

# Stankoven named best defenceman

Enderby native Larry Stankoven has been named Most Valuable Defenceman in the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

Stankoven, 19, is an assistant captain with Calgary Canucks.

AJHL champion Red Deer Raiders and Canucks dominated the all-star team.

Four Rustlers named to the squad were defencemen Joe Cunningham, and forward Brent Suter, Ivan Krook, and Doug Rigler. Filling out the team from Canucks were goalie Mike Craig and Stankoven.

Suter, whose older brother Brian plays with St. Louis Blues of the NHL, was named as the league's Most Valuable Player.

After graduating from Enderby minor hockey, Stankoven spent one season with

Merritt Centennials, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League. He went to Calgary in the 1978-79 season.

In 12 playoff games this year, Stankoven had four goals and 13 assists while serving 33 penalty minutes.

Stankoven said, "Several U.S. colleges have offered me scholarships, but I'm happy with the deal I'm getting in Calgary."

Canucks awarded Stankoven a scholarship to the University of Calgary, where he is completing his second term. His older brother, Bill, attended the University of North Dakota on a scholarship. The elder Stankoven, a goalie, is now studying to become a dentist.

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## KENDALL'S KORNER

### Local boys doing well



After seven years as a professional, it appears Vernon's Eddie Johnston has become a fixture in the National Hockey League.

Final NHL statistics released this week show the gully winger had 14 goals and 21 assists for 35 points in 78 games with New York Rangers.

However, it was his defensive ability and hard work that impressed Coach Fred Shero. In a recent article published in the Rangers' program, Johnston was praised by Shero for his aggressive play and determination.

Prior to sticking with the Rangers, Johnston had stints in the World Hockey Association, the Southern Hockey League, and the American Hockey League.

Another former Vernon junior star, DON MURDOCH, had a so-so season.

Murdoch, who was sent to Edmonton Oilers late in the year from the Rangers, finished the campaign with 28 goals and 49 points.

Because of his quick shot and skating ability, Murdoch was expected to be a perennial 40-goal scorer.

Latest statistics from the American Hockey League show Vernon netminder KENNY HOLLAND, of Springfield Indians, has a respectable 3.49 goals against average.

Holland appeared in 32 games with the Indians. His NHL rights are owned by Hartford Whalers.

Two other former Vernon juniors spent most of the 1979-80 season with Houston, of the Central Hockey League.

RON ARESHENKOFF, who was drafted by Buffalo Sabres and then went to Edmonton in the expansion draft, had 38 points in 53 games.

OWEN LLOYD, a bruising defenceman, had nine points and 172 penalty minutes in 42 games.

DEAN SOLHEIM, who played minor hockey here before joining Lethbridge Broncos of the Western Hockey League, spent the past season with Toledo, of the International League.

At last report, Solheim was second on the team in scoring with 48 points, including 28 goals.

Also having a good year in the IHL is winger JAMES PEARSON. Pearson played lacrosse last summer with Vernon Tigers.

Pearson, in his first year of pro hockey, had 68 points and was third on Flint Generals in scoring at last report.

Speaking of lacrosse and ice hockey, TERRY McDONALD will be moving back to Kamloops or Vernon within a few weeks.

McDonald played on two national lacrosse champions with the Tigers, in 1977 and 1978. He moved to Phoenix, to play with the Roadrunners of the CHL, in '78. When Roadrunners folded, he remained there.

After graduating from Kamloops Chiefs of the WHL, he played briefly with the now-defunct Kansas City Scouts, of the NHL; Providence and Springfield of the AHL; and Phoenix.

Also in Phoenix is another ex-Vernon junior star, TIM SANCHE. Sanchez went from Vernon to Medicine Hat Tigers to the IHL. He played four years in the IHL, before moving to Phoenix, where he is a car salesman.

## Owls dump Vernon

Kelowna Owls defeated Vernon Panthers 16-10 in the opening game of the Okanagan High School Rugby League season this week.

Vernon took an early 4-0 lead, but by half-time trailed 12-4. Panthers narrowed the gap to 12-10 late in the game, but Owls recovered a high kick and took the ball into the end zone for an insurance try.

At Montgomery led the Vernon attack with a try and a convert while Steve Schmidt added a try.

Vernon Coach Terry White told the Daily News the game could have gone either way.

White said, "With the exception of a few lapses, I thought we were in control. Owls got most of their points in a 10-minute span in the first half when our tackling was terrible."

"I was pleased with the way our team hit - it was a punishing game."

Vernon is back in action today when it travels to Penlton to battle the Lakers.

On Saturday, Panthers host Cranbrook in an exhibition game at 12 noon.

## Kamloops couple tops event

More than 40 competitors took part in a recent trap shoot at the North Okanagan Trap and Shoot Club grounds.

The meet was registered with the Pacific International Trap Shooting Association.

Bill Blake of Kamloops was the high overall shooter with his wife, Carol, captured the handicap award. Ken Mickey of Calgary won the non-classified event.

In singles competition the winners were: A event Jim Chisholm of Kamloops; B event Bill Pearson of Kamloops; C event Joe Hamilton of Kamloops; and D event Al Gee of Vernon.

In doubles shooting the winners were: A event Gordon Finch of Kelowna; B event Ken Mickey of Calgary; and C event Robert Power of Vernon.



## HOCKEY CHAMPS

Hillview boys were first and girls took second spot in the recent Vernon School District Elementary Floor Hockey Tournament. The girls were defeated by Okanagan Landing in the final game. The Hillview girls are from left, back row: Coach Patrick Johnston, Linda McCusky, Cheryl Currie, Lianne Martin, Dana Spunkle, Annalee Swensrud, and Andrea Venns. Front row: Abby Perra, Sandy Redlick, Betty Fairley, Bonnie Edwards, and Lesanne Crawford. The boys are back row, Steven Morrison, Cameron Fellows, Coach Richard Eckert, and Serge Filipenko. Front row: Craig Rusk, David Fairley, Kirby Gerrie, and Gordon Arndt. Also on the team are Les Olsen and Ron Boldt.

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