



ENDERBY HOCKEY SCHOOL's head instructor Joe Tennant gives some

pointers to a couple of his teachers, Don Ashby, left, of Toronto Maple Leafs, and

Eddie Johnstone of New York Rangers.
(Daily News Photo)

AT ENDERBY SCHOOL

Ashby thanks Tennant for chance in hockey

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Response has been so good at the first annual Enderby Hockey School, head instructor Joe Tennant is considering running a fourth week of instruction.

Tennant told the Daily News it is very gratifying to see the boys enjoying themselves and wanting to come back for another week.

He said, "We will know for sure early next week, but now it seems certain that there will be enough demand for a fourth week of lessons, to start Aug. 23."

For further information phone 545-4250 or 838-7557.

Instructors at the school this week include Don Ashby of Toronto Maple Leafs.

IN KAMLOOPS

Tennant coached Ashby when he broke into junior A hockey with Kamloops Rockets, and the slick centre

may have Tennant to thank for making it to the National Hockey League.

The story goes something like this: Ashby played his minor hockey in Kamloops and Tennant felt he had a lot of potential. However, after training camp in 1971, the late, great Scotty Munro, general manager and coach of Calgary Centennials at that time, told Tennant to release Ashby.

Centennials were Rocket's parent club, and Munro was Tennant's boss. But, Joe twice disobeyed Munro, and twice was fired. Luckily for everyone involved, cooler heads prevailed and Ashby enjoyed a good season with Kamloops.

By the middle of the 1972-73 season he was called up, by Munro, to Calgary.

Looking back on his stint with Tennant, Ashby said he was a tough disciplinarian.

Ashby said, "In minor hockey you don't usually get good coaching, so, when you get to junior, it is important to have a tough coach. I guess I was lucky, I learned a lot from Joe."

FIGHT AT CAMP

Ashby, who still makes his off-season home in Kamloops, expects to have a fight on his hands at the Toronto camp this September.

He said, "Leafs have Daryl Sittler, George Ferguson, Jack Valiquette, Stan Weir, and myself at centre. Sittler is there to stay, but it is going to be a real battle for the other positions."

After graduating from junior last year, he jumped right into the NHL and spent most of the year with Leafs. However, he was sent down to Oklahoma City for a month, near the end of the season. But, this year, he plans on sticking with the big club.