basketball League play Wednesday at the Recreation Centre.

Bob Herring added 16 for the winners.

Top marksman for Devils was Paul Quesnel with 18 points.

In an earlier game, Bullets edged Celtics 66-65.

Glen Wheelhouse sunk 22 points for Bullets while Bud Riley added 18.

John Mahler scored 21 points in a losing cause.

## NFL to erect clocks for 30-second timing

SAN DIEGO (AP) — In future, National Football League games will have clocks in the end zones to

However, a proposal to cut the limit from 30 seconds to 25 was withdrawn for this year.