

VERNON CANADIANS



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PENTICTON VEES

Pentiction hockey had its beginnings shortly after the Memorial Arena was opened in October, 1951. Bill Carse arrived on the scene and the puck game was launched on a very enthusiastic Peach City following.

A team composed mostly of Nanaimo players lost the opening game 6-3 to Vernon, but managed to struggle through the season with moderate success. Of the 50 games they won 22, lost 25, and tied three.

The 1952-54 season saw the arrival of Grant and Bill Warwick to form a brother line with Dickie. That term saw the Vees end up in third place. In the semi-final playoffs they took Kelowna Packers 3-1 and moved into the finals against Kamloops Elks. After dropping the first two games they came back to take the series, going on to defeat Spokane for the Savage Cup and trimming Fort Willam in the Western Canada finals.

Then came the Allan Cup finals against Kitchener Waterloo Dutchmen, but the series played in the East saw the Dutchies win 4-1 in games.

The 1953-54 season saw Grant Warwick replace Bill Carse as coach as Vees went into the OSAHL lead and never looked back. Finishing the season

23 points ahead of Kelowna they beat Vernon out 3-2, and licked Kelowna 4-1 in games for their second successive OSAHL championship. Next came Willie Schmidt's gallant Nelson Maple Leafs who arrived in Pentiction holding a two game lead. Vees battled back in one of the best series ever witnessed in the Peach City and sneaked the eighth game for the title.

It also took eight games to rid Vees of Winnipeg Maroons, and the stage was set again for a crack at the coveted Allan Cup against Sudbury Wolves. The eastern club went ahead 3-1 in the series, but a fighting Vees came back to take the bundle.

Pentiction's greatest honor came the following season, when Grant Warwick took his Vees to the World Championships beating out Russia 5-0 in the final game for the global honor.

After reaching the pinnacle of success, Vees gradually slipped from their high pedestal. In season 1955-56, they finished 25 points behind first place Vernon Canadians, and then were eliminated from the playoffs by third slot Kelowna.

In 1957, the Warwick brothers left for Trail, and the Pentiction decline began, a decline that has never been stopped.

The Corporation of the City of Pentiction

President's Welcome



On behalf of the Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League it is a distinct pleasure to me to welcome the Russian hockey team.

It is also with a great deal of interest that we extend this welcome.

In the past few years it has been apparent that the calibre of play in Europe generally and in Russia particularly has been rapidly improving.

This league has represented Canada in overseas play twice, with the Penticton Vs winning the World's Championship and the Kelowna Packers making a tour last year. On both occasions the Russian hockey teams were the chief opponents and the games against the Russian teams resulted in the very best in competitive hockey and sportsmanship.

Now we are the hosts to a representative team

from Russia. To the fans who have supported this league I would say it is to your credit that we have here in the Okanagan Valley teams capable of this international competition.

Hockey is Canada's game. With the rise of the game in Europe, hockey has become one of the big international sports. We are fortunate that in communities of the size we have in the Okanagan we can produce teams that can compete at this level.

This can only be done with fan support and it is my hope that this game will touch off a new interest in hockey in the Okanagan Valley, so that we may continue to send teams from this league into international competition.

The Vernon Canadians have earned the right to represent us and I have no doubt that this game will continue the high standard of keen competition and good sportsmanship. Once again, to the Russian hockey team WELCOME! To both teams GOOD LUCK!

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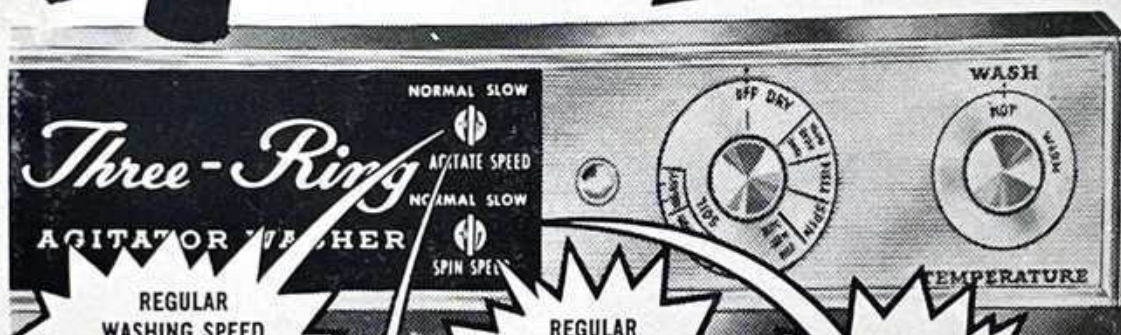
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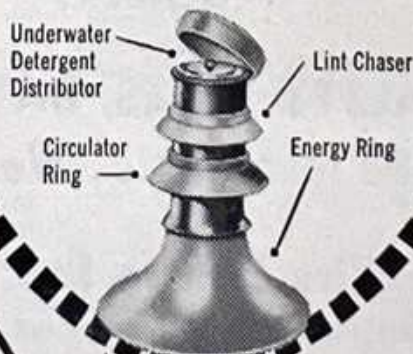
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O.S.A.H.L. STATISTICS

ALL STAR TEAMS

1950-51—Goal, Roy McMeekin, Kelowna; defence: Don Johnson, Kamloops; Dave McKay, Vernon; forwards: centre, Harvey Stein, Kamloops; right wing, Don Jakes, Vernon; left wing, Mike Durban, Kelowna. Coach, Paul Thompson, Kamloops.

1951-52—Goal, Roy McMeekin, Kelowna; defence: Willie Schmidt, Penticton; Tom Stecyk, Vernon; forwards, centre, Bernie Bathgate, Kamloops; right wing, John Milliard, Kamloops; left wing, Phil Hergesheimer, Kelowna. Coach, Paul Thompson, Kamloops.

1952-53—Goal, Hal Gordon, Kamloops; defence: Bill Geary, Vernon; Dick Kotanen, Kamloops; forwards, centre, Leo Lucchini, Vernon; right wing, Grant Warwick, Penticton; left wing, John Milliard, Kamloops. Coach, Phil Hergesheimer, Kelowna.

1953-54—Goal, Ivan McLelland, Penticton; defence, Bob Dawes, Kelowna; George McAvoy, Penticton; centre, George Agar, Vernon; right wing, Grant Warwick, Penticton; left wing, Bill Warwick, Penticton. Coach, Grant Warwick, Penticton.

1954-55—Goal, Dave Gatherum, Kelowna; defence, Tom Stecyk, Vernon; Willie Schmidt, Vernon; centre, George Agar, Vernon; right wing, Grant Warwick, Penticton; left wing, Jim Middleton, Kelowna. Coach, George Agar, Vernon.

1955-56—Goal, Jim Shirley, Kamloops; defence, Tom Stecyk, Vernon; Hal Tarala, Penticton; centre, Odie Lowe, Vernon; right wing, Jim Middleton, Kelowna; left wing, Bill Hryciuk, Kamloops. Coach, George Agar, Vernon.

1957-58—Goal, Dave Gatherum, Kelowna; defence, Tom Stecyk, Vernon; Pat Coburn, Kelowna; centre, George Agar, Vernon; right wing, Jim Middleton, Kelowna; left wing, Bill Hryciuk, Kamloops. Coach, Jack O'Reilly, Kelowna.

1958-59—Goal, Dave Gatherum, Kelowna; defence, Tom Stecyk, Vernon; Pat Coburn, Penticton; centre, Gerry Goyer, Kelowna; right wing, Gerry Prince, Kamloops; left wing, Bill Hryciuk, Kamloops. Coach, Jack O'Reilly, Kelowna.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING CHAMPS

1949-50 —Dickie Warwick, Nanaimo	65
1950-51 —Harvey Stein, Kamloops	84
1951-52 —Bernie Bathgate, Andy Clovechuk and John Milliard, Kamloops, tied	79
1952-53 —Leo Lucchini, Vernon	78
1953-54 —Bill Warwick, Penticton	95
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1955-56 —Grant Warwick, Penticton	113
1956-57 —Odie Lowe, Vernon	114
1957-58 —Jim Middleton, Kelowna	101
1958-59 —Bill Hryciuk, Kamloops	118

WILLOUGHBY TROPHY CHAMPS

1949-50 —Kamloops Elks
1950-51 —Nanaimo Clippers
1951-52 —Kelowna Packers
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Fastest hat-trick believed in hockey history was registered by Vernon's Merv Bidoski against Kamloops Chiefs, October 30, 1956. He scored his trio in 29 seconds.

Former Canuck Leo Lucchini, now with Rossland Warriors, played the 1951-52, and 1952-53 seasons in the OSAHL without receiving a penalty. Leo is the only player to garner the triple honor of the scoring title, "most gentlemanly player" award, and "most valuable player" award in one season. He accomplished this in 1952-53.

Odie Lowe, smooth centreman of Vernon Canadians, holds the league record for the highest number of goals scored in one season. In 1956-57 he tallied 61 goals and finished the season with 114 points to beat the previous best by Penticton's Grant Warwick.

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Meet the Canadians



JIM McLEOD . . . Goal

Jim, in his freshman year as Vernon's regular goalie, is tops among OSAHL custodians. Born in Port Arthur, Ont., Jim played intermediate hockey with Terrace Bay Superiors and saw senior action in the Port Arthur Bearcats' roster, before heading for Vernon in 1956. Spare to Hal Gordon who retired after last year's Allan Cup finals, Jim has grasped his big chance with both hands. He already holds a league record with three shutouts. At 22 years of age, he stands 5'8½" and weighs in at 165 pounds.



ODIE LOWE . . . Forward

"Snapper" first carried a hockey stick in minor hockey circles around his native Winnipeg, and had junior experience with Winnipeg Juniors and Lethbridge Native Sons. Turned senior with New York Rovers of Eastern Amateur League, before signing a pro contract with St. Paul Saints. Next came two years as coach of Winnipeg Maroons, before coming here in 1954. Garnered the OSAHL scoring championship in 1956-57 season with 113 points, and recently chalked up his 200th goal in the loop at Kamloops.



TOM STECYK . . . Defence

"Reliable Tom" is the only charter member of the Vernon Canadians. He came to Vernon from New Westminster in 1948 at the invitation of the late Johnny McCulloch and has been an automatic choice to OSAHL All Star teams ever since. Born in Carvel, Alberta, Tom's career as one of the outstanding amateur defencemen in Canada, is highlighted by Vernon's Allan Cup win in 1955-56, and the trip to Russia last fall with Kelowna.



WALT TRENTINI . . . Forward

Did not enter hockey until the midget grade in his native Lethbridge, Alta. Then came four years with Crow's Nest Pass of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League. In 1953-54 he turned pro with Calgary Stampeders, but failed to make the grade, and turned up with Trail Smoke Eaters. Walt arrived here and gained a permanent spot on Vernon Canadians' Allan Cup winning team in 1955-56. In this, his fifth year as a Canuck, he is high on the scoring lists.



JOHNNY HARMS . . . Defence

Converted from a high-scoring right-winger to an outstanding defenceman in one season has all come naturally to Johnny Harms. Born in Saskatoon, he played minor hockey there, and entered junior-dom with Saskatoon Quakers. Next came Hershey Bears, one year with NHL Chicago Blackhawks, and five at Kansas City. He signed up with Nelson Maple Leafs of the WIHL before arriving here in 1951-52. He weighs 165 pounds, and stands 5'8".



BILL SWARBRICK . . . Forward

One of the best moves George Agar ever made was to bring Bill Swarbrick here from Kelowna Packers. Born in Moose Jaw, Sask., he climbed the minor hockey ladder before going junior with Prince Albert Mintos for three seasons. After two years with Troy Bruins of the IHL, Bill came to Kamloops for a short spell before joining Kelowna in 1953. Following the tour of Russia and Sweden last fall, he was cut by Packers and immediately snapped up by the Blues, who have made him one of the loop's outstanding players. Weight 173 pounds, height 5'8½".



RON MORGAN . . . Defence

Twenty-five year old Ron Morgan was born and bred in Vernon and is a product of the minor hockey grades. Went junior with Lethbridge Native Sons, before stints with Cleveland Barons of the American League, Trois Rivières in the Quebec loop, and International League's Indianapolis Chiefs. The husky 196 pounder came back to hometown Vernon midway through the '57-58 campaign and earned his peg in the Blues dressing-room.



MERV BIDOSKI . . . Forward

Merv was born in Grandview, Man., but came to Vernon at the age of three. Played local minor grades, before going junior with Prince Albert. At 16 years old was spare for Vernon Canadians, and commanded a permanent berth from 1954 on. A lightning-fast left winger with a hard true shot, Merv holds the OSAHL record for the fastest hat-trick with a 28 second time. Weighs 169 pounds, and stands 5'9" at 26 years old.

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HAL GORDON . . . Goal

Hal has returned to Vernon after a six-month retirement period from hockey in hometown Calgary. OSAHL fans first saw Hal back in 1953 when he was All Star goalie while with Kamloops Elks. Since pulling Vernon's No. 1 sweater over his head, he has proved himself a goaltender of high calibre especially in the playoff games. Was outstanding against Whitby Dunlops in last season's Allan Cup finals, garnering the only shutout of the series. Could be George Agar's ace in the hole come playoffs, if starry rookie Jimmy McLeod encounters trouble.



FRANK KING . . . Forward

Another returnee to the Canucks' rank and file, after a short layoff, is colorful Frank King. Sold to Montreal for \$20,000 as a junior, Frank arrived here with Sudbury Wolves in the Allan Cup finals against Penticton 1953-54, and decided to settle in the west. A great opportunist, King has scored many valuable goals for Vernon during his career. His playoff temperament has been a big asset to the Canadians, making his comeback now one of interest, as the chips once again go down.



BRIAN ROCHE . . . Forward

Possessor of a terrific shot, and prolific points-getter since joining the league, Brian comes to the Canucks for this game from Kelowna Packers. He is no stranger to the Vernon blue, having played the 1954-55 season on the Vernon roster. A year later, George Agar picked him up for the Allan Cup finals against Chatham Maroons.



WALT PEACOSH . . . Forward

In his first season with Penticton Vees in 1957-58, Walt set a goal-scoring mark with 50 markers, before turning pro with Vancouver Canucks of the Western Hockey League. This season saw him go to Spokane Comets, but Vees bought his contract out and he returned to haunt OSAHL defences. So far in 23 games, Walt has scored 22 goals and picked up 19 assists. Small in stature, he weighs 145 pounds and is a product of the Saskatchewan junior leagues. Should be a big asset to Vernon.



WILLIE SCHMIDT . . . Defence

Willie's illustrious career had its beginnings in Saskatoon where he climbed up the minor hockey ladder before skating for his hometown Quakers. During the war he played with the west coast Navy Club and was signed by New Westminster Royals (then amateur). In 1945-46 he helped Vancouver Canucks to the American Amateur Hockey championship. Turned pro with New Westminster in 1949, had brief spells with Vancouver, and Seattle Ironmen, before inking a contract with Penticton Vees in 1951. In 1953-54 he coached Nelson Maple Leafs to the Savage Cup finals, and gave the World Championship Penticton squad a great series. Came to Vernon 1954-55, and apart from a brief retirement period last season has been a regular ever since. Willie prefers to keep his age a secret, but other statistics are: weight 200 pounds, height 5'9½".



SHERMAN BLAIR . . . Forward

Nicknamed "The Tank" for obvious reasons, Sherm is one of the most colorful players ever to reach the OSAHL. Played juvenile with Calgary before going to Providence Reds for a tryout at the age of 18. After a spell in the Big Six, Sherm tried Kimberley and Trail before helping Canmore Legionaires to the Western Canada Intermediate title in 1951. Then came a season with Kirkcaldy Flyers of the Scottish League during which he accumulated 55 goals and 35 assists. After a season back in Calgary with Hillhursts he again set sail for Scotland and was a big gun in Falkirk Lions championship-winning squad before breaking a leg. At 31 years old he weighs 179 pounds, and is 5'8½" tall. Has scored an average of 30 goals per season since joining Vernon in 1954.



BUDDY EVANS . . . Forward

Played minor hockey in Flin Flon, Man., before turning junior with Brandon Elks in 1945-46. Then came one year with Brandon Wheat Kings before Buddy went to Boston's farm club St. Catharines in '48-49. Was with Edmonton Flyers before the club turned pro, and arrived at Kelowna 1950-51. Had half a season with Packers and joined Kamloops Elks. Went overseas to Streatham of the British National League, and returned to Kamloops a year later where he played with Chiefs till cut by coach Hergeshelmer. After a year in senior "B" company returned to Chiefs and has held a permanent spot in the lineup ever since. Centreman or left wing, Buddy is the leading playmaker in the league. He weighs 174 pounds and stands 5'6".



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Something About Our Visitors

GOALTENDERS

Vladimir Chinov, age 20, height 5' 5", weight 138 pounds. Student. Member of Moscow Dynamo. Has played hockey for five years.

Yury Ovchukov, age 24, height 5' 5", weight 143 pounds. Serviceman. Member of Central Army Club. Has played hockey for eight years. One of best Soviet goaltenders.

DEFENCEMEN

Mikhail Ryzhov, age 28, height 5' 8", weight 176 pounds. PT instructor. Member of Moscow Locomotive. Has played for National team many times.

Boris Spirkin, age 23, height 5' 7", weight 169 pounds. Student. Plays for Moscow Locomotive. Has been in hockey for seven years.

Eduard Ivanov, age 22, height 5' 8", weight 176 pounds. Student. Member of Moscow Wings of the Soviets.

Vladimir Brezhev, age 25, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds. Serviceman. Plays for Central Army Club. A very aggressive defenceman. Often joins in attack.

Boris Sedov, age 30, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds. Turner. Member of Moscow Wings of Soviet. Has played hockey for 14 years.

FORWARDS

Leonid Vokov, age 25, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds.
Valentin Senyushkin, age 23, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds.

Igor Dekonsky, age 22, height 5' 8", weight 158 pounds.
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Vyacheslav Orchakov, age 22, height 5' 8", weight 167 pounds. Serviceman. Plays for Moscow Dynamo.

Vladimir Yurzinov, age 20, height 5' 8", weight 167 pounds. Serviceman. From Moscow Dynamo.

Viktor Tsyplakov, age 23, height 5' 8", weight 156 pounds. Student. Plays for Moscow Locomotive.

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Viktor Pryazhnikov, age 27, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds. Fitter. Plays for Moscow Wings of Soviets.

Yury Pantyukhov, age 29, height 5' 8", weight 169 pounds. Member of Central Army Club.

Yury Kopylov, age 29, height 5' 7", weight 167 pounds. Member of Central Army Club.

Very experienced players. Took part in several World Championships. Pantyukhov and Kopylov were in Canada during last trip. Boldly engage in body checking, and are expert stickhandlers. As rule best scorers of the team.

Boris Mayorov, age 18, height 5' 8", weight 163 pounds. Student. Plays for Moscow Spartak.

Alexei Guryshchev, age 35, height 6', weight 194 pounds. Teacher. Member Moscow Wings of the Soviets.

Vyacheslav Starshinov, age 20, height 5' 8", weight 170 pounds. Student. Plays for Moscow Spartak.

The combination of the young sturdy players with experienced Guryshchev yields excellent results. Mayorov and Starshinov are also good soccer players. Guryshchev has been with USSR team in all previous World Championships.

COACHES

Arkady Chernyshov coached the USSR team from 1954-57, and currently handled Moscow Dynamo.

Anatoly Kostyukov, coach of Moscow Locomotive and the Junior team of the USSR.

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| 2. EDUARD IVANOV, defence | | | |
| 3. BORIS SEDOV, defence | | | |
| 4. MIKHAIL RYZHOV, defence | | | |
| 5. BORIS SPIRKIN, defence | | | |
| 6. DAVIDOV, defence | | | |
| 7. BORIS MAYOROV, forward | | | |
| 8. Y. STARSHINOV, forward | | | |
| 9. VIKTOR TSYPLAKOV, forward | | | |
| 10. BAULIN, forward | | | |
| 11. YURY KOPYLOV, forward | | | |
| 12. Y. PRYAZHNIKOV, forward | | | |
| 13. IGOR DEKONSKY, forward | | | |
| 14. CHRISTOV, forward | | | |
| 15. V. ORCHAKOV, forward | | | |
| 16. V. YURZINOV, forward | | | |
| 17. KRILOV, forward | | | |
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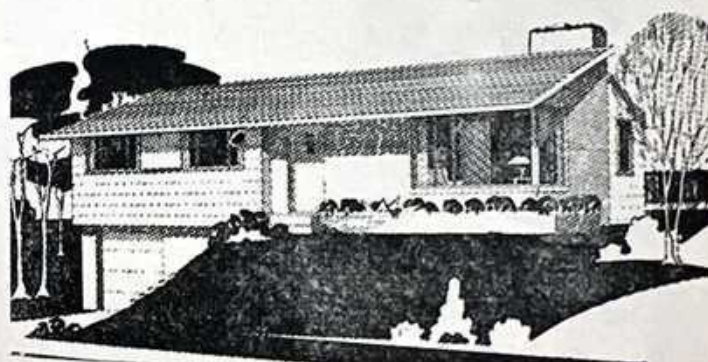
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2. TOM STECYK, defence
3. JOHNNY HARMS, defence
4. WILLIE SCHMIDT, defence
5. RON MORGAN, defence
6. ODIE LOWE, forward
7. FRANK KING, forward
8. WALT TRENTINI, forward
9. SHERM BLAIR, forward
10. BILL SWARBRICK, forward
11. MERV BIDOSKI, forward
12. BRIAN ROCHE, forward
13. GEORGE AGAR, forward
14. BUDDY EVANS, forward
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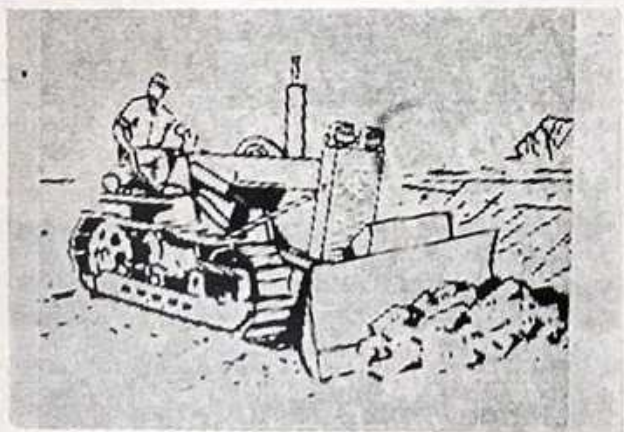
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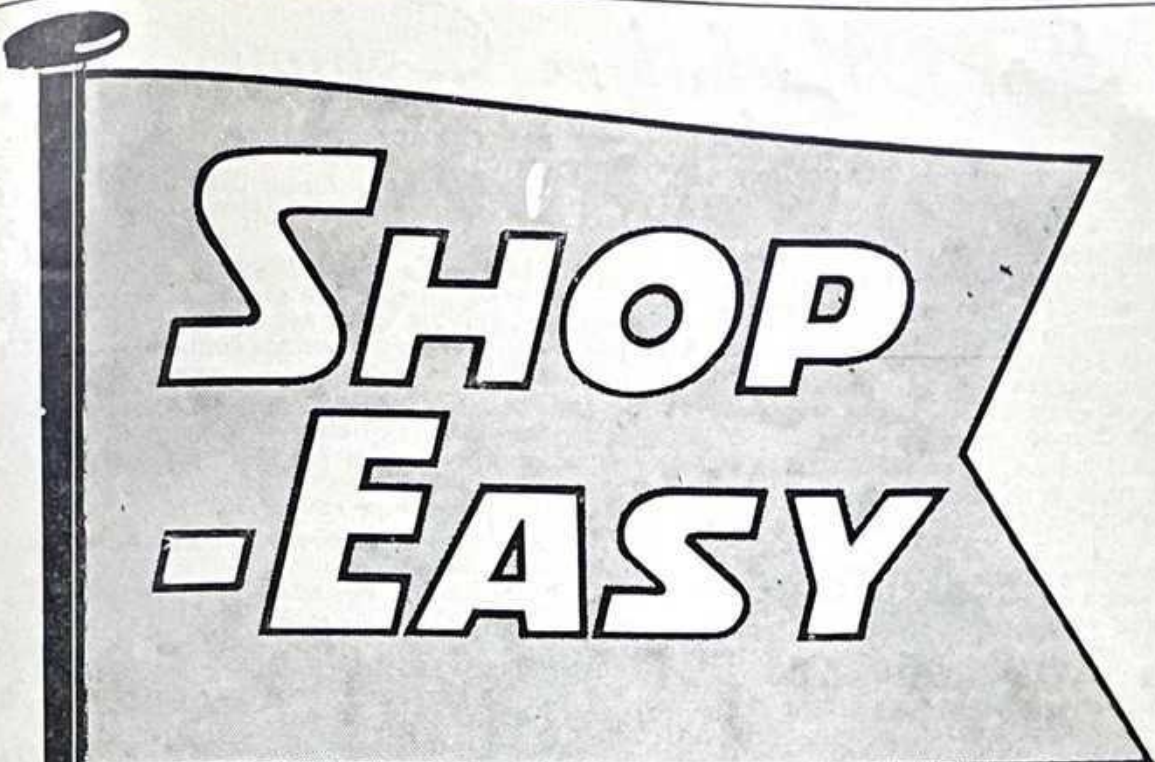
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Well, the long awaited clash between Vernon Canadians and Moscow Selects is upon us, and the controversy and speculation surrounding the game will be a thing of the past after tonight.

Elsewhere in this program we list the statistics of the Moscow pucksters in typical Hollywood fashion, and hope this information supplied by the USSR Embassy will be of some guidance to you.

However, in view of the forthcoming exhibition games at Vernon and Kamloops by the Olympic-bound Kitchener-Waterloo we would like to devote the remainder of this column to Canada's representative.

Although the final lineup of 17 players won't be known until Feb. 4, there is no question that the Dutchmen will present an unusually strong team in their cross Canada tour.

Canada's hockey representatives will be bolstered by a minimum of five and possibly as many as six or seven of the best available players from teams in Eastern Canada.

On paper, on the ice, this is a much stronger club than the Dutchmen took to Cortina for the 1956 Olympics. It will have more experience, more class, and it will be bigger and faster.

In an effort to get strength down the middle, which is as important in hockey as baseball, the Dutchies will add centres Bobby Attersley of the Whitby Dunlops and Bob Rousseau of the Brockville Junior Canadiens.

On their own right they have two of the better centres in the game in Ken Laufman, a 27-year-old veteran who is rated the finest pivot in amateur hockey by many observers, and 19-year-old Cliff Pennington, the Flin Flon Bombers whiz.

In fact the way things are going Pennington may

wind up as a right winger on the Laufman line. He has been playing that position recently as the Dutchies have been experimenting in Senior OHA games. In three recent games, at that position, Pennington picked up four goals and four assists.

His performance came directly after a sensational Toronto story quoting him on the subject of major dissension in the Dutchmen camp. Pennington denied completely some of the statements credited to him, and said others had been changed and exaggerated.

The Dutchies, winning eight of 10 league games and adding an exhibition victory over Moscow Selects to their record, seem to have set the dissension rumors completely at rest, and Pennington had done his part in killing them with his play recently.

At the moment, if Rousseau makes the team which is considered likely, Pennington will go on the wing and be a spare centre. Rousseau will probably centre two Dutchie veterans who were the best men on the ice against the Selects, left winger Don Rope and right winger "Butch" Martin. Both starred at Cortina in 1956 and both are thirsting to even the score in the big series, with both the U.S. and Russia.

Laufman will centre Pennington, with Bob McKnight, a rugged 185-pounder, on left wing. McKnight has all the potential to be an NHL star but it is only in recent weeks that he has his form. He could be one of the major surprises at Squaw Valley.

The third line will likely be the Whitby threesome of Bobby Attersley at centre, Fred Etcher on left and veteran George Samolenko at right wing.

They have played together for four or five years and were a big factor in Whitby's Allan Cup march last spring. Etcher, who missed the 1958 World Title dash of

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Skiing starts in mid-November, and lasts until mid-May when the snow lies from six to 15 feet. Elevation of the summit is 6,280 feet. At this altitude the snow is dry, with sleet and rain during the winter season almost a rarity.

Particularly outstanding is the deep powder skiing in mid-winter, and the long corn snow season in the spring.

Development of the mountain's potential was started last year by the Silver Star Sports Limited, 3002 34th Street, Vernon, B.C.

This development has culminated in the installation during November of this year of a 2,400 foot T-100 Poma Lift (maximum capacity 1,080 per hour), the largest in Western Canada.

The Poma Lift rises 820 feet to the peak of Silver Star and carries the skier from the modern ski chalet, nestling amid the snow-capped pines, to the top in three minutes. The lift and rope tows operate on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, and all holidays.

The ski chalet is 14 miles from Vernon on a well-maintained and widened road, with a maximum grade of 8 percent. Ample parking facilities at the chalet are provided, and the chalet itself is a large, well-insulated and heated two-storey building, equipped with running water, restrooms, electric light, and a snack bar serving light lunches and refreshments.

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An added attraction this winter on Silver Star is the Ski School headed by Joe Gmuender, a native of Switzerland, and a Member of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance.

Lessons are given every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rates by the hour are \$1.50 for group lessons, and \$4.00 for private instruction.

The new Austrian technique "Wedeln" is being taught at the Ski School, and gives added enjoyment to the skier, whether expert or novice.

No overnight accommodation is available at the chalet as yet, but ample first rate rooms can be had in hotels and motels in Vernon.

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GEORGE AGAR

Coach of Vernon Canadians for nearly seven seasons, George's record speaks for itself. Since taking over the coaching reins here Vernon has won the Allan Cup and taken two Western Canada titles. Bought at a cost of \$2,500 from Calgary Stampeders, he is one of the few 300 goal men, and holds the WHL scoring championship for 1951. He captained the Stamps in 1952, and also holds a scoring record with Houston, Texas, of the USHL during 1947-48. George's career started in Saskatoon, and first gained recognition in 1939 with Edmonton EAC's. That was the year he turned pro and was picked up by Cleveland Barons. Other pro experience was gathered with Buffalo Bisons, Springfield Indians, Houston Huskies, St. Paul Saints, Minneapolis Milers, Denver, before coming to Calgary in 1951. Rated the Archie Moore of hockey, George is still going strong, and features high in the OSAHL scoring again this season.

BOB GILHOOLY

In law and hockey Bob Gilhooly has something in common—both have called upon his defensive qualities. Born in Saskatchewan, he graduated through Calgary junior ranks, before hitting the big time with Toronto Marlborough's Allan Cup winning squad of 1950. Then came three years with Calgary Stampeders of the WHL, before Bob decided to quit hockey and study law at UBC. He arrived in Kelowna 1956, articulated there, and was called to the bar one year later. During the 1956-57 season he attempted to make a comeback to the puck game with Kelowna Packers, but couldn't regain form. He became vice-president of the Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League in 1957-58, and succeeded retiring prexy Bill Nicholson the following season. Bob's short term in office has inadvertently coincided with the league's stormiest period in history. However, he forecasts a return to normal before very long.



BILL NICHOLSON

Past-president of the Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League, and Doctor of Optometry, Bill's foresight resulted in a large scale cleanup of OSAHL hockey during his years in office. He arrived in Penticton from Regina 11 years ago, and was associated with the Veas during their infant years in the loop. Was named president of the Penticton club in 1956, and one year later took over the presidential chair in the OSAHL from Vernon's Claude Smail. His strict policies of discipline gradually forced a great deal of the dirty play from the Valley scene, and a stronger co-operation between clubs and league headquarters became evident. He resigned after last season and was succeeded by Bob Gilhooly. Bill is married with two children.



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Russian hockey coach Arkady Chernyshev considers Canadian hockey teams better balanced, with particularly reliable defences, cool goaltenders, and unequalled body-checking.

However, he believes Russian clubs are faster off the mark, with better passing plays, in an interview reported in the Soviet News bulletin distributed by the Russian Embassy.

He says the Russian team has looked forward to this tour of Canada "with great enthusiasm."

"And why shouldn't we?" he says. "It's a real pleasure to play against such first-class hockey players as the Canadians."

The Soviet coach said his country was already talking of inviting a Canadian club to make a return visit to the USSR.

Chernyshev, who said he has watched Canadian teams in action since 1949, offered the following comments on Canadian and Soviet play:

WE'RE BALANCED

"You will always find Canadian teams evenly balanced, which, unfortunately, cannot be said of the Soviet club teams and even the USSR team for that matter.

"The Canadians are particularly reliable on defence. Their goalies are experienced and cool-headed men. As regards body-checking, the Canadians remain unequalled.

"But our Soviet players are stronger than the Canadians in some departments of ice hockey. I personally have always rated the starting speed of our men being faster and there is more pass-work in our teams than among the Canadians."

"I also believe that our lads carry out individual assignments of the coaches much better. In brief, in the sense of tactics, they conduct themselves more strictly."

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the Dunnies because of a broken leg, is hopeful of making the grade in this one.

Defensively the Dutchies will need some help as they lost their best operator, Ralph Hosking, a former AHL all-star, because he is a reinstated amateur.

They'll be able to retain 23-year-old, 210 pound Ted Maki, now in his third year with the Dutchies after spurning Ranger offers on his Junior graduation. Others likely to be retained include rangy Murray Davison and speedy Darryl Sly.

Sly is a 20-year-old school teacher who captained St. Mike's Juniors last winter and is rated a top pro prospect by the Toronto Leafs who couldn't talk him into turning pro.

There will be at least two defence additions. One will be Harry Sinden, the rocklike Whitby rearguard who is rated a two-way player of high ability. Sinden starred in Whitby's world tournament win and in the Allan Cup finals last year.

The other defence man could be Jack Douglas or Elmer Skov of the Chatham Maroons. Both are skilled performers. Douglas, a youngster and newcomer to the Senior OHA, has shown vast improvement but he lacks Skov's experience.

The Dutchies have an extra defence man themselves in Ron Casey, but he has not proven as reliable as the others.

The Dutchies have two goalies, one 30-year-old veteran Harold "Boat" Hurley, and 20-year-old rookie Cesare Maniaco, the latter a B.C. product who played with St. Mike's. But both may have to give way to Windsor's Don Head, the top goalie in the Senior OHA, if his club will permit him to be absent for the full month of February.

At the moment Windsor only wants to loan him for the duration of the tournament and the Dutchies aren't likely to buy that. Head has a 2.40 mark with three shutouts in 38 games and his play has transformed the Bulldogs from an also-ran to a hot contender this year.

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After the 1958 trip to Canada the Soviet team met twice with Canada's strongest teams in the 1958 — and 1959 World Championships — in Oslo and Prague—losing both.

At the present time, in connection with the forthcoming Winter Olympics, the USSR hockey championship has been completed. Many teams will go to various European countries, while one of the line-ups is here in Canada for a 10-game series against teams under the Canadian Amateurs Hockey Association.

After the trip some of its members will go to Squaw Valley where they will rejoin their teammates for the Olympics.

KELOWNA PACKERS

(By BOB GIORDANO)



Since the doors opened to the spanking new Kelowna and District Memorial Arena in 1948, and until the 1957-58 OSHL season, the Kelowna Packers, and their Orchard City fans had to stand by and watch British Columbia, Western Canada, Allan Cup, and even World Champions from Penticton, Kamloops, and Vernon, strut their stuff.

Best the Red and White could manage was an upset, underdog victory over Kamloops Elks, back in 1952, when popular playing-coach of the Kelowna team, Phil Hergesheimer, the one time American League great, led the Kelowna crew to a British Columbia final, in his first season as a coach.

But in spite of some good coaches, and a number of highly rated players, the fortunes of the Packers faded away—until Jack O'Reilly came on the scene.

The ex-Portage Terrier blueliner was called upon to take the club over midway through the 1956-57 season, and quickly whipped the boys into high gear, and said good-bye to the OSHL basement, for good.

From there O'Reilly and company became a well known name in senior "A" circles.

From there in it's a case of history—but well worth repeating.

O'Reilly more than fulfilled his promise of "a contender," and built the second best team in Can-

ada—resulting in a number of championships brought to Kelowna for the first time.

First place finish in League standings, Okanagan Senior League title, British Columbia, Western Canada, Allan Cup finalists.

Another chapter went into the record book—but another was ready to be written.

The following season the Packers were selected as the team to represent Canada in an eight-game tour of Sweden and Russia. Little chance were the Packers given of success. The results were most gratifying—and the so-called experts swallowed a bitter pill.

In Sweden the Canadian team won two and lost one. The five-game Russian series saw the Packers win two, tie two and drop one. But the sweetest victory of them all was against the Moscow "All-stars" which had 13 players in the lineup, that played in the world championships against the Belleville Macs. The score—Kelowna 5, Moscow Allstars 1.

When playoff "fever" attacked the rival cities of Vernon and Kelowna, the "Old Master" George Agar had prepared his itinerary.

Agar and company were more than "up" for this one, and turned the Packers aside, in a great series, to go on and capture another Western Canada title for the city of Vernon.

But remember what O'Reilly said in 1957, "I'll bring Kelowna a contending club." They say history repeats itself, and 1960 could be no better time!



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Hockey in Vernon started around 1898 with games between Okanagan and Kootenay teams. Then in 1903-4 the Vernon club captured the British Columbia Senior A championship, defeating Sandon. Again in 1912-13 they latched onto the Senior A title, but then came World War I and hockey was in the doldrums till about 1924 when interest suddenly revived.

In 1928 intermediate hockey took over, and from then until 1941 the Coy Cup gained an established residence in Vernon. Senior hockey again started rolling in 1947-48 with Kimberley Dynamiters knocking out the local entry in the B.C. finals.

Dave McKay came to town in 1948 and things started to roll towards the great Vernon Canadians team of the last decade.

George Agar took over the coaching reins in 1952 and almost immediately met with success. In 1954-55, the Canucks lost out to Fort William for the Western Canada crown, but one year later they swept through the prelims and trounced Chatham Maroons here in the Allan Cup final.

Vernon again won the OSAHL championship in 1956-57, but lost out in the provincial playoffs to Spokane Flyers.

The 1957-58 season saw the Blues go down to Kamloops in the OSAHL semis, but despite the tag "has-beens" they bounced back into recognition with a "shock" win over the much-fancied Kelowna Packers and went all the way to the Allan Cup finals against Whitby Dunlops last season.

Once again Vernon Canadians are strong contenders for the Western honors, winning the first half of the OSAHL campaign, and currently leading the pack in the race to the wire.

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