

BCJHL accepts Kamloops franchise



TOP SLOWPITCH TEAM

Jim Moro cracked a grand slam home run in the final inning to give Kal Hotel a 23-19 victory over C.A.E. Morse, and first place in the annual Vernon Slowpitch

tournament. Winner of the 16-team tourney's B event was Rossland, which defeated Kamloops Cats 14-13. Members of the Kal squad are, from left, front

row, Don Bock-Phillips, Bert Nichol, Ron Kleisinger, Coach Bill Lyons, and Don Jakes. Middle row, Russ Keckalo, Manager John Tykalovich, Doug Spencer,

Harry Wynnychuk, Bill Maloney, Tex Frezell, and Jim Moro. Back row, Rick Shymanski, Jack Howard, and Gary Monk. (Daily News Photo By Jack Nitte)

The British Columbia Junior Hockey League added a new team to its lineup and did away with the position of president at its annual meeting over the weekend in Penitction.

After a three-year absence, Kamloops has rejoined the BCJHL. The league's seven teams voted unanimously to grant the new franchise.

The team will be a direct farm club of Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada Hockey League. It will also be owned and operated by the Chiefs' shareholders.

EIGHT TEAMS

The league now has teams in Penitction, Kelowna, Merritt,

Langley, Maple Ridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, and Vernon. Chilliwack Bruins dropped out earlier this season in favor of joining the lower-key Pacific Coast Junior League.

Vernon Vikings' Governor Vern Dye said he welcomes Kamloops back with open arms.

Dye said, "Kamloops was always one of our strongest franchises and we built up a strong rivalry with them. I'm sure they will be an asset to the league."

Before the 1976-77 season gets underway, the BCJHL may have 10 teams. The league has scheduled another meeting July 17 to study franchise applications from Abbotsford and Bellingham, Wash.

In doing away with the paid position of president, the league elected Ernie McLean, owner of Maple Ridge Blazers, to the new, non-paid position of chairman of the board.

McLean is also coach, general manager, and owner of New Westminister Bruins of the WCHL. Former BCJHL President Bryan Couling resigned last season to become general manager of Penitction Vees.

Dye said, "I'm sure McLean will do a good job. He has a vast hockey background and should add a little color to the league."

Wally MacCrimmon of Kelowna Buckaroos and Ron Livingston of Langley Lords were elected vice-chairmen.

Tigers run to victory over tough Old Stylers

Interior League leading Vernon Lodge Tigers came up with a gusty performance to defeat North Central League leading Prince George Old Stylers 19-15 before 440 fans Saturday night in exhibition lacrosse action in the Cariboo City.

Tigers started the game with just 13 players, and finished with only 10 after Gilles Bezeau, Al Canuel, and Danny Holte were ejected.

On the other hand, the big, rugged Old Stylers had 20 players dressed, including three juniors.

Vernon Captain Jamie McKenzie best summed up his club's feeling. He said, "We seemed to have the odds against us, but if you keep running, you always have a chance."

Even with just 10 men left, Tigers refused to slow down the play and kept flying.

NINE POINTS

Danny Holte enjoyed a big night for the winners with five goals and four assists while Terry Mosdell blinked the red light five times. Dale Rintoul and Jeff Shirley scored two each for Vernon with singles from Gary Holte, Rick Horsley, McKenzie, Marty Stein, and goalie Rich Zecchel.

Dave Foulks scored three for Old Stylers while Richard March, Larry Calder, and Jim Mottishaw notched two apiece. Singles went to Jeff Rowland, Ben Chow, Brian Berg, Stan Burton, Terry Bergman, and ex-Armstrong Shamrock Greg Bennett.

ROUGH GAME

The much smaller Tigers refused to back down from Prince George, and as a result, it was a rough game. Vernon was assessed 16 of its minor penalties, three of six majors, and two of three game misconducts.

Among the players not able to make the trip were the four biggest Tigers, Gary Gochrist, Greg Walmesley, Bob Webber, and John Kuly. Old Stylers netminder Dave Jenkins blocked 42 shots while Zecchel turned away 39 blasts. However, Zecchel's biggest asset was disrupting the



DANNY HOLTE ... big game

Prince George defence with his wandering and crisp passes.

McKenzie said, "We had a tough game Friday, travelled all day Saturday, and were missing several key players. But, despite those handicaps, there was never any doubt in our minds who was going to win."

PERIOD LEADS

Old Stylers took a 1-0 lead, but Tigers never trailed again. Vernon led 6-3 after the first period and 11-8 after the second.

Bennett, who moved to Prince George three years ago, complimented the Tigers. He said, "They have a lot of spirit and drive. They remind me of the 1974 Old Stylers, when we won the Canadian championship."

The teams are scheduled to do battle again, in Vernon, in late-July.

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LAKERS DUMP LOGGERS 8-1
 Vernon Lakers thumped Lumby Loggers 8-1 in Okanagan-Mainline Baseball League action Sunday at Poison Park.
 For Lakers, it was their third win in five starts. Winning pitcher Darrell Leir scattered seven hits and struck out 14 over the nine innings.
 Loggers took a short-lived lead in the top of the first inning when Dick McLeod singled, went to third on Marcel Charret's double, and scored on Al Beck's infield grounder.
 Lakers bounced right back with three runs in the

Rutland captures

Vernon teams win two in senior soccer play

Vernon teams won two of three games in Okanagan Senior Soccer League action Sunday.
 Vernon Lodge Blues dumped Rutland Teamsters 5-3. Vernon Rovers edged

Gary Lang, at 19 minutes, on a penalty shot.
 George Komoshinski got the winner for Kickers, just six minutes later, when Vernon goalie Peter Poeschek failed to squeeze a rebound.

particularly Tim Lilburn and Robbie Lacroix, were brilliant. Lilburn scored four times while Lacroix was all over the field with his constant hustle.
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