



SCOTT YOUNG
... fed up



ALLAN YOUNG
... disappointed

Junior club loses Youngs

With just more than a month remaining before junior hockey training camps open, the flood of returning players to Vernon Lakers squad has dwindled considerably, mostly due to the attrition caused by players opting for college and university.

Some won't be returning for personal reasons and among those is 18-year old Allan Young. His brother Scott, 20, won't be returning to the Lakers' lineup either, but for different reasons.

Al Young plans to journey south to Penticton where he will play for Rick Kozuback and his Knights. Scott Young will head for University of Calgary, where he hopes to play for the University of Calgary Dinosaurs Hockey Team.

Both brothers will be sorely missed by the local junior club.

The older of the two, who hail from Grande Prairie, Alta., accounted for more than 100 points last season while the younger of the pair, in his first year as a junior player, showed excellent promise as a hard-nosed, two-way player.

Unfortunately, the two have opted to go elsewhere basically due to the player-management conflicts within the local organization, which in each of their opinions, left something to be desired.

"I'm not putting anything against Carl (Enemark)," said Scott. "It's just unfortunate that things happened the way they did."

The elder of the brothers experienced several injuries during the 1983-84 season which not only left a bad taste in his mouth, but also left he and his family financially responsible for several large bills as a result.

The first incident was damage to his teeth early in the season which required close to \$1,000 in repairs for repair work and a root canal.

At season's end the bill was left with Young and his family whereas in Young's opinion, it could have been taken care of by the CAHA dental program had it been handled properly.

The second incident, of a similar nature, occurred when Young injured his shoulder. Again, his Alberta medical coverage paid only part of the expenses and his family was left with nearly a \$200 balance to take care of.

Young points out the money doesn't really matter as much as the principal of the subject and the disappointment that registers with a player who gives his best for a team and receives that kind of treatment in return.

"I don't think we (BCJHL players) are treated as well as we should be," said Young. "If they (team owners) offered a little more to the players in return for what they receive..."

At any rate, Scott Young plans to wash his hands of junior hockey (three years) and take up the life of a student. He wants to take physical education at University of Calgary, with the hopes of someday teaching in the field.

Meanwhile, Allan feels he will have more opportunity to learn and grow as a player with the junior organization in Penticton.

"They have more people working for them and I just feel they (Knights) can do more for me as a player," offered Young.

The younger of the two brothers felt he learned very little during the 1983-84 campaign and feels this was largely due to inexperienced coaching.

"I don't think I learned anything last year other than what I picked up from guys like Scott (Young) and Bob (Wensley)," said Allan.

However, he, like his older brother, bears no malice toward the Lakers' organization.

"They're out to do good," suggested Allan.