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SPORTS BRIEFS

Big night for Bahris

Molson Longhorns hammered Parkside Pon-tiacs 15-4 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action, Tuesday night. Kelly Bahris led the Longhorns with five goals while Keith Ralston added four. Gil Pratt blinked the red light twice with singles from Ted Micuk, Curt Vock, Dave McPhee, and Steve Jamieson. Kelly Krantz, Steve Little, Gary Weatherill, and Jon Henson countered for Pon-tiacs.

Czechs whip Nanaimo

KOLIN, Czechoslovakia (CP) — Czechoslovakia's national 17 and under team scored six first-period goals then coasted to an 11-4 victory over Nanaimo Clippers in an exhibition hockey game Tuesday.

Vladimir Michalek and Jaroslav Sukich scored two goals each to pace the winners, who led 6-1 at the end of the first period and 8-2 by the end of the second.

Brian Deleuw scored twice for the Clippers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Carey Corey, Al Johnston, Mitch Poulin and Kevin Thorlakson added singles.

Sockeyes edge Flyers

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Brian Silverson scored just 46 seconds into the overtime period on a power play to lift the Richmond Sockeyes to a 7-6 B.C. Junior Hockey League victory Tuesday night over the visiting Abbotsford Flyers.

Abbotsford's Mike Bulka forced the overtime when he scored the tying marker at 3:32 of the third period.

Mavericks hang on

Dallas Mavericks are building big leads only to see them disappear with regularity, a fact that's starting to concern coach Dick Motta and his team.

"We're a little lethargic," Motta said Tuesday night after the Mavericks blew a 16-point edge over Milwaukee Bucks. "We're not stomping anybody."

Dallas held on for a 109-106 victory, but the pattern is beginning to wear thin.

In other games, it was: Kansas City Kings 129, Utah Jazz 122; Houston Rockets 123, Detroit Pistons 117; Washington Bullets 120, Philadelphia 76ers 105; New York Knicks 106, Golden State Warriors 101; Denver Nuggets 124, Seattle SuperSonics 114; Los Angeles Lakers 130, Phoenix Suns 108; and Portland Trail Blazers 117, New Jersey Nets 107 in overtime.

Blazers keep winning

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Kamloops Blazers won their 12th straight Western Hockey League game Tuesday night hammering the defending champion Regina Pats 10-5 in Kamloops.

NFL players honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Ottis Anderson of St. Louis Cardinals, who rushed for 111 yards in a 16-10 loss to New York Giants last week, was named the National Football Conference offensive player of the week Tuesday, while New Orleans' Bruce Clark won defensive honors.

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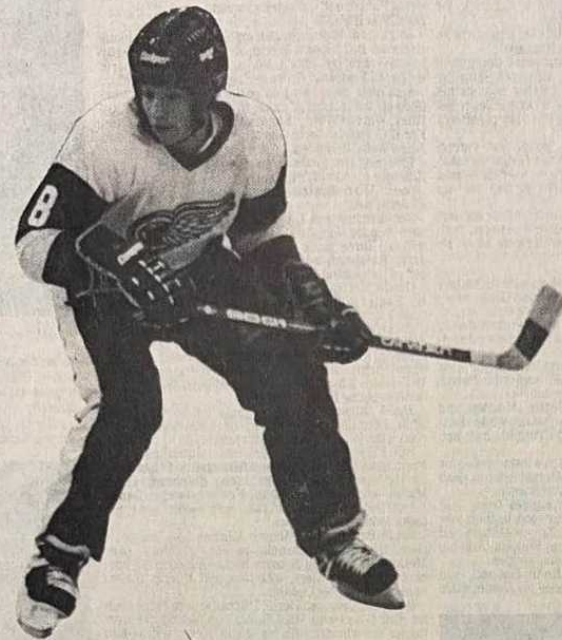
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SECOND IN SCORING

Gilchrist enjoys great start



VERNON'S Brent Gilchrist has blossomed into one of the top scorers for Kelowna

Wings, of the Western Hockey League, this season. The 17-year-old centre has 31

points, including 17 goals, in 17 games. (Kelowna Courier Photo)

By DON KENDALL,
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Brent Gilchrist isn't putting all his eggs in one basket!

Gilchrist is starring with Kelowna Wings, of the Western Hockey League. Like all major junior players, Gilchrist hopes to land a lucrative National Hockey League contract in a year or two. But, if he can't make a living in professional hockey, he'll have another option.

The sophomore centre is completing his grade 12, in Kelowna, and plans to attend Okanagan College next year. So, unlike many junior players, Gilchrist will have a high school diploma in his pocket when he goes seeking employment.

"There are two things we do every day," Gilchrist said. "We practice and go to school. Everyone has to go to high school or college. If we miss a class, the team fines us."

However, if the 17-year-old Vernon minor hockey graduate continues his impressive performance with the Wings, he may not have to worry about finding another vocation for a decade.

Wings have risen from the WHL cellar to respectability this season. Kelowna is currently third in the Western Division with an 8-9 record for 16 points. Defending champion Kamloops Blazers lead the division with 32 points, but second place New Westminsters are only two points ahead of the Wings.

One of the big reasons for the vast improvement in the Kelowna club this season has been Gilchrist. He ranks second on the club in goals and scoring with 17 goals and 31 points in 17 games. But, he feels both the team and his individual statistics could be better.

"Six of our nine losses have been by one goal," he said. "In most of those losses we've outshot the opposition, but haven't been able to put the puck in the net."

The latest in a long line of frustrating setbacks was last Saturday, in Kelowna, when Wings dropped

a 7-4 decision to New Westminster. Gilchrist failed to blink the red light, but collected three assists.

He said, "I had five or six good scoring chances but couldn't score. I'm getting more scoring chances than anyone on our team right now."

Gilchrist has been centering a line with right winger Rocky Dundas and left winger Dave McLay, however, he will have a new linemate when the Wings host Regina Pats tonight. McLay was traded to Portland Winter Hawks, Monday, in exchange for Jeff Rohlicek.

Gilchrist and Dundas are attracting a lot of attention from NHL scouts. Despite his lack of size (5'10" and 170 pounds), if Gilchrist continues at his current pace, he could be chosen in the first three rounds of next spring's NHL draft.

"I'm happy with the way I'm playing right now," he said. "The only thing I'd like to improve on is my scoring. I'm having a lot of trouble one-on-one when it gets down to me against the goal. I'm going to have to work harder on my shooting in practice."

Gilchrist was always known as a rugged player in minor hockey and lacrosse, however, he was the least penalized player on the Wings last season with 14 minutes. This year he has 23 penalty minutes and insists he is playing more aggressively than ever.

"It is a lot different in junior hockey," he said. "I'm playing as rough as I ever have, but you can get away with a lot more. They don't call a lot of the cheap, borderline stuff."

Gilchrist feels Wings are the only club in the division, perhaps the entire WHL, capable of beating Kamloops in the playoffs.

The biggest difference between Kamloops and us is experience," he said. "We lack a line of 19 and 20 year olds to give us an edge. Once our rookies have some time in the league, we'll beat Kamloops. It will take another two months for the rookies to find out what is going on in the league."

JUDD'S JOURNAL

Coaching: a tough job

By JIM JUDD,
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In less complicated times the role of a hockey coach, junior or otherwise, was simply to obtain positive results from his charges which loosely translated meant the team had to win games or the head honcho was down the road.

Pretty much cut and dried in those good old days you might say.

A number of other factors which have to be taken into consideration in this day and age have complicated the role of coaching.

If one is filling out a resume for a coaching position nowadays, your list of qualifications better include public relations, a win guarantee clause, entertainer, entrepreneur, babysitter, motivator, and so on.

Of course he still has to provide a winning record, guarantee his fans that the team will not only make it into the playoffs, but will also either win the championship or die trying.

TALL ORDER

If it sounds like too tall of an order you're probably right and as Mike Enemark recently found out, the criteria has to be met without exception. And don't think because your family owns the team that there's going to be any favoritism shown.

Enemark is just another name added to the growing list of unemployed hockey coaches. Hockey fans may be tickle but team management is the most tickle of all when it comes to wheeling and dealing in a commodity such as coaching.

Enemark packed in the towel, Monday, as head coach of Vernon Lakers. Albeit his decision to step down was one of choice rather than proclamation, but in the same light, he really had no choice. The team was in somewhat of a skid after posting an impressive 7-3-1 start and following up with a 3-7 record in its next 10 games.

COSTLY LOSS

Perhaps it wasn't so much the dismal record in the last 10 games that turned Enemark's fortunes around as it was the home-ice loss to Merritt Centennials, Oct. 26. Merritt, once the doorman of the league, perhaps even the felt underlay beneath the doorman, is one team that nobody likes to lose to, especially at home.

The loss was like the first nail in the lid of the coffin for Enemark. The resignation of General Manager Wayne Sorci, apparently, was the last.

Sorci turned tail and hit the road when he was unable to convince Lakers' management that the problems with the team could be rectified with a new coach at the helm.

Enemark disagreed. Sorci left.

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Bifano sharp at meet

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ary School hosted the Okanagan Age Group and Adult Table Tennis Championships last weekend.

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JERRY BIFANO of Armstrong, who plays with Vernon Table Tennis Club, captured first place in the 18 and under boys' event at the Okanagan Table Tennis Tour-

namment, held recently, in Vernon. Fun Mak of Vernon, below, took second place and was the surprise competitor in the tournament. (Daily News Photos)



Vernon players dominate

Vernon Indoor Tennis Centre players dominated an inter-club challenge tournament last weekend against Kelowna.

Vernon players won all four doubles matches and three of four singles events.

Merv Watson and Ken Hecker combined to defeat Rumman McArthur and John Moore 6-3, and Mike Roberts and Mike Roydel 6-4 in men's doubles.

Watson also won his singles match, 6-4, over McArthur.

Kerry Bourdon and Murray Flock teamed up to beat Roberts and Roydel 6-3, and McArthur and Moore 7-4, in doubles.

Bourdon whipped Roydel 6-0 in his singles match while Flock dumped Roberts 5-3.

The lone Kelowna victory was recorded by Moore, who downed Hecker 6-3 in a singles match.

Blue Bombers build a dynasty?

WINNIPEG (CP) — General manager Paul Robson of Winnipeg Blue Bombers is avoiding speculation that his club can build a new Canadian Football League dynasty.

The Bombers defeated Hamilton Tiger-Cats 47-17 Sunday to win their first Grey Cup since 1962, the end of a Bomber era that included four Grey Cups in five years.

The great Edmonton Eskimos of a few years ago were the last truly dominant CFL club and one of the best in league history. They won five consecutive league titles from 1978 to 1982.

Robson, in only his second season as general manager, is leery about the thought of his club forming a dynasty of any sort.

"We have a very good football team and I think we'll continue to have a good football team but I don't know about the word dynasty," the former Bomber linebacker said.

Already there are fears that continuity is being threatened.

Nose tackle Doug MacIver and offensive lineman Val Belcher have said they might retire. And all-star linebacker Aaron Brown, defensive back Willie Turner, linebacker Delbert Fowler and slotback Rick House have completed the option years of their contracts and must be re-signed.

Brown, like all-star running back

Willard Reeves, has complained of the heavy tax burden borne by American players. Brown is sought after by several American teams and Reeves wants his contract renegotiated, although he has promised to return for 1985.

MOVE TO CALGARY?

Even the status of head coach Cal Murphy is up in the air. He is the first choice of Calgary Stampede's president Bill Britton to take on the general managers' job in that city next season.

Robson says he has given Murphy permission to entertain management offers from other CFL clubs. However, he said talk that Murphy will go to Calgary is only speculation.

General manager Norm Kimball of the Eskimos says it's still possible, despite the increased competition for players, to acquire the athletes necessary to build a CFL dynasty.

However, he also says a bit of luck enters the picture.

"It just isn't an easy thing to do," Kimball said from his Edmonton office. "It's extremely important that a team has continuity or, if that isn't possible, proper transition at important skill positions. Changes have to be made at the right time."

Offensive tackle Chris Walby, another CFL all-star, said it's a little early to be talking about a dynasty.

MASTERS AND YOUTHS

Bowling tourney held

The Master/Youth Bowling Council Tournament was held at Lincoln Lanes over the weekend.

Teams in this three game tourney consist of one master bowler, a senior, junior, and a ban-

nam bowler. Winners were determined on pins over team average basis.

First place went to the team of Sandi Soroka, Lynda Woodroff, Kerri Brkch, and Tyler Mad-dox with 275 pins over their team average.

Second place went to Diane Coultis, Chris Benn, Richard Orton, and Shane Neufeld with 271 pins over their team average.

The regional finals will be held Dec 16 though the location is not known at this time. Three teams will be representing Ver-