

Vernon athletes are on the move



Three Vernon hockey players will visit Scandinavia next month as members of the Oliver Bighorns Intermediate Hockey Team.

Forwards TERRY LOWE and GARY GILCHRIST along with defenceman DAVE SCHNEIDER were signed by the Bighorns this season to bolster their roster for the overseas trip.

The trio had spent several seasons with Vernon Cougars, but the opportunity to visit Finland and Sweden was too good to pass up.

Schneider said the Oliver club has raised about \$35,000 to date and each player will probably have to contribute \$200 to \$300 out of their own pockets.

Bighorns have won one of six exhibition games this season . . . against tough competition. Trail Smoke Eaters, of the Western International Hockey League, have defeated Bighorns in three of four meetings. Oliver also suffered losses to Kelowna Wings, of the Western Hockey League, and Penticton Knights, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Schneider said, "We've got a lot of guys who don't have junior hockey experience, but the desire is there. Everyone on the club works hard."

Bighorns are tentatively scheduled to play six or seven exhibition games on their European junket.

While we're talking about Scandinavia, it appears BOB WENSLEY has earned a job in Finland's professional hockey league.

Wensley, who was captain of the Vernon Lakers last season, has reportedly signed a two-year contract with a Finnish team.

Also a long way from home is Vernon's SHARON WEITZEL. Weitzel and the rest of the Canadian Women's Volleyball Team left today for Seoul, Korea where they will compete against other national teams for about two weeks.

Weitzel, a graduate of VSS, attends university at the home of the Canadian team . . . Regina.

Speaking of travelling, Vernon's ED-DIE JOHNSTONE made an unpleasant trip last week.

After five years in the National Hockey League with New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings, Johnstone was demoted to Detroit's American Hockey League affiliate, Adirondack, last Wednesday.

Red Wings made several player acquisitions in the off-season and felt the 30-year-old winger was expendable. After clearing waivers, he was sent to the AHL.

Vernon minor hockey product DEREK WEBB was involved in a BCJHL trade last week.

The big winger was sent by Revelstoke

Rangers to Merritt Centennials. Webb, 16, reported to Centennials, but may end up with Vernon Midget Reps if things don't work out in Merritt.

Another local product, RON SPARKS, is off to a good start with Nanaimo Clippers, of the BCJHL. Sparks, who will be remembered as a tenacious lacrosse and hockey player, scored three goals in his first six games with the Clippers.

Speaking of quick starts, Vernon's HENRY REIMER and BRUCE MAJOR are setting the BCJHL's Coast Division on fire.

The two 17-year-olds, who are both playing with Richmond Sockeyes, rank first and third in division scoring. Reimer starred with Salmon Arm Totems last year with Major spent his rookie campaign with Vernon Lakers.

Congratulations to Vernon sportsman AL KOWAL who recently was a big winner in Loto 649.

Kowal is a long-time supporter of minor sports in this area and his son, Greg, is currently captain of the Lakers. Now he can travel anywhere he wants!

STEVEN VAN DER MEULEN, of the Vernon Kokanee Swim Club, goes to Vancouver this week for a Canada Games training camp. Van Der Meulen is expected to compete in the Canada Cup meet, in December, at Toronto.

BCJHL

VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Monday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League:

STANDINGS

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Langley	6	2	0	12
Richmond	6	3	0	12
Nanaimo	5	5	0	10
Burnaby	4	3	0	8
Sidney	3	6	0	6
Abbotsford	0	5	0	0

Interior Division

Penticton	7	0	0	14
Vernon	6	3	1	13
Summerland	5	3	0	10
Merritt	2	3	0	4
Revelstoke	2	8	0	4
Salmon Arm	1	6	1	3

SCORING

Coastal

	G	A	Pts
Reimer, Rich	13	13	26
Ruppel, Lan	9	13	22
Major, Rich	13	8	21
Poulin, Nan	10	11	21
Ginetti, Bby	3	18	21
Command, Sid	10	9	19
Basco, Lan	9	10	19
Coroy, Nan	9	9	18
O'Brien, Bby	8	8	16
Dietrich, Bby	6	10	16

Interior

Murphy, Pen	5	12	17
Winnicki, Pen	4	12	16
Scott, Pen	10	5	15
Perrier, Rev	8	7	15
Beddard, Sum	9	5	14
Kidd, Pen	3	11	14
Kowal, Ver	8	5	13
Kinley, Rev	6	7	13
Shields, Pen	3	10	13

GOALTENDING

Coastal

	Min	GA	Ave
Jack, Nan	120	5	2.50
Findlater, Lan	419	31	4.44
Pencer, Rich	239	18	4.58
Furlan, Nan	249	19	4.58
King, Rich	310	27	5.38

Interior

Schwing, Mer	60	3	3.00
Pizzey, Pen	156	8	3.08
McPhail, Pen	180	12	4.00
Fairlie, Sum	199	14	4.22
Seymour, Rev	180	13	4.33
Young, Ver	383	28	4.39