

# NOHL and Packers continue war of words

The North Okanagan Hockey League and one of its teams, Kelowna Packers, continued feuding at a meeting Monday night.

The battle started 10 days ago when the NOHL ruled three players from the defunct Revelstoke Selkicks were not eligible to play for the Kelowna Packers. The Kelowna Packers immediately appealed that decision and the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association ruled the trio eligible.

At Monday's meeting, the NOHL again stated it will not permit Randy Merritt, Mike Burns, and Bernie Reed to play in Kelowna's remaining seven league games. However, the league ruled the trio would be eligible to participate in playoffs against Vernon Cougars, and the subsequent Coy Cup playoffs if Packers eliminate Cougars.

**A COMPROMISE**

NOHL President Herb Karras told the Daily News the league has bent over backwards to keep Kelowna in the loop. We could have suspended Packers, he said, "but instead we have decided to make a compromise. I feel it is a fair ... and good proposal."

Karras praised Vernon for agreeing to allow the Revelstoke players to compete for Packers in playoffs. "Cougars felt the new proposal was for the best of the league and they went along with it," he said.

Packers have until Thursday to react to the decision.

Kelowna General Manager Elywn Stauffer said he isn't sure what is going to happen.

"I do know we were dealing with cement heads at the meeting. I can't understand it because the BCAA has ruled we followed all the procedures and can use the players."

"I do know we'll be in Enderby for our next game Saturday night. Whether or not those players will be with us is another matter."

Packers have scheduled a team meeting Wednesday to discuss the latest ruling.

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## SPORTS PAGE

### Broomballers make a pledge

The Vernon Screaming Lizards Broomball Team today made the largest pledge, to the Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall's Snowarama campaign.

Lizards pledged \$2.50 per mile to a total of \$200. Team spokesman John Waits said the money was raised at a dance the Lizards held recently in the Vernon Recreation Complex.

Snowarama, co-sponsored by the Lion's Club and Vernon Snowmobile Association, is scheduled next Sunday. The 100-mile ride will take place on Silver Star at the Ganzeveld Loop.

Other pledges have come from: OK Tire Centre 20 cents per mile, McMinis Golf Course 10 cents, Greg Fraser 10 cents, Rennie Holland 5 cents, Bob Webb 5 cents, and Acurluss Industries 5 cents.

The total amount pledged on Kendall to date is \$2,365.

To make a pledge, phone 545-6711 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds go to crippled children.

### Olsen enjoys helping boys

**Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of six Minor Hockey Week features on volunteers in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association.**

Fan Jean Olsen is working as a volunteer on the executive of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association and is so busy she does for herself, as much as for the kids.

"It is a lot of work," she said, "but it makes you feel like you are really doing something. You enjoy yourself."

Jean is secretary of the organization and her main duties involve recording minutes of the meeting and keeping up with correspondence.

But like all the active members of the association, she is willing to pitch in on just about any chore that needs doing.

People like herself are getting harder to find and minor hockey often finds itself short of often special projects come along.

"People just do not seem to want to get out and help anymore," she said.

**POSITIVE CHANGE**

There has been a lot of positive change since Jean took over first position as secretary "about 11 years ago when her son Gord started playing."

"It is much better organized now," she said. "Main reason for the better organization is the close affiliation between the divisional associations and B.C. and Canadian Amateur Hockey Associations."

"We can phone them up whenever we have a problem. Staff at the BCAA is always ready to help."

Besides the satisfaction she gets from doing this type of community work, there is



JEAN OLSEN, secretary.

### KENDALL'S KORNER

### Pro league a good idea

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### WIHL STRUGGLING

It is no secret that the Western International Hockey League, with teams in Trail, Cranbrook, and Kimberley is on shaky ground. The B.C. Junior Hockey League has franchises in Kelowna and Vernon, and the Vernon team is struggling to make it through the 1980-81 season. And Kamloops Cowboys, of the B.C. Senior League, are faced with a mammoth budget for travel to games in Quesnel and on the Coast.

Also, most minor hockey associations in the province have experienced a drop in registration during the past few years.

BCJHL President Vern Dye doesn't feel the proposed league would hurt junior or senior hockey.

"If anything, I think the pro league would create more interest in the sport," Dye said. "Senior teams, currently operating on a shoestring budget, could be paid to play. The NHL clubs could send in 10-12 pros to play on the team with the remainder of the roster filled by senior and intermediate players."

"It would give some B.C. boys, who didn't quite make it in the pro ranks, an opportunity to make their living playing hockey."

### MONETARY BENEFITS

There would be monetary benefits ... particularly to the cities involved in the pro league.

CHL teams play about 30 games per season. With a modest \$500 per game rental fee, the city would raise \$15,000 per season.

Then, there is practice time. The club would practice a minimum of twice per week, during the day, when nobody uses the arena. Revenue from practice time could be about \$2,000.

The city also keeps revenues from all concessions. If the team averaged 2,000 fans, it is reasonable to assume the gross concession intake would increase by about \$100,000 per game ... \$30,000 for the season.

Total revenue to the city could increase close to \$190,000.

### CHL PLAYERS

You might want to know who plays in the CHL. Dallas (Vancouver's affiliate) currently features goalie Gene Hanlon, Gary Lupp, Drew Gallier, Bob Mann, Harold Phillipoff, and Rick Blight.

The league is headed with former NHL players including Don Aubrey, Pete LaPresi, Rod Stewart, Barry Dean, and Doug Palazzari.

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### TWO BARNBURNERS IN HOOPLA LEAGUE

Two Carling O'Keefe Basketball League games were decided by one basket Monday night at the Priest Valley Gymnasium.

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**SCORED 27**

Tony Wolcott led the Trophy Gallery attack with 27 points while Bill Haworth and Dennis Roberts sunk 14 apiece.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Local skaters on zone team

Two Vernon figure skaters have qualified for the Okanagan for the team that will compete in the B.C. Winter Games, from March 6-8, in Prince George.

Lee-Ann Reimer will skate in the women ladies' division while Jamie Hurry competes in the juvenile men's category.

Local skaters are on the Okanagan squad.

**LUMBY BOWLING**

LUMBY Fourteen bowlers will represent Lumby at the upcoming Interior Five-pin Roll-off. Ten on the team are Elsie Leger Jr., Gib Rual, Wayne Leger, Glen Fey, Gerald Bredt, Alberta Kral, and Fey. The women's team is comprised of: Janice Innes, Marion Kral, and Fey. Arlene Eckert, Ann Conway, Myra Brown, and Penny Leger.

#### SOCCER MEETING

Vernon City Soccer League will schedule its annual general meeting Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the National Hotel.

Topics on the agenda will include election of officers, review of the constitution, and scheduling any new teams interested in competing are asked to phone 542-9003 or 545-3107.

#### ANNUAL CURLING

In recent junior curling action at the Vernon Curling Club, Darrell Houston beat Rob Houston 7-2 and Darin Lafauce edged Kent Bart 5-4.

#### HANDBALL TOURNEY

The Kamloops Community Y is holding an open handball tournament from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1. There will be 'A' and 'B' categories. Entry fee is \$20 per person. Registration deadline is Jan. 26. For further information phone 372-7725 or 374-5671.

#### SCORELESS TIE

The outstanding goaltending of Ravis Box helped Longhorn Wranglers battle to a scoreless deadlock in another game in Women's Broomball League play Monday night at Centennial rink. In other games, Crusaders edged Big Time Operators 1-0 and Western Computing nipped Commerce Imperials 1-0. Kathy Grundy scored for Crusaders and Margaret Charlie got Western's goal.

#### SCORED 18

Joanne Gregoire scored 18 points to lead the Spallumcheen Golf and Tennis Club to a 4-9 win over Toros in Women's In-Store Snow White tournament on Monday night at VSSS. Sharmaine Gregoire collected 13 points for another game. Tracy Christensen handed most of Toros' scoring with seven points in another game. Lemon Drops dropped B.C. Tel Polcats by default.

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