

Junior loop cracks down

Walt Harris, of Kelowna, is on a peace mission in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Harris has taken a hard-line approach to curbing violence in the Interior Division of the B.C. JHL.

The new executive manager of the division is trying to reverse a trend in tier two leagues and is bent on using existing rules to enforce a more strict code of fair play.

RULES DISOBEYED

"The rules are there and they're being disobeyed," Harris said.

"If young lads figure they can get away with something they'll try it again," Harris has already handed out several suspensions in his new capacity, he took over Aug. 1.

Vernon Lakers' General Manager Vern Day agrees with Harris' plan to eliminate violence and bench-empting, but doesn't believe fighting should be banned.

"Fighting has always been a part of hockey and I've never seen anyone badly injured in a hockey fight," Day said. "The

new rules are reducing fighting, but encouraging stick-work (butt-ending and spearing) and high-sticking."

NEW RULES

The rules include: any player fighting is ejected for the remainder of the game; any player who fights in the last 10 minutes of the third period receive an automatic one-game suspension; and face-masks are moved to a neutral zone if attacking defencemen leave the blue line area to engage in pushing or shoving after the whistle blows.

Dye, who is also junior director for the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association, doesn't approve of the fighting rules. "It is too easy to sucker a good player into a fight and get him kicked out of the game," Dye said. "If they persist in fighting after they are broken up, or if they have two fights in a game, I think a misconduct is in order."

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LEAST-PENALIZED Lakers are the least-penalized team in the five-tier Interior Division.

Harris admits he doesn't like suspending players for their violent actions, but feels if a precedent is set early, there will be fewer problems as the season progresses.

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EVERING LIFT passes are expected to cost \$8, with a supplementary charge of \$5 for season ticket holders. Crerar said there will probably be bus transportation available for skiers.

With the bankruptcy and closure of Tillicum Valley this year, there is no other night skiing available in the North Okanagan.

Meanwhile, Paul DaDalt was named as Silver Star's night manager. DaDalt was maintenance manager at Sunshine Village Ski Area, at Banff, last season. He was previously area manager at Camp Fortune, near Ottawa.

With only a lift of snow on the mountain, the Star's opening date has now been tentatively set for Nov. 28.

PLAYED JUNIOR Harris is a former junior player and coach. He has held several positions in amateur hockey, including district director.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS NOVEMBER, 1976

A sparkling four goal performance by winger Jack Leley enabled the Vernon Vikings to squeak a 6-5 overtime win against Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before about 800 fans in Vernon Civic Arena last night.

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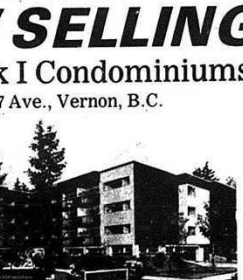
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Lions pushed Eskos to limit



BEALS: Lions have no reason to hang their heads!

For the 17 consecutive season, Lions won't be playing in the Grey Cup. But, the performance they gave Sunday against Edmonton Eskimos is something every member of the B.C. squad can be proud of.

A fourth-quarter touchdown pass from Warren Moon to Brian Kelly gave Eskimos a 22-16 win over Lions. It would have been a classic Grey Cup game. The underdog Lions fought the defending champions to the end.

PLAYS OTTAWA

Under the archaic Canadian Football League playoff format, Eskimos will bury Ottawa Rough Riders in the Grey Cup next Sunday. Rough Riders won the East Division berth by defeating Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Ottawa won only five games during the regular season... a record that would have placed them in the West Division cellar.

Unlike the Eskimos, Lions have not yet reached their peak. Bulk of the Edmonton squad will be making its fifth straight trip to the Grey Cup. There are only two Lions, Tony Proudfoot (as a member of Montreal Alouettes) and Sam Britts (with Edmonton), who have been to the CFL final.

Eskimos' placekicker Dave Odomer commented the Lions saying, "We're not better than they are, we've just been together longer. They're tough, they're strong, and they're good."

Edmonton Head Coach Hugh Campbell, like most other experts, also praised the Lions. "They pushed us to the limit," Campbell said, "and there haven't been many teams able to do that."

STOPPED ESKOS

Lions prevented Eskos from scoring a touchdown until Kelly's catch, at 49 minutes and 27 seconds. It has been four years since Edmonton was held that long without a major score.

If Lions' Coach Vic Rapp decides to stay with Lions (it is believed the choice is his), he will have a serious contender for several seasons. After a mid-season slump that threatened to eliminate his club from the playoffs, Lions dropped to play superb football in the final month.

With a few exceptions, Rapp has the team he wants. He could use a clutch receiver, like Tom Scott or Kelly. The offensive line still has a couple questionable spots and the jury is still out on tight end Ricky Ellis. After catching a touchdown strike from Joe Paopao, Ellis dropped a certain 30-yard pass that would have moved the Lions out of their end in the third quarter. And he has done that before.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

On the bright side, Lions have the best specialty teams in the CFL: John Henry White and Larry Key are the best one-two running combination in the league, even though Edmonton shut them down. Paopao appears to be maturing as a quarterback, and the defence surrendered only three touchdowns in their final four games.

With the experience of playing in a Western final under their belts, Lions may do more than scare the Eskos next year. In the meantime, Edmonton will collect another set of Grey Cup rings.

Sun Valley still unbeaten

Sun Valley Athletics stretched their winning streak to three games Monday with a 7-0 win over Express Construction in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action at the Priest Valley Gymnasium.

In other games, Trophy Gallery defeated Wheelhouse Drywall 88-64 and Armstrong traded National Hotel 74-52.

Centre René Dolsett led Athletics with 26 points while Morris Vardabasso added 16. Matt Trimble sunk 12 for Sun Valley.

Rick Wilson was the offensive leader for Express with 20 points and Greg Schroeder added 12.

FIRST LOSS Exposed only once in the game, 4-2.

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Vernon juveniles hammer Enderby

Vernon hammered Enderby 21-1 in Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile Hockey League action Saturday, at the Civic Arena.

Vernon now has a record of five wins and one loss.

Norm Day led the onslaught with four goals while Barry Hildt, Nick Kapicki, and Greg Kowal added three goals each.

They pushed us to the limit," Campbell said, "and there haven't been many teams able to do that."

Schaefer, Reimer and Aichele also had four assists.

Murray Ludwig replied with the lone goal for Enderby.

Vernon led 4-0 at the end of the first period and stretched that margin to 14-0 after 40 minutes.

It was a chipper game with Enderby taking nine of 25 minor penalties, five of seven majors, two of four games, misconducts, and a match penalty.

Vernon returns to the ice next

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