

Kamloops to lose tier one franchise

It now appears definite Kamloops has lost its Western Canada Hockey League franchise.

Owners of the Kamloops Chiefs are scheduled to meet with the Pacific National Exhibition Board of Governors today, or Thursday, to confirm times and dates for next season in the Pacific Coliseum.

Final decision to move the club was made Tuesday night when Kamloops City Council flatly rejected a proposal to renovate Memorial Arena. The proposed renovation would have increased seating capacity to 2,800.

SEATING DROPPED

There are presently 2,400 seats in Memorial Arena, but a recent fire marshall's ruling limits capacity, for a hockey game, to 1,400.

Chiefs' President Ernie Rempel

said, "We would have stayed if they had done the renovations. That would have allowed us to really go out and get on a season ticket drive.

"We did our best to keep the team in Kamloops, but we needed a lot of help and only got some."

Chiefs have lost money annually since moving to Kamloops, from Vancouver, four years ago and to operate next season in a 1,400 seat arena would have been impossible financially.

SOLD 750

A spokesman for the club said, "We have sold about 750 season tickets already for next season, only about 150 under our total last year. I think that proves a lot of people in Kamloops wanted to keep us."

The Chiefs' move almost assures that Kamloops will have a franchise in the tier two B.C. Junior Hockey League next season. However, there are three groups which have applications with the BCJHL.

BEST CHANCE

Rempel appears to have the best bargaining position at the present time. As majority shareholder of the Chiefs, he still has one year left on a lease, with the city, which gives him the right to operate any junior hockey team in the city.

Former Kamloops Rockets owner Eldon Dever is leading another group of applicants, which is rumored to include Vernon Vikings' General Manager and Coach Joe Tennant.

A third group is given only a remote chance of landing the franchise.

GARRETT RETURNS TO GOAL

Tigers score 32 goals to record seventh win

Vernon Lodge Tigers hammered Kamloops Warriors 32-9 Tuesday in Interior Lacrosse Association action at the Civic Arena.

For the first-place Tigers, it was their seventh consecutive victory.

Veteran netminder Terry Garrett made his first appearance of the season in the Tigers' net and showed he hasn't lost his touch. Garrett blocked 32 shots and contributed to the offence with two assists.

Warriors, who have im-

proved greatly since the season started, simply did not have the legs or experience to keep up with the speedy Vernon squad.

48 POINTS

Several of the Tigers fattened their scoring statistics with big nights, including the second line which picked up a league record of 19 goals and 48 points. Gary Holte had five goals and eight assists, brother Danny seven goals and five assists, Greg Walmsley six goals and four assists, Don Kendall eight

assists, and Dale Rintoul one goal and four assists.

Bruce Townsend and Rick Horsley scored three apiece for the winners while Jeff Shirley, Terry Mosdell, and Jamie McKenzie each collected a pair. The other goal went to Donny Bruce, playing his first game of the season.

Kevin Carswell, Mickey Prefontaine, and Gary Turik scored two goals for Warriors with singles from Gary Follno, Paul Harpe, and Lyle Trowski.

Kamloops enjoyed the powerplay for a large portion of the night as the referees called a tight game, cramping Vernon's rugged style of defence. Tigers were assessed 40 minutes in penalties to just four for the Warriors.

Vernon led 8-1 at the end of the first period and 21-6 after the second.

Tigers' goalie Rich Zecchel, who got to watch the game from the stands because of a hand injury, praised his club, but also was impressed with the improvement in Kamloops.

Zecchel said, "Our passing was unbelievable out there tonight. We could have beat anyone. Warriors have improved a great deal in the last couple weeks and are going to win a couple more games before the season ends."

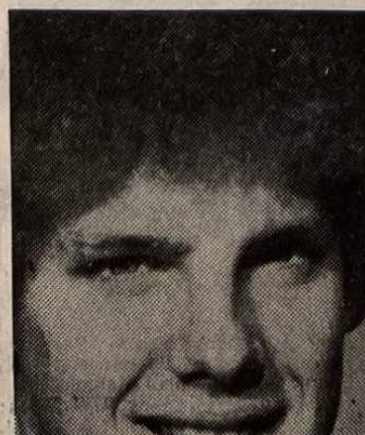
Vernon now has a couple of days off before they travel to Armstrong Friday to tangle with the Shamrocks.

GOALPOSTS: Tigers were without Graydon Brown who was suspended for one game after picking up a gross misconduct last week. . . . Vernon's newly formed junior team, for players 21 and under, will practice Thursday at 6 p.m. . . . apparently Armstrong has lost veteran Les Kineshanko who decided to retire this week.

Many records smashed by Canadian swimmers

TORONTO (CP) — Anne Jardin, calling herself "slim, trim and ready to move," highlighted a day of record-breaking performances Tuesday in the opening events of the Canadian Olympic swimming trials.

Miss Jardin, who said she had lost 25 pounds since February, won the women's 100-metre freestyle final with a Commonwealth and Canadian record time of 57.48 seconds, beating former Canadian record-holder Gail Amundrud of Vancouver.



the team selection committee with a problem but Miss Jardin said later she would likely drop out of the butterfly, leaving Miss Quirk to take that qualifying spot.

"I looked at the Olympic schedule and the 100 freestyle and the butterfly are too close together," said Miss Jardin. "I think it would be just too hard on me."

Nagy, a former Toronto swimmer since moved to Vancouver, won the men's 200 butterfly over Doug Martin of Vancouver and Bruce Rogers