

BCJHL becomes outlaw league



The British Columbia Junior Hockey League decided Wednesday to pull out of the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association to allow two new franchises to join the league.

The move came in reaction to a BCAHA President earlier this week which vetoed the applications of franchises from Abbotsford and Bellingham.

League President Ernie McLean said the league had no choice in making the move.

McLean said, "We realize we cannot be sanctioned for any tournaments or inter-provincial playoff, but for survival of the league, we had to go to 10 teams."

Without Abbotsford and Bellingham, the BCJHL's coast division was left with only Maple Ridge, Langley, and Nanaimo.

Vernon Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he is glad the league stuck together.



VERN DYE
... no choice

BCAHA President Frank Spring cited over-saturation of junior hockey on the Lower Mainland as the reason for not allowing Abbotsford into the league. As for Bellingham, Spring said the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association is frowning on any further expansion to the U.S.

Dye called the excuses a bunch of garbage. He said,

"Except for minor hockey, there are no other teams in either the Bellingham or Abbotsford areas. Without those two, the three existing teams would have been in big trouble."

NO TROUBLE

McLean said he anticipates no trouble in acquiring game officials. He said, "We have withdrawn from the BCAHA, we are not suspended. Therefore, I can see no reason why the referees will not do our games."

The league president hinted that the BCJHL might attempt to set up an alternative Canadian tier two junior championship to the CAHA-sponsored Centennial Cup.

He said there were one or two other outlaws leagues that might be interested in such a championship.

BCAHA officials were not available for comment at press time.

BCJHL season is scheduled to get under way Friday with four games and Dye says the league will carry on as usual.

Dye said, "I don't know if the BCAHA will try to take any action against us, but as far as we're concerned, the BCJHL is looking forward to a good year."

POWER SKATING SCHOOL

Head instructor Hank Wensley leads the little guys in a drill during Vernon's power skating school at the Civic Arena. The school, which winds up Friday, was filled to capacity. Other instructors are Al Kowal, George Beck, and Andy Wells. (Daily News Photo)

Two pilots nominated for prestigious award

Accolades for the Vernon Lodge Tigers, Canadian senior B Lacrosse champions, are still pouring in.

Several people associated with the team have been nominated for awards.

Airplane pilots Barry Lapointe and Bill Jurome, of Kelowna, have been nominated by the B.C. Lacrosse Association, for the Lester B. Pearson Memorial Award.

The Pearson Award is presented annually to the person, or persons, who contribute the most to lacrosse in Canada. The two pilots are credited with saving the lives of the entire Tigers' team in a spectacular emergency landing near Pincher Creek, Alta.

The plane, a chartered DC-3, caught fire at 12,000 feet and was glided to a perfect landing in a field. None of the 24 team members were injured.

The Vernon Lodge Hotel has been nominated twice for the Irvine-Caldier-Nevard Award, as the outstanding sponsor in B.C.

B.C.L.A. Senior Commissioner Rick Richards, of Vancouver, and the Tigers' Seward Award, and the Lodge for its outstanding contribution to the game.

Tigers' President Art Horsley has been nominated, by the team, for the Ruth Seward Merit Award. The Seward Award is presented for outstanding involvement of an individual at a local level. Horsley has been president of the team for seven years.

The club's training staff, Dr. Bob Walker, Brent Nolan, and Rob Campbell, have been nominated for the Hugh Gifford Merit Award.

Candidates are selected from the ranks of team managers and trainers, irrespective of division level or championship standings. They are judged on their accomplishments of instilling sportsmanship, their leadership, and contribution towards improving the image of lacrosse.

Bucks come back to defeat Vikings

For the second time in two nights, Kelowna Buckaroos overcame a third period deficit to edge Vernon Vikings 5-4 in B.C. Junior Hockey League exhibition action Wednesday at the Civic Arena.

Both teams experienced a kind of fundamental problems as Bucks couldn't move the puck out of their own end, and Vikings' forwards were reluctant to backcheck.

Defending scoring champion Mike Willis provided all the scoring in the first period as he spotted Kelowna a 2-0 lead. Willis scored on a powerplay at 5:17, and with just one second remaining in the period, beat goalie Keith Ferner on a breakaway.

Savage on a fine individual effort.

Bucks refused to quit and goals by Darren Stanoffsky and Greg Lynott gave Kelowna the margin of victory.

BLANKED VIKINGS

Struch played 31 minutes and blanked Vikings, while Savage was beat for all four goals. Vernon Coach Gerry Wenman obviously wanted a win and went the distance with veteran Ferner. Ferner turned in a steady performance, but was fooled on the long shot by Lynott.

Willis, who picked up 132 points last season, was the class of the game. He had an assist to go with his goals and was robbed three times by Ferner.

Best player on the ice for Vikings was Gilchrist. The big winger, who will be bound for Fort Wayne next week, continually set up his linemates Bruce Green and Gary Gassoff, with good work in the corners. That trio was most impressive for Vikings.

Referee Bob Kemp handed Vernon eight of 15 minor penalties, two of three majors, and the game's only misconduct. Gassoff was ejected late in the game for strenuously arguing a five-minute elbowing penalty assessed to him.

SEASON STARTS

While eight teams swing into action Friday as the BCJHL season opens, Vikings don't hit the ice again until next Wednesday when they host Penticton Vees.

Between now and then, Vernon General Manager Vern Dye hopes to acquire at least three experienced players. Medicine Hat Tigers are expected to cut four players this weekend and Dye would like to get his hands on them.

John Schmitz put Vikings on the scoreboard at 17:21 of the middle frame when centre Kelly Kaneda picked up an errant pass in the Kelowna end and fed the puck across the crease to Schmitz.

Just 34 seconds later, Brian Mathews gave Bucks a 3-1 lead. However, before the teams went to the dressing room, Vernon captain Gary Goss, and forward Scott were robbed from the slot, on a powerplay.

Homegrown product Neil Herzog tied the game for Vikings with a slapshot from the wing at 22 seconds of the third period. Then, Gilchrist put Vernon in the lead, for the only time, when he beat two defenders and goalie Paul

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THE OUTDOORS

Good fishing on all lakes

By **NONIE FRISBY**

Oh beautiful fall and wonderful fishing.

I don't know if the fishermen are so enchanted with the fine weather that they can't tell if the fishing is good or not, but I've had nothing but excellent reports from all lakes.

Doreen Lake reporting excellent fishing, with trout up to 6½ pounds being taken on a Tom Thumb. One party of two took 11 fish, all good sizes, up to 10½ pounds.

Okanagan lake reports some very good Kokanee fishing. Bolean, Arthur, and Spa all reporting very good catches. The Arrow Lakes, out of Edgewood, and Galena Bay are excellent for Kokanee fishing. Try a wedding ring, for fishing that is.

The Stan Sladnyks from Pinaus Lake report a wonderful weekend, some of the best fishing of the season. Good fall fishing is here, with possession limits going to John and Ted Eaton of Vancouver, with trout up to 3½ pounds. Norma and Arthur Lea of Edmonton took limits up to three pounds.

The Klupenger's of Puyallup, Washington had an

residents during the 1976-77 season to hunt wolves."

The Cache Creek checking station opened Sept. 11. It will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. and it is mandatory to check there when returning from a hunt. The checking station is not set up just to check for illegal game, though I think it might help to keep a person really honest if they know they must pass through a check point.

They are more interested in how many hunters and how much game. It takes this information to help set game seasons for the following years. It is known as game management. Game officials are not attempting to annoy you, they are working hard long hours to ensure you of game in the future. Please cooperate when checked on, after or before a hunt.

GAME NEEDED

I realize the fish and game club's annual banquet is not for another six months, but now is the hour for all you good fish and game club members to make sure this next year's game banquet is a success. The club needs members to make sure the banquet is a success. The club needs members to make sure the banquet is a success.



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VSSS teams host tourney

By **DALE MAJOR**
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys and girls volleyball teams will host the Vernon Invitational Volleyball Tournament this weekend.

The tourney promises to be one of the highlights of the volleyball season.

On the boys' side will be defending champion Prince George, the Fraser Valley's top team Mission, the Kootenay's best Nelson, Wind, and two Vernon squads, the Blue Jays and Robins.

RUNNER-UP

Prince George was runner-up to VSSS in the provincial finals last year and could be the team to beat.

Vernon boys' coach Barry Reid is optimistic about his team's chances. Reid said, "I'm not sure how I will divide the teams, but if we make the two squads equal, it will be tough for either of them to take top spot against such stiff competition."

The Vernon coach said he is pleased with the team's fundamental progress, but

and Brett Barker.

STRONG POINT

Vernon's strong point is expected to be hitting where power hitters Mike Kormos, Kirk Chrisman, and Dan Watts are among the best in B.C. Newcomer Jim Tilden is also progressing well.

Blue Jays open the tourney Friday, at 3 p.m., against Windfield. Robins first game is at 5 p.m. against Blue Jays.

Vernon girls will be up against Mission, Nelson, Prince George, Revelstoke and Windfield.

Girls' Coach Anne Stokes said, "The team has been showing up really well in practice and I'm looking for some exciting things from our girls."

GOOD SETTER

Stokes is counting heavily on setter Sue Zelany who had a terrific job in last weekend's exhibition tourney. Leading the hitters will be Terri Rosman and Laurie Lippchuck.

VSSS girls swing into action Friday, at 3 p.m., against Revelstoke.

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