

**KENDALL'S KORNER**

**Coaching hazardous**

So, you'd like to be a hockey coach. Let us give you a little background on the profession. Nine of 18 National Hockey League teams have new men behind the bench this season. That isn't a bad percentage — 50 per cent. However, when you consider that during the average NHL season, another three coaches get the axe, that brings the turnover up to 66 per cent.

Few coaches, with the exception of Scott Bowman and Fred Shero, have been with their clubs long enough to know the doormen around the NHL.

But, if the pro ranks aren't for you — try Junior A. Take the Okanagan for an example. The three Okanagan teams in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, have employed a total of 11 coaches in the last three years. Throw in the coaches from Merritt and Kamloops and you hit the 20 mark.

So, in other words, find a different job!

**WE TOLD YOU SO**

I don't like to say we told you so — but we did. Remember back in August when we predicted New York Yankees would win the division, league and world series titles?

When you've been a Yankee fan as long as I have — you have to believe. But, not too many of my loyal Bronx Bomber supporters expected Reggie Jackson to be the hero.

The way Reggie and Manager Billy Martin had been fusing and feuding, it wouldn't have been surprising to see Paul Blair or Roy White in rightfield, especially after Jackson had such a bad AL final series against Kansas City.

It was Reggie, not Thurman Munson, Craig Nettles, or Mickey Hatcher who was the hero in the world series. And the biggest surprise as it appears both Jackson and Martin will be back in the pinstripes next season. There is nothing like victory to heal wounds.

**PLIGHT OF EDDIE**

You can't blame Eddie Johnstone if he is getting a little disheartened these days.

Johnstone, who is in his third season in the New York Rangers' organization, has found himself back on the club's number one farm team in New Haven.

He had a great training camp, looked good in exhibition games, but got caught in the number's game again. Rangers are loaded on right wing.

They don't want to trade him and obviously he figures in the Rangers' future plans. He was the only minor league prospect by New York in the recent interleague draft.

At 25 years old, Eddie must be getting tired of waiting to get his spot in the future.

**BITS AND PIECES**

If last weekend's games are any indication, the North Okanagan Hockey League has done a great job of cleaning up its act. In two games, in Vernon, there were no major or misconduct penalties — a far cry from the old days.

Vernon Lodge Tigers' President Art Horley tells us he has received a letter from the provincial government supporting his team's bid for the 1978 Canadian Senior B Lacrosse Championships. Only one bid, from Quebec, has been received in competition with Vernon. According to Horley, things look good.

If November recreation referendum passes, and new lights subsequently put in the arena, Vercom Cable TV will televise several Senior B lacrosse and junior A hockey games. Program Director Jamie Patterson said, "With the current lighting, there is no way we can film anything in there."



VERNON MINOR Hockey product Dean Solheim gets a rough ride during a Western Canada Hockey League game this week, in Lethbridge, with the Broncos taking on the Billings. (Lethbridge Herald Photo)

**IN WESTERN CANADA**  
**Solheim tops scorers**

It has been four years since Dean Solheim played before his hometown fans in Vernon. Next time local folks may see Solheim on Hockey Night in Canada next season.

Solheim, in his second season with Lethbridge Broncos, was tied for the Western Canada Hockey League lead in scoring going into the game this week. The 18-year-old forward appears certain to go high in the National Hockey League draft next spring.

The big youngster was a standout in minor hockey. He was first noticed as a midget when Vernon took part in a tournament in Lethbridge. Gary Hull, Bobby's older brother, was coaching Taber of the Alberta Junior A League and asked Dean to play with his club the next season. In fact, Hull asked four Vernon players to the Taber camp. Billy Veitch, Rich Creelman, and Bruce

Green accompanied Solheim to Taber, but they have all returned to Vernon.

Still midget age, Solheim had a mediocre inaugural season in Taber. However, in the 1976-77 season, he blossomed into a star and was called up for several games by the Broncos.

Last season as a regular in Lethbridge, he collected 62 points.

After only two weeks of play this year, the handsome, blonde had accumulated 20 points, including a league-leading 14 assists.

Solheim said, "This is my draft year so it is very important to me to have a good season. This is the year I have to show my stuff."

He has impressed several pro scouts with his hustle and aggressive play so he could have a hockey future ahead.

**Vikings lucky to have Morin**

Red Deer Rustlers' loss has been Vernon Vikings' gain this season.

Goalie Darrel Morin joined the Vikings four weeks ago after a brief tryout with Billings Bighorns, of the Western Canada Hockey League.

Morin played last year with Red Deer Rustlers, of the Alberta Junior League. He was involved in 21 full games, winning 18. However, he didn't want to return to Rustlers this season.

"He said, 'I didn't really like the team in Red Deer. I didn't feel the coach gave me a good chance.'"

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Although he likes to play as much as possible, he has one of High Prairie, Alta., says he doesn't mind alternating with another goalie. He said, "I feel it is important for a back-up goalie to get ice time in game situations in case he is called on in an emergency."

Morin gives Vikings the stability in goal a rebuilding team needs. He said, "We're working hard in practices and we're coming along. Our defence is really improving. Dale Fetner has helped and I can't complain about the way the other defencemen have been playing lately."

"If there is one area where we are making mistakes it is our forechecking. We're not pressing the team enough in their end."

Coach Sheldon Bloomer quit the club this week and Gary Gassoff ran Thursday's practice. Morin said he is important for Vikings to find a



DARRELL MORIN ...only 17

good replacement. He said, "A good coach has to gain the respect of his players. And once he accomplishes that, he can really get a team up for a game."

Although he is in his second year of junior hockey, Darrel is still 17. His future — "I hope to either get a scholarship or play in the WHL next year. I'd like to try University of Denver, but if that doesn't work out, I think Billings still has me on the list."

Morin will be between the pipes tonight when Vikings try for their second win of the season against Abbotsford Flyers. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**

OCTOBER, 1972

Provincial government officials have announced that last summer's kill of Canada Geese at Vaseux Lake has now been established as having been caused by the insecticide parathion.

**Blazers blast Langley 8-4**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bellingham Blazers scored five goals in eight shots in the first period and went on to an 8-4 win over Langley Lords in one of two British Columbia Junior Hockey League games Thursday night.

Namakwa Clippers blanked Abbotsford Flyers 4-0 in the other contest.

In Bellingham, Gord Sanbags came on to play goal for Langley late in the first period after starter Jerry Leslain had given up five goals. Both teams had 31 shots on goal as well.

Ronnie Prokein, Jim Elset and Don Friesheuf had two goals each for Bellingham which led 8-2 after the first period and 7-4 after two. Tim Anderson and Gerry Bell counted singles as a crowd of 1,000 looked on.

Terry Leslain, Ed Lebler, Chris Tucker and Gerry Bogie tallied for the Lords.

Bellingham was lagged for 11 of 18 minutes away given the game's only minor penalty. Both teams received three majors.

**GET SHUTOUT**  
 In Abbotsford, Kevin Eastman stopped 28 shots to record

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IT WAS A HAPPY day for golfers at the recent annual meeting and awards day of the Lumby Golf Club. Vera Piche, right, proudly holds the Women's Championship Trophy. Jamie Martin was runner-up. (Alleyne Tull Photo)

**Golfing season concludes with election and trophies**

LUMBY — The golf season has been officially wound up in Lumby although the game will be played until well into November. The annual meeting included election of officers and the presentation of awards.

Ted Roland was re-elected president, with Al Suzi treasurer and Bill Compton again as secretary. Other members of the executive are Bob Mackie, Bill Mackie, Gerald Altweaver, Mark Gallion, Bert Gallion, Roy Adler, Tom Tait, and Don Galacher.

The men's trophy winners were club champ Lawrence Dyck, with Gerald Altweaver runner-up, first flight Walter Howkins, 2 Ken Dyck, and second flight Bob Prystupa. Closely followed by Paul Piche.

**ABANDONS SWIM**

MIAMI (AP) — Long-distance swimmer Neil Watson abandoned his third try to swim 150 miles underwater Thursday after mistakenly drinking a container of seawater, but he claimed a distance record of roughly 70 miles. Watson said by marine telephone that he would have made the 150 miles easily except for a mishap after rough water broke a light cable, forcing him to swim in total darkness.

**DRAW RECORDS ENTRY**  
 TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian open badminion championships have drawn a record entry of 38 foreign players and 34 Canadians, organizers announced Thursday. The championships are scheduled Oct. 29 at the suburban Etobicoke Olympia and world champions Flemming Delfs and Soren Skovgaard of Denmark are among the foreign entries. Other players are expected from Japan, Sweden, Mexico, the U.S. and Britain.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**SEMINAR GETS GRANT**  
 OTTAWA (CP) — A three-day seminar on women's hockey will receive a grant of \$18,000 from Sport Canada. Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo announced Thursday. The seminar, sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, starts here today.

The delegates are expected to determine the status of women's hockey in Canada and make recommendations on whether women should set up an organization for female players associated with the CAHA.

**ABDULJABBAR FINED**  
 NEW YORK (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles Lakers was fined \$5,000 Thursday by Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien of the National Basketball Association as a result of punching Milwaukee Bucks rookie Kent Benson in a game Tuesday night. Abdul-Jabbar broke a bone in his right hand and will miss an undetermined number of games. Benson suffered a mild concussion and is expected to miss a game Wednesday night.

**BECOMES FREE AGENT**  
 NEW YORK (AP) — World Hockey Association star Andre Hedberg will become a free agent today and his availability is expected to spark a bidding war among National Hockey League teams. He scored 60 goals in 50 games last season with Winnipeg Jets.

**Three games in NOHL**

Three games are scheduled this weekend in North Okanagan Hockey League action.

On Saturday, Vernon Canadians travel to Enberry to battle Grindrod Elks at 8 p.m., and in Winfield, Raiders host Kelowna Melons at 8:30 p.m. The lone Sunday game has Vernon Sport Cougars hosting Grindrod at 8 p.m.

League President Chris Nelson told the Daily News he is extremely happy with the way the first three league games went last weekend.

Nelson said, "I think we've determined that nobody is going to run away with the league — and nobody is going to get left behind. The only team that really got whipped was Westlake Packers, who lost 8-2 to Vernon Canadians. However, Packers were missing a few key players and may not lose that bad again all season."

Another thing that had Nelson smiling was the style of play.

He said, "There was some good hits, but the games were clean. There was only one fight in three games. I think the players and executive are determined to present fans with good calibre of hockey."

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