

Lakers sale rumored

Vernon Lakers' President Dick Williment made contradictory statements Wednesday about the sale of his B.C. Junior Hockey League team.

In a prepared radio statement, Williment announced two groups have offered to purchase the club. Only hours earlier, he told the Daily News he had received no offers.

He said, "I haven't talked to anyone about selling the club and I haven't received any offers."

Later on CJIB Radio, he said, "The team is not for sale. I have received at least two offers to purchase the club, one of those this week. The latest was very attractive."

LATEST OFFER

The Daily News has learned the latest offer, spearheaded by a local businessman, is for \$35,000 . . . almost triple what Williment paid last year when he purchased the team for \$12,000.

Rumors about the sale started circulating Tuesday, shortly after the firing of Coach Murray Lawrence.

Lakers finished second in the BCJHL Interior Division, one point behind first-place Kelowna Buckaroos. Penticton Knights eliminated Lakers in the seventh game of the division semi-finals.