

Coach resigns over ice squabble

Vernon Minor Hockey Association has lost one of its most experienced and respected coaches.

Bantam Rep Coach Hank Wensley has tendered his resignation. He will coach Okanagan College Lakers in Kelowna, this season.

However, he didn't quit because of the wages, or the money.

Wensley told the Daily News "I just didn't want to go through all the garbage again. They accused me of not being for all the boys."

The problem between Minor Hockey and Wensley started when he recently rented eight hours of ice time in Enderby. He said, "I phoned about 26 bantams and invited them to come out. But I told them to bring a friend and made the ice available to all bantams."

Wensley said, "I'm a rep coach. I'm certainly in-

terested in reps, but I'm also interested in anyone who wants to play rep."

"They seem to forget about all the hours I've put over the last few years. No one has put more time in on the ice, besides minor hockey, than I have in the last six years. I put a lot better program across it than the guys who are complaining."

HATED TO LEAVE

"I hated to leave minor hockey, but the little things finally got to me. Coaching the college team should be a challenge."

One thing that pleased Wensley was the appointment of George Beck as his successor.

Wensley said, "George and I have worked together for several years and I'm sure he'll do a great job with the bantams."

RECEIVED LETTER

"Next thing I knew, I got a letter signed by minor hockey coach Bob Williams. I've gone through this kind of thing before. We're running around screaming for ice and they tell me I can't put my kids on the ice."

The letter signed by Williams read, "As our season doesn't start until Sept. 17, we find your actions in the camp area strictly against Vernon Minor Hockey objectives of equal opportunity for all players."

"Hank, because of what some of the parents' poor communications, the executive requests you attend our next meeting Oct. 4 so that we may discuss the matter with you."

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VERNON VIKINGS defenseman Ron Rogers clears the puck out of danger during a scrimmage.

through two-day workouts at the Civic Arena. Other hopefuls are from left, Greg Bay, Earl Smith, and Doug Mork. Vikings open their exhibition season on Thursday at 8 p.m. in Vernon, against Revelstoke Bruins. (Daily News Photo)

KENDALL'S KORNER

Yanks will win series

Since 1964, there has only been one thing worse than being a B.C. Lions' fan, and that is, being a New York Yankees' booster.

Lions' suffered through 11 years of futility before finally turning things around this season. The downfall of B.C. was to be expected with the rapid departure of Joe Kapp, Willie Fleming, Tom Broyles, Tom Hinison, Mike Cacic, Dick Fouts, and company.

However, the downfall of the Yankees wasn't forecast. New York replaced the likes of Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth with Frank Crosetti and the DiMaggio brothers. Then came Yogi Berra and Enos Slaughter. In the 1960's there was Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford. And in the 1980's, along came Roger Maris and Tom Tresh.

It wasn't possible for the Yankee dynasty to ever end. But the team fell on bad times. After a few good years, "fresh fizzed." After hitting 61 home runs, Maris became a bundle of nerves. Bobby Murcer got tired of hearing he was as good as Mantle. And the once mighty pitching staff fell apart.

After more than a decade of mediocrity, Yankees got back on track last season and made it to the world series. However, in the series, there was more embarrassment awaiting the Bronx Bombers. They were no match for the high-powered Cincinnati Reds.

Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner is one man who doesn't like to be misled. He decided to buy himself a winner. In the free agent draft he purchased super-hunter Don Gullett and slugger Reggie Jackson. This was supposed to add a little extra power, he thought. Dave Kingman.

Wilkie gives Vikings experience down middle

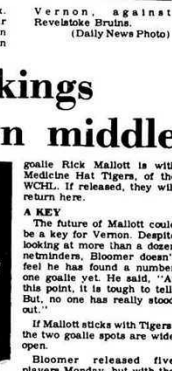
Vernon Vikings' Coach Sheldon Bloomer breathed a sigh of relief on Monday night when centre Darcy Wilkinson hit the ice for the first time. Wilkinson, starting his third season with Vikings, was late arriving for training camp because he had some personal matters to clear up in Edmonton. It had been feared he might choose to remain in Alberta.

Despite playing much of the season with a painful wrist injury, Wilkie was one of Vernon's most consistent players during the 1976-77 season.

Bloomer said, "We're counting on Wilkie to give us experience and scoring power down the middle. I haven't seen him play, but I've heard a lot of good things about him."

Meanwhile, Vikings expect to hear from two young players of last year's club today, or Wednesday.

Defenceman Randy Will is still an open question.



DARCY WILKINSON arrives with members of last year's club today, or Wednesday.

LOADS OF POWER

With the arms and bats Steinbrenner has assembled, the Yanks could win their division, the American League pennant, and possibly the world series.

New York is not and they're winning the way they used to — with the home run. Last weekend, in two games against Detroit, the pinstrippers clubbed seven home runs.

Leading the awesome slugging attack is Graig Nettles, who is second in the AL, with 38 home runs, and Jackson with 30 run producing. Both have knocked in about 100 runs.

Kingman hit three home runs in his first three games as a Yankee. The supporters' slogans include Thurman Munson, Roy White, and Chris Chambliss.

On the mound, Yanks have perhaps the best depth in the majors. Relief ace Sparky Lyle could be a contender for the Cy Young Award.

For our money, the AL East is the strongest division in the majors this 1978. Nickes-Kang-Dairy Queen 4.3, Lions Club-Silco Electric 5.4.

Division 5

Lions Club	3	0	0	10.7	8.0
Silco Electric	4	3	0	12.10	8.2
Wallochek	3	1	0	9.8	2.4
Nicks Kang	2	0	2	7.12	2.4
Dairy Queen	3	0	0	3	5.14

Other scores: Silco Electric-Wallochek 4.3, Lions Club-Silco Electric 5.4.

Division 6

D & H Auto	4	3	0	10.7	8.2
Eagles Club	4	3	0	11.4	6.2
Smitty's	4	2	0	4	4.4
Taste Freeze	2	0	2	0	0.8

Other scores: Eagles Club-Taste Freeze 1.0; Default, D & H Auto-Smitty's 8.1, Smitty's-Taste Freeze 1.0; Default, Eagles Club-D & H Auto 5:1.

Division 7

Traction Masters	3	3	0	0	18.2	8.0
Royal Bank	3	2	0	1	8.7	4.2
Super Shoe	2	1	0	1	4.4	2.2
Art's Gulf	2	0	0	2	1.8	0.4
Parkland	2	0	0	2	0.10	0.8

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Division 8

Electric-O.K. Builders	2:1
Terry Dyck-Roy's Tire	3:0, 1&2 Electric-Roy's Tire 0:0, Terry Dyck-C.K. Builders 1:0, Roy's Tire-Lumpy No. 1 2:1.

Division 4

Kewlans	3:0
A.N.A. Vets	3:0, A.N.A. Vets-Wallochek 7:0.

MINOR SOCCER STATS STORY

Stats. for the week ending Sept. 18

Division 2

GP	W	T	G	Pts.
2	2	0	8	4.0
Vernon Motors	3	1	0	2
Credit Union	3	1	0	2

Other scores: Elks-Vernon Motors 2:0, Vernon Motors-Credit Union 3:1.

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Spallumcheen ladies' draw

No. 1 Tee SEPT 21

8:30 a.m. P. O'Keefe, M. Burgess, B. Griffin, Subback, M. Steere, M. Good.

8:45 a.m. R. Guidi, K. Coleman, C. Schier.

9:00 a.m. J. August, D. Baner, F. DeWilde, V. Nelson, G. Myhill, M. Lewis.

9:15 a.m. K. Fee.

9:30 a.m. S. Embolis, S. French, D. Baker.

9:45 a.m. K. Wike, R. Banner, P. Dewor.

10:00 a.m. P. Phare, M. Hamilton, F. Long.

10:15 a.m. J. Jensen, N. Dalsey, I. Baneraman.

Competition: Irons only Front 9 Longest drive No. 1 Handicap 31; Ladies Club drive No. 4 Handicap 22 over.

San Francisco bombed by fired-up Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The television audience that saw Franco Harris outgain the entire San Francisco 49ers' defence probably included some of the guys who will be here next Sunday — Oakland Raiders.

"Oakland is heralded to be the best football team in the NFL," Harris said Monday night after he and a dominant Pittsburgh Steelers defence combined to crush San Francisco 27-0 in the National Football League season opener for both clubs.

"So here we are playing the best team in the NFL," Harris added. "And I don't think we are second to anybody. So, I think we have to be the best."

The Steelers did little giving Monday night, yielding 101 net offensive yards to the 49ers by the run and 18 by the pass.

Harris scored a pair of Steeler touchdowns, rushed for 100 yards himself and added nine more on a pass reception. He also scored points in my career, always."

SPORTS ALERT

TONIGHT

7:30 p.m., Vernon Lodge Hotel, Vernon Lodge Tigers' exhibition game. Anyone interested is invited.

MINOR SOCCER

8:30 p.m., McDonald Park, Vernon Optical vs. Wallochek (7:30)

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8:30 p.m., Army Camp, Polson Park 66 vs. Royal Bank

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WEDNESDAY MINOR HOCKEY

8:30 p.m., Vernon Lodge Hotel, Vernon Lodge Tigers' exhibition game. Anyone interested is invited.

So'cer squad announced

TORONTO (CP) — John McMahon, manager of Canada's national soccer team, announced today the 22-man lineup for next month's World Cup qualifying tournament in Ontario.

The 22-man squad includes: 11. Tony Churski, Seattle Sounders; 2. Bob Anwar, New York Cosmos; 3. Bruce Wison, Vancouver Whitecaps; 4. Bruce Swanley, Minnesota Kicks; 5. Bob Lenarduzzi, Vancouver; 6. Sam Lenarduzzi, Vancouver; 7. Gene Stewart, Vancouver; 8. Team Hawaii; 9. Gene Strencher, Toronto Metro-Cross; 10. Bruce Parsons, Vancouver; 11. Ike McKay, Portland; 12. Wes McCleod, Tampa Bay Rowdies; 14. John McGraw, Vancouver; 15. Brian Budd, Vancouver; 16. Peter Roe, Toronto; 17. Brant Gani, Portland; 18. Brian Robinson, Vancouver; 19. Gary Ayre, Vancouver; 20. Gary Thompson, Vancouver; 21. Mike Bakich, Rochester Lancers.

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Rinks confirm car spiel entry

Seventeen rinks have now confirmed their entries in the fourth annual Vernon Curling Open. The rinks are: Vernon Curling Club, the latest to enter are Bert Gervais, Jim Urael, John Wayne Sokolowski of Edmonton, and Matt Baldwin of Edmonton.

Car Spiel Chairman John Taporowski told the Daily News he expects the remaining seven invited rinks to confirm their participation within a week to 10 days.

Taporowski said, "Some curlers have declined entering as a second group of invitations was sent out. We expect to hear back from that group very soon."

Among those unable to attend the car spiel are Hec Gervais, Jim Urael, John Wayne Sokolowski, and Matt Baldwin of Edmonton.

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LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1972

The Vernon Minor Hockey Association has gone well over the top in its registration drive for this year's 1977-78 hockey program. Officials report a record 561 boys have paid their \$15 dues for the forthcoming season.

Ex-Argo admits to handling drugs

TORONTO (CP) — A former captain of the Toronto Argonauts testified Monday in Ontario Supreme Court that he considered himself the team's official distributor of amphetamines because he was handing out the drugs with the knowledge of the team doctor.

Mary Luster, captain of the Canadian Football League team during the 1971 season, said he supplied Sanderson and Dixdren in small envelopes before games to as many as 15 players.

His testimony was read into the record by lawyers for Joe Vijk, a former CFL player who is suing the Ottawa Rough Riders, the Toronto Argonauts and others.

Vijk alleges he was induced to use amphetamines to improve his physical performance and that use of the drugs caused him physical and mental harm.

Luster is a 14-year veteran of professional football, said Vijk was prone to depression and that he was known among his teammates to be a "bit strange."

GOT PRESCRIPTIONS

Luster said he received prescriptions for the drugs from Dr. Grant Stuart, team physician, and filled them at a pharmacy where the Argonauts had an account.

He said that late in his career he used as much as 80 milligrams of amphetamines before and during games and that he took 10 to 30 milligrams about two hours before a game and more at half-time.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BOTTLE DRIVE

Vernon Minor Football Association will hold a bottle drive Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For free pickup phone 545-0618. Or anyone wishing to donate their bottles can call to the Recycling Depot.

WRINGERS STUNG

PRAGUE (AP) — The Soviet Union national team beat Cincinnati Stingers of the World Hockey Association in an international hockey tournament match Monday night. It was Cincinnati's third loss in as many games. The Stingers lost their first game 11-4 to the Soviet Union and the second 8-2 to the host Czechoslovakian team.

The Stingers' coach, Les Leduc, wore the Cincinnati scores Monday.

LANIER SIGNS

DETROIT (AP) — Centre Bob Lanier of Detroit Pistons signed what was described as a five-year, \$2 million contract Monday Lanier, 39, signed a day before the 18-player auction was to begin training at Ann Arbor.

WINN THREE GOLD

WITTGART, West Germany (CP) — Nikolai Koleznikov of the Soviet Union won all three gold medals in the 60-kilogram category in the world weightlifting championships Monday in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Monday's silver medalist in the snatch, Jerk and total, set a world record in the Jerk with a lift of 185 kilos. Montreal's Michel Merlier finished 14th in the snatch.

RIDERS AID KICKER

OTTAWA (CP) — Ottawa Rough Riders have added kicker Gerry Kunyk to their lineup freeing wide receiver Jeff Avery from punting duties. Gerry Kunyk, 30, has been on catching passes. Kunyk, who led the Western Football League in punting two years ago, was dropped by Edmonton Eskimos earlier this season.

ACQUIRED

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Red Sox, seeking to add punch to their bid to overtake New York's Yankees in the American League East Division baseball race, Monday acquired veteran slugger Gene Lundy from Cincinnati Reds. The Red Sox announced the acquisition of Lundy just prior to the start of a two-game series with the Yankees.

BRITISH YACHT LEADS

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP) — The British yacht Great Britain II is farthest south on Cape Horn, Portland to Cape Town, in the round-the-world yacht race, organizers reported Monday. The Dutch kech Flyer, in the American League East Division, is second on handicap in the British boat King's Legend, followed by Disque d'Or of Switzerland.

Ladies' curling loops postpone registrations

Registration meetings for two ladies' curling leagues have been postponed.

The ladies' evening league meeting has been moved from Sept. 21 to 28, at 7 p.m., in the Vernon Curling Club.

The ladies' afternoon league has moved its registration from Sept. 22 to 27, also at the club.

Meanwhile, the men's commercial league will hold its general meeting and registration on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

New curlers are welcome for all leagues.

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