

Chilliwack joins rival junior loop

To the surprise of no one, Chilliwack Bruins are shifting from the British Columbia Junior Hockey League to the rival Pacific Junior Hockey League next season.

PJHL President Fred Page announced Wednesday that Chilliwack will be the seventh member of the three year old loop.

Bruins have been plagued by poor attendance and weak performances on the ice during the past few seasons.

Both leagues are rated as tier two junior leagues by the Canadian Amateur Hockey

Refs' clinic on Saturday

Vernon Minor Soccer Association will be holding a referees' clinic Saturday, at 1:30 p.m., at MacDonald Park.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. For further information phone 542-7265.

Association, but the BCJHL operates as a prime farm system for the Western Canada Hockey League. PJHL plays a shorter schedule with a lower-key approach.

NO TROUBLE

BCJHL President Bryan Couling said recently his loop should have no trouble finding an eighth franchise, to replace Chilliwack. Prime candidates appear to be Kamloops, Victoria, and Bellingham.

Vernon Vikings' Coach and General Manager Joe Tennant feels loss of the Bruins will not hurt the BCJHL in any way.

Tennant said, "Chilliwack has been the league doormats for the past four seasons. The owners showed complete disinterest in icing a competitive team. They have been a detriment, rather than an asset.

"I feel certain they will be replaced by a first-class franchise that will strengthen our league."

Bruins will continue to be operated by Otto Mammel.

United edges Rutland in Royal Cup playoff

Vernon United advanced to the Royal Cup senior soccer final by defeating Rutland Teamsters 2-1 in a semi-final game Wednesday night.

United's opposition will be provided by the winner of the Kelowna Kickers-Lulgis game, scheduled to be played later this week.

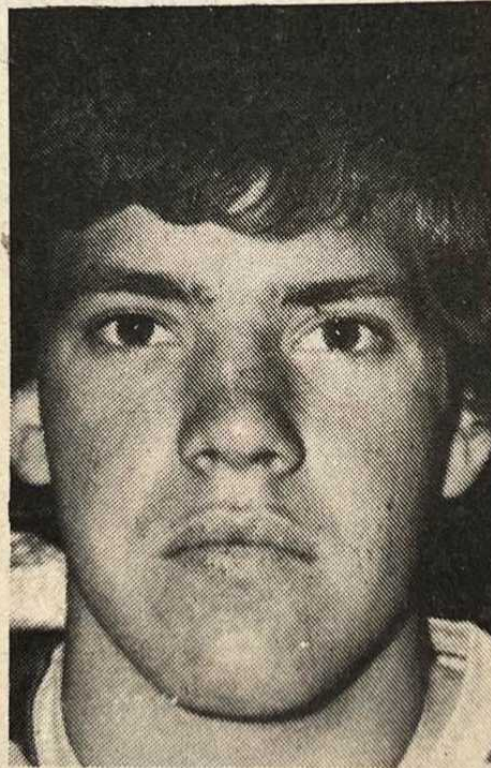
Teamsters opened the scoring early in the game when Ken Anderson banged the ball into the net on a scramble, after a corner kick.

BLOCKED SHOT

At the 20-minute mark, Rutland came within inches of stretching their lead when awarded a penalty shot. However, United netminder Peter Poeschek made a great block and deflected the ball wide.

Poeschek's save seemed to ignite the Vernon squad, and at the 30-minute mark, Garry Lang tied the game. Rutland's goalie was caught for taking too many steps and United was awarded an indirect penalty shot. Lang made no mistake with a blistering drive to the upper left corner.

At the 42-minute mark, Lang again scored when he



PETER POESCHEK

... key save

took a long wing pass from Martin Ware. Lang dribbled

around the goalie and ran the ball into the net.

SCORELESS HALF

A scoreless, but far from dull, second-half provided plenty of excitement. Vernon appeared to take a 3-1 lead at the 16-minute mark when Lang drilled a shot into the net from 30 yards out. However, it was called back on an offside.

Rutland later scored, but it too was called back on an offside. Then, with two minutes to go, Teamsters came close as a shot went off the crossbar.

Poeschek turned in an outstanding performance, as did his defenders Bob Schley, Ray Smilski, and Mark Wolgram.

Teamsters controlled the midfield, but because of the solid United defence, got few good scoring opportunities.

Guthrie praised after scrimmage

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Veteran quarterback Eric

ABC spokesman said the