

The SPORTS

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Anaka selected best in league

Vernon Vikings' veteran defenceman Terry Anaka was named Friday as the outstanding defenceman in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Anaka, in his third season with Vikings, scored 24 goals and added 40 assists to go with his 103 minutes in penalties.

When told he had won the award, Anaka said, "You've got to be kidding, I can't believe it."

Earlier this season he shared the team award for best defenceman with Brian Griese.

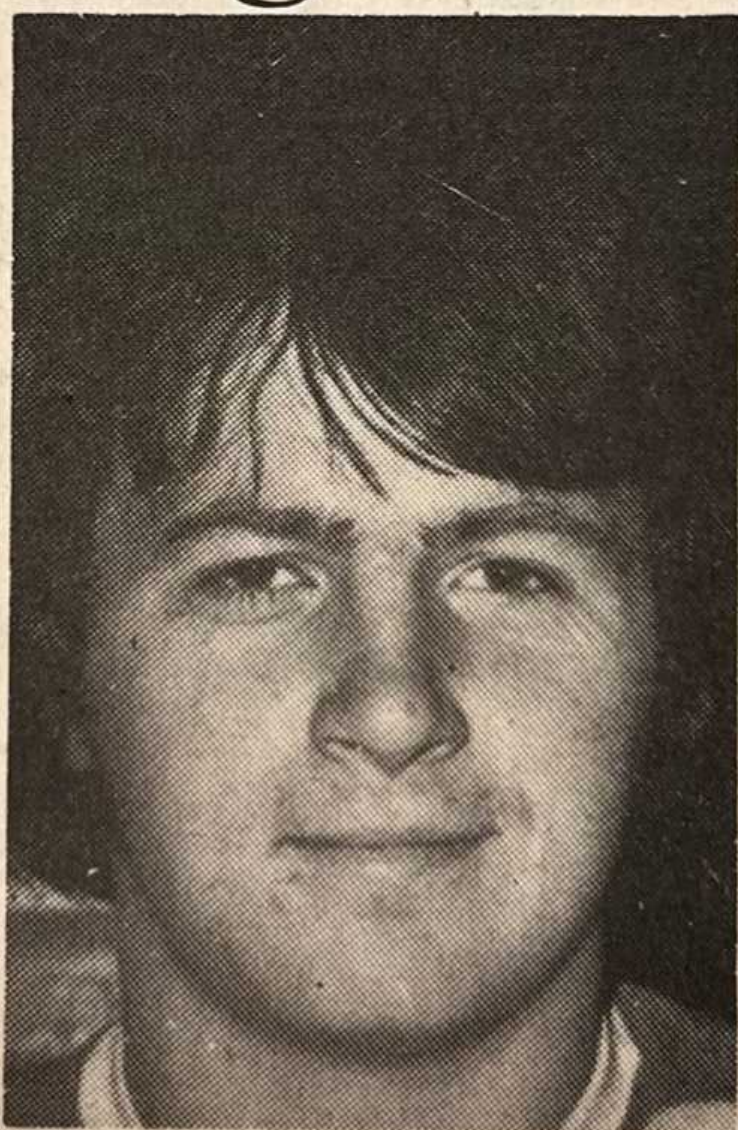
Langley's Mark Taylor, who placed second in the BCJHL in scoring with 128 points, was named Most Valuable Player. Taylor, in his second year as a centre with Lords, is Cyclone Taylor's grandson.

TOP ROOKIE

Top rookie in the BCJHL is Nanaimo's speedy centre Gary Lupul. Lupul, just 16 years old, scored 49 goals and added 68 assists for 117 points.

Lupul had a fine crop of rookies to beat out including scoring champion Mike Wills of Kelowna and several players on the Vikings.

Most Gentlemanly Player is



TERRY ANAKA

... top defenceman

Maple Ridge Blazers' Rob Anderson.

Despite missing part of the season with a broken ankle, Anderson scored 27 goals and added 32 assists, while picking up only 21 minutes in penalties.

BCJHL semi-finals open tonight, at 8 p.m., with Anaka and the Vikings hosting Penticton Vees.

NOT A MONOPOLY

Vernon Minor Hockey Association has lost virtually all of its executive for next season. A three-man committee is finding it tough to locate interested people.

Vernon Minor Football Association recently held a general meeting and not only did the parents not show up, but last year's executive didn't attend either.

Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association died two years ago because not enough parents would get involved. It may be reborn this year through the recreation department, but parents help is needed.

There have never been enough parents involved in minor sports, but the problem is becoming more critical. It would appear that the majority of parents would rather spend their time doing other things — like sitting at home, or standing on the sidelines criticizing the coaches and officials.

The majority of people who sit on minor sports executives, devote their time to help other children, not their own. Most executives' children did not play that sport, or if they did, have already grown up and no longer play. They certainly are not doing it for their own personal gain. They are helping the boys.

If you can devote a few hours per week, get involved.