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I am delighted to send my warmest greetings and sincere best wishes to all those participating in the Centennial Cup Championship taking place in Vernon.

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On behalf of the Government of Canada, may I extend to you my congratulations on the achievements that have brought you this far, and wish you all the best of luck in the future.

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As Premier of British Columbia, I am delighted to offer warm greetings and best wishes to everyone gathered in Vernon for The Centennial Cup.

I know that your host team, the Vernon Lakers, and hockey enthusiasts throughout B.C. are pleased to join with me in extending a special welcome to the many players and their families who are visiting from all regions of Canada. This beautiful area of our Province is famous for its warm hospitality, and I very much hope our visitors will have an opportunity to enjoy some of its outstanding attractions, and will return home with pleasant memories of their stay in British Columbia. The young athletes participating in this exciting tournament have trained long and hard for the opportunity to demonstrate their first rate hockey skills, and the coming days are certain to see some top-flight competition for both players and enthusiastic fans alike.

I would like to convey a hearty "Thank You" to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, and the citizens of Vernon, for their commitment to making this Centennial Cup possible - may this be your best tournament ever!

Sincerely,

*William N. Vander Zalm*  
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### MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF VERNON

May, 1990

On behalf of Council and all citizens of Vernon, I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome all players, officials and fans to the Centennial Cup National Junior "A" Hockey Championship being held in our City May 4 - 12. We are honoured that the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association has selected Vernon as the site for this most prestigious annual hockey tournament.

The Centennial Cup will provide all of us with an opportunity to share in the excitement an event of this calibre produces. It will be characterized by tough competition between the teams and I extend best wishes to each team, particularly our own Vernon Lakers.

Good luck and best wishes to all players and welcome fans to a week of great hockey.

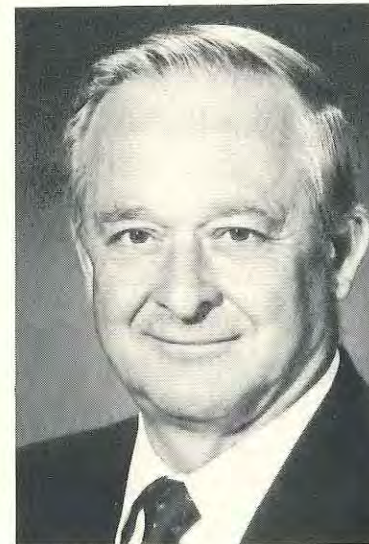


*Anne Clarke*

Anne Clarke,  
Mayor.



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Dear Hockey Fans:

Welcome to Vernon; host for this year's Centennial Cup tournament from May 4th to 12th.

After travelling to Summerside, Prince Edward Island for last year's tournament, our own Vernon Lakers are excited to play host to the Centennial Cup in 1990. The Vernon area is proud of our Lakers, and I congratulate the players, coaches and management on a great job!

As a fan, the tournament will provide you with some of the best Junior 'A' hockey action in Canada. I also invite you to take time to enjoy many of the great attractions throughout the beautiful North Okanagan, an all-season recreation playground.

Enjoy your stay, and be sure to visit us again!

Sincerely,

*Lyall F. Hanson*

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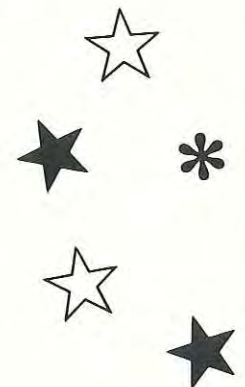
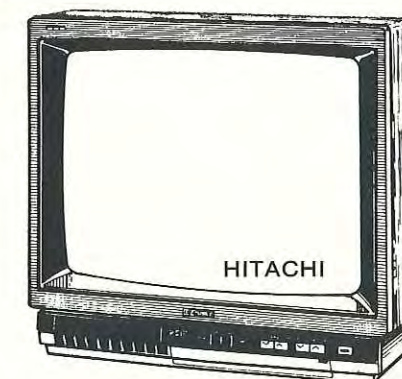


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## A TRIBUTE TO BRUCE ALLISON

British Columbia lost a dynamic, hard working and dedicated hockey man with the passing of BCJHL President Bruce Allison. Bruce served B.C. hockey in virtually all capacities; coach, team operator, President and ultimately Director.

Originally from Alberta, Bruce settled in B.C.'s lower mainland in the late 1950s where he promptly started and became President of the Gulf of Georgia Minor Hockey Association, the fore-runner of Richmond Sea Fair hockey.

During the '60's, Bruce became active as a hockey coach — coaching teams at the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget levels in both Richmond and Vancouver. It was at this time he became dedicated to the concept of hockey scholarships — the desire to see hockey players have the opportunity to further their education especially at Canadian Universities.

In 1972 he took over from Tom Shaw as the operator of the Richmond Cohos Junior 'B' team. The next year the team became the Junior 'A' Sockeyes and joined the newly formed Pac. 'A' league under Allison's leadership.

Bruce left the Sockeyes to become involved with the Pacific Coast Minor Hockey Association for whom he served as President for two terms. From there he evolved into the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association and progressed rapidly to the point of becoming President in 1983.

During his 4 years as President of the BCAHA he served as B.C.'s representative as a Director of the CAHA where he gained an impressive reputation as an administrator. At this point Bruce entertained several hockey opportunities, but it was the BCJHL that was fortunate enough to have Bruce agree to assume a leadership role as league President in 1988.

During his two terms Bruce served to lead and organize the BCJHL in a way characteristic of one of the most respected people in the hockey community.

# BCJHL

## President's Message

On behalf of the British Columbia Junior 'A' Hockey League, I am pleased to extend greetings to all participants and fans to the 1990 Centennial Cup.

The entire BCJHL is excited about the 1990 Centennial Cup, emblematic of the Canadian Junior 'A' Hockey Championship being hosted by the Vernon Lakers and the city of Vernon.

Staging an event of this magnitude would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the host team, community and sponsors. We extend our congratulations to the Vernon Lakers who have worked hard to ensure that this event is a success.

This prestigious event will also allow the BCJHL, through its member team participants, to showcase its solid organization and high calibre of play to all of Canada.

We send special greetings to the coaching staffs of each team for leading their respective groups of talented young men to this National Championship. The impressive rosters of each team will no doubt be the envy of every scout in North America. Some young men, playing in Vernon this week will go on to play professional hockey, but more importantly, many more will go on to University or College, via a hockey scholarship and complete their education and go on to successful careers after hockey.

Good luck to the players of all teams and let this be an occasion for you to display your talents and abilities.

The National Tournament may be a stepping stone to greater things. Make good use of your opportunity.

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Yours sincerely,

*B. Allison*

Bruce Allison  
President BCJHL

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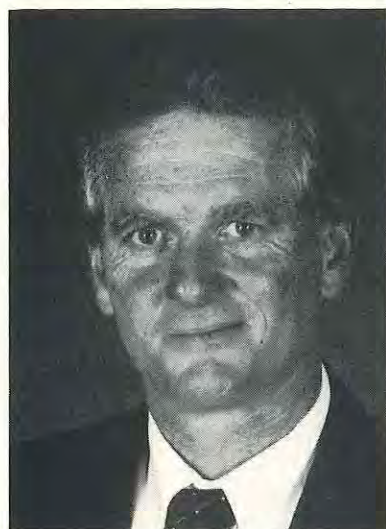
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As Chairman of Junior Hockey, I extend a warm and sincere welcome to the competing teams, fans and visitors to the 1990 Centennial Cup Championship. This year's championship held in Western Canada is hosted by the Vernon Lakers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Staging an event of this magnitude would not be possible without the dedication of the host committee, the city of Vernon and of course of sponsors, Molson Breweries and Canadian Airlines International.

The CAHA is very proud of the continuing contribution being made by its many volunteers. It is only with the support and dedication of these volunteers that an event like this is successful.

I wish all teams the best of luck and good sportsmanship. I hope you enjoy your visit to Vernon and take home fond memories and new friendships.

Sincerely,

*Howie Stevenson*

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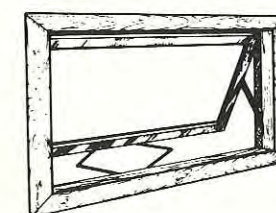
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## HONORARY CHAIRMAN FRED PAGE



The 1990 Centennial Cup Canadian Junior 'A' Hockey Championships in Vernon is pleased to recognize Fred Page as the tournament's Honorary Chairman.

Mr. Page's involvement in hockey dates back to 1934-35 or the "Dirty Thirties" as he refers to it, when Page played junior hockey for his hometown team in Port Arthur, Ontario, now called Thunder Bay. After his playing days were finished, he became involved with minor hockey and officiating. In 1962, Fred was elected second vice president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and became CAHA President in 1966, the same year he became second vice president of the International Ice Hockey Congress. In 1973, Page was elected as a life member into the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Page and his family moved west to Vancouver in 1965 and 8 years later, he was approached by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association to help form the Pacific Junior Hockey League, with the emphasis on education first. Page became president of that league in 1975 and held that post until the league amalgamated with the B.C.J.H.L. in 1979. Page is currently the chairman of the board of the B.C.J.H.L.

Two more honors were bestowed upon Mr. Page in the mid-eighties. In 1984, the North Shore Winter Club of North Vancouver renamed its prestigious midget 'A' International Tournament after Fred, and in 1986, Page was inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for dedicated contribution to the sport of hockey as a "builder".

The 1990 Centennial Cup Tournament committee welcomes Fred Page to Vernon!

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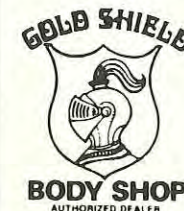


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A heartfelt WELCOME from us to you.

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To the loyal fans of not only the Vernon Lakers but hockey throughout Canada — THANK YOU. Your dedication to your team(s) through disappointment, mediocrity, euphoria is the mainstay of this most exciting game in the world. Hockey, through Interprovincial play and Canadian championships, creates a better, clearer understanding of each other from shore to shore. If nothing else, the game of hockey will keep CANADA united.

Sit back, relax, enjoy — the games — your week in Vernon, the gateway to the beautiful Okanagan.

Yours for the betterment of Junior 'A' hockey and a unified Canada.



JOHN W. JOHNSON  
Host Chairman

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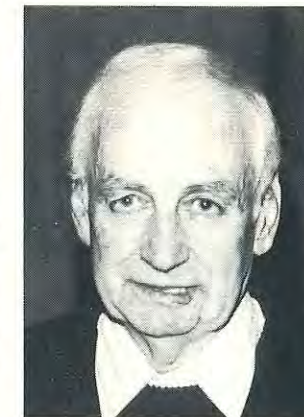
## A SALUTE TO VERN DYE

This year's Centennial Cup Tournament in Vernon is perhaps the crowning glory to all the time Vern Dye has spent in junior hockey in this city.

Dye, who helped talk Lakers General Manager Mel Lis into bidding for this year's tournament, is a fixture in B.C. Junior Hockey circles.

Vern came to Vernon in 1949 from his hometown of Bashaw, Alberta and first got involved in hockey here with the Vernon Canadians Intermediate Team, who would go on to win the Allan Cup in 1956. It was in 1963 that Dye became involved with the junior ranks, as he and 17 others purchased the Old Vernon Blades for a price of three hundred dollars each. The Blades later became the Vernon Essos, a B.C. Junior Hockey powerhouse, which won a pair of provincial championships in 1970 and 1972, with Dye serving as general manager. Ironically, though, Dye says the 1970-71 club, which lost to Kamloops in the B.C. final, was the best club he was involved in. That team featured current Lakers coach Ed Johnstone, late defenseman Bob Gassoff, and Vern's son Wayne, who passed away in 1988. Wayne Dye spent four seasons with the Essos and is still the all time leading scorer in Vernon Junior Hockey history.

In 1975, Vern Dye became a member of the B.C. Junior Hockey League executive and has been with the league ever since. He is currently the president of the B.C.J.H.L.'s Interior Division. Dye says the Centennial Cup Tournament is a great honor for the B.C.J.H.L. and the city of Vernon.



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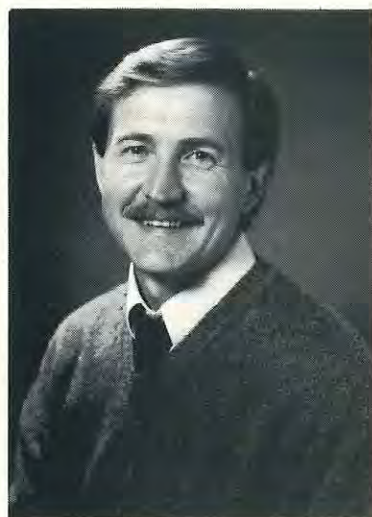


*Lyle MacWilliam,  
B.Sc., M.P.*



*Member of Parliament  
Okanagan-Shuswap*

May 1990  
Vernon, B.C.



Dear Participants:

Welcome to the 1990 Centennial Cup Canadian Junior "A" Hockey championships, hosted by the Vernon Lakers Junior Hockey Club. Our team and our community are very proud to host this prestigious event.

As Member of Parliament for Okanagan-Shuswap, may I extend to you a hearty "Okanagan welcome". I hope you will have time in your busy schedule to experience, first hand, our friendly hospitality and to find out why the North Okanagan is such a great place to live.

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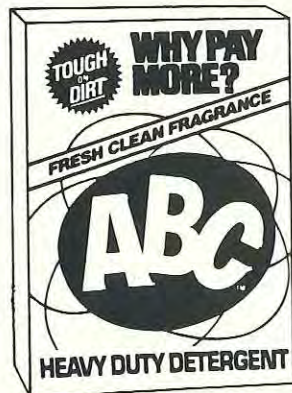
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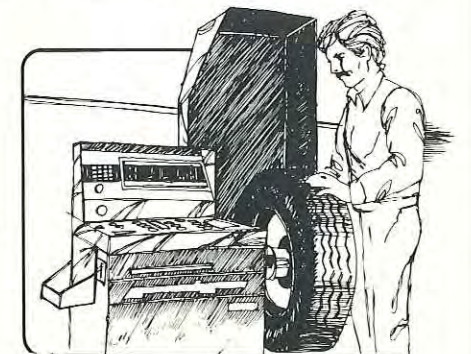
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## CENTENNIAL CUP MESSAGE (Vernon)

It is my pleasure on behalf of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, this years host branch, to extend greetings and a warm welcome to all the participants from throughout Canada who have assembled in Vernon to compete for the prestigious Centennial Cup.



I am certain that the hockey community will enjoy the exciting action and keen competition, and will appreciate the high degree of skill and effort demonstrated by these young men.

I know you will receive a hospitable reception in Vernon, and I wish to convey my best wishes for a successful competition, as well as good luck to all the competitors.

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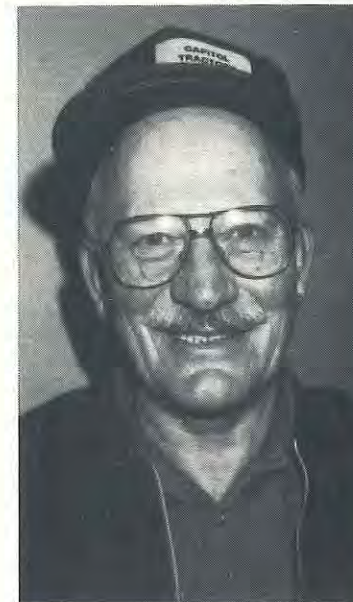
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Good luck to all teams.

CLIFF KANESTER, CHAIRMAN  
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# THE CENTENNIAL CUP

Every fall when the first puck of the season is dropped, every Junior A team and it's fans dream of one thing — a berth in the Centennial Cup.

The proper name for the Centennial Cup, emblematic of Junior 'A' hockey supremacy in Canada, is the Manitoba Centennial Cup. It was presented to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in 1970 to celebrate the Centennial of the Province.

The first final series ever played was somewhat of a rarity. An American team, Detroit Junior Wings, represented Eastern Canada against Red Deer and eventually lost the series 4 games to 2. Guelph, Ontario under two names, the CMC's and the Platers, have been in five finals and have two Centennial Cup Championships to their name.

The most successful team in Junior 'A' history by far, was the Prince Albert Raiders. Prince Albert moved to the Western Hockey League in the 1982-83 season after defeating Guelph in four straight games for the Centennial Cup. Among Prince Albert players who dominated Junior 'A' hockey at the turn of the decade were three members of Canada's 1984 Olympic team, Robin Bartel, Dave Topett and James Patrick.

The Raiders are the only team to win back-to-back Cups (1981 and 1982) and the only team to be in three straight finals (1977-79). In five appearances the Raiders have won four cups under coach Terry Simpson, who led Canada to the World Junior Hockey Championship in 1985.

The format of the Centennial Cup has changed over the years, and has featured two team confrontations (East, West), three team match-ups (Central, West and Atlantic), a 4-team format which included Central West and Atlantic winners plus a host team and the new format which extends the teams to five:

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In the fall of 1988, an agreement was reached between the CAHA and two major sponsors which in turn added stability and growth to the Centennial Cup Junior 'A' hockey in general.

Molson Breweries and Canadian Airlines International are the official major corporate sponsors of the Centennial Cup and their involvement is very much appreciated.

Winners of the Centennial Cup since its inception are as follows:

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| Guelph GMC's (71-72)                | Prince Albert Raiders (81-82) |
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Cam Sylven, Darren Naylor.

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Coach), Paul MacLean, Don Monteith, Rylan Ferster,  
Shane Morson, Marcel Aubin, Rob Atkinson, Dave  
Oliver, Sonny Jenkins, Vic Chenier (Team Trainer).

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The Vernon Lakers are proud to be the first team from the province of B.C. to host the Centennial Cup.

The national championship trophy is the only major cup that has eluded General Manager Mel Lis since he purchased the team in 1986. The Lakers have won a pair of BCJHL and provincial championships in that time, and last year represented Western Canada at the Centennial Cup finals in Summerside, P.E.I. A third consecutive BCJHL title this season was not meant to be, as the Lakers fell to the powerful New Westminster Royals, a team that lost only 3 times in 60 league games. During the regular season, Vernon managed a pair of ties against the Royals and extended them to six games in the final series.

The Lakers have 7 returnees from last year's club and also have 3 members of the Thunder Bay Flyers squad that was victorious in Summerside. The team is coached by Ed Johnstone, a pro hockey player for 14 seasons that included stops in the W.H.A. and in the N.H.L. with the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings. Ed's assistant is Keith Chase, who played 5 seasons in the B.C.J.H.L., four of them with his hometown team, the Lakers.

The Vernon Lakers will try to become the third B.C.J.H.L. franchise to win the Centennial Cup, following Penticton in 1986 and Richmond in 1987.



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### CENTENNIAL CUP SCHEDULE — 1990

|     |         |        |                         |           |
|-----|---------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | May 4th | Fri.   | Central vs Vernon       | 8:00 p.m. |
| 2.  | 5th     | Sat.   | West vs Atlantic        | 1:00 p.m. |
| 3.  | 5th     | Sat.   | Pacific vs Central      | 8:00 p.m. |
| 4.  | 6th     | Sun.   | Atlantic vs Pacific     | 1:00 p.m. |
| 5.  | 6th     | Sun.   | West vs Vernon          | 8:00 p.m. |
| 6.  | 7th     | Mon.   | Central vs West         | 1:00 p.m. |
| 7.  | 7th     | Mon.   | Vernon vs Pacific       | 8:00 p.m. |
| 8.  | 8th     | Tues.  | Vernon vs Atlantic      | 8:00 p.m. |
| 9.  | 9th     | Wed.   | Atlantic vs Central     | 1:00 p.m. |
| 10. | **9th   | Wed.   | Pacific vs West         | 8:00 p.m. |
|     | 10th    | Thurs. | BANQUET                 |           |
| 11. | 11th    | Fri.   | (A) Semi-final #3 vs #2 | 1:00 p.m. |
| 12. | 11th    | Fri.   | (B) Semi-final #4 vs #1 | 8:00 p.m. |
| 13. | 12th    | Sat.   | FINAL 'B' vs 'A'        | 8:00 p.m. |

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Should the FINAL game (#13) be televised nationally, game time will be 8:30 p.m.

### VERNON LAKERS ROSTER

| No. | PLAYER         | POS. | HT.   | WT.      | BIRTHDAY    | HOMETOWN             |
|-----|----------------|------|-------|----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1   | Murray Caton   | G    | 6'    | 160 lbs. | Dec. 3/71   | Chetwynd, B.C.       |
| 34  | Dean Kuntz     | G    | 5'9"  | 170 lbs. | Apr. 6/69   | Estevan, Sask.       |
| 2   | Dean Zayonce   | D    | 5'11" | 195 lbs. | Oct. 28/70  | Kelowna, B.C.        |
| 3   | Marcel Aubin   | D    | 6'2"  | 190 lbs. | Sept. 28/70 | Kelowna, B.C.        |
| 7   | Barry McLeod   | D    | 5'9"  | 180 lbs. | Mar. 28/70  | Thunder Bay, Ont.    |
| 8   | Don Monteith   | D    | 6'    | 190 lbs. | Mar. 23/70  | Barrie, Ont.         |
| 9   | Brad Neumeier  | C    | 5'10" | 180 lbs. | May 9/70    | Calgary, Alta.       |
| 10  | Mike Dennis    | D    | 5'10" | 180 lbs. | May 18/71   | Fruitvale, B.C.      |
| 11  | Rob Atkinson   | LW   | 6'    | 170 lbs. | Jan. 2/70   | Moncton, N.B.        |
| 12  | Lorne Kanigan  | C    | 6'1"  | 185 lbs. | May 11/70   | Castlegar, B.C.      |
| 14  | Mike Knapton   | LW   | 6'    | 185 lbs. | Jan. 29/69  | Dryden, Ont.         |
| 16  | Cam Sylven     | C    | 5'10" | 175 lbs. | May 27/70   | Calgary, Alta.       |
| 17  | Shane Morson   | D    | 6'3"  | 205 lbs. | May 31/69   | Coquitlam, B.C.      |
| 18  | Duane Dennis   | LW   | 6'    | 180 lbs. | Feb. 6/69   | Vernon, B.C.         |
| 19  | Dave Oliver    | RW   | 6'    | 185 lbs. | Apr. 17/71  | Courtenay, B.C.      |
| 20  | Bruce Ramsay   | RW   | 6'1"  | 185 lbs. | Sept. 13/69 | Dryden, Ont.         |
| 21  | Garth Geddes   | RW   | 6'1"  | 185 lbs. | July 17/69  | Coquitlam, B.C.      |
| 22  | Troy Ewanchyna | RW   | 5'11" | 185 lbs. | Jan. 2/72   | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 24  | Paul MacLean   | LW   | 6'1"  | 195 lbs. | Nov. 27/69  | Oakville, Ont.       |
| 25  | Rylan Ferster  | LW   | 6'1"  | 200 lbs. | Feb. 6/69   | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 27  | Jason Elders   | C    | 5'10" | 185 lbs. | Dec. 28/70  | Winfield, B.C.       |

G.M. .... Mel Lis  
 Coach .... Ed Johnstone  
 Assistant Coach ... Keith Chase  
 Trainers .... Sonny Jenkins, Vic Chenier



## NEW WESTMINSTER ROYALS

| No. | PLAYER            | POS. | HT.   | WT.      | BIRTHDAY | HOMETOWN              |
|-----|-------------------|------|-------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 6   | MARK KARPEN       | C    | 5'11" | 165 lbs. | 13/ 5/69 | Virginia, Minn.       |
| 8   | DAVE SOUKOROFF    | C/W  | 5'10" | 175 lbs. | 21/ 3/70 | Fernie, B.C.          |
| 10  | DON DWYER         | LW   | 6'2"  | 205 lbs. | 20/ 1/69 | Seattle, Wash.        |
| 11  | GREG HADDEN       | C    | 5'9"  | 170 lbs. | 4/12/70  | Vancouver, B.C.       |
| 12  | JUSTIN GEORGE     | C    | 5'10" | 175 lbs. | 4/12/69  | Vancouver, B.C.       |
| 14  | BRIAN McNIE       | RW   | 5'10" | 190 lbs. | 9/ 8/71  | Surrey, B.C.          |
| 15  | CREGG NICOL       | LW   | 6'1"  | 203 lbs. | 16/ 4/69 | Kipp, Alta.           |
| 16  | PERRY NEUFELD     | RW   | 6'2"  | 200 lbs. | 28/ 7/69 | Lethbridge, Alta.     |
| 17  | BLAINE MOORE      | C/W  | 5'10" | 175 lbs. | 8/10/69  | Kitimat, B.C.         |
| 19  | COLIN WADE        | LW   | 6'    | 190 lbs. | 5/ 9/70  | Leduc, Alta.          |
| 20  | TRENT PROCTER     | RW   | 5'11" | 185 lbs. | 16/ 5/69 | Stonewall, Man.       |
| 22  | KELLY JONES       | RW   | 5'9"  | 175 lbs. | 5/ 7/69  | Winnipeg, Man.        |
| 23  | JEFF TURCOTTE     | C    | 5'8"  | 160 lbs. | 24/ 4/69 | Pontiac, Mich.        |
| 77  | DAVID EARN        | LW   | 6'    | 185 lbs. | 15/ 4/69 | Winnipeg, Man.        |
| 2   | JASON WHITE       | D    | 5'11" | 185 lbs. | 12/ 2/73 | Anchorage, Al.        |
| 3   | STEVE CARPENTER   | D    | 5'10" | 170 lbs. | 30/ 3/71 | Williams Lake, B.C.   |
| 4   | DONEAU MENARD     | D    | 5'11" | 200 lbs. | 6/ 2/69  | Saskatoon, Sask.      |
| 5   | GARRET MacDONALD  | D    | 5'11" | 170 lbs. | 12/ 1/71 | Burnaby, B.C.         |
| 9   | DERRY MENARD      | W/D  | 5'11" | 185 lbs. | 8/ 8/70  | Pr. Albert, Sask.     |
| 18  | NIGEL CREIGHTNEY  | D    | 6'1"  | 190 lbs. | 9/ 8/71  | Surrey, B.C.          |
| 21  | DARWIN McCLELLAND | D    | 6'    | 180 lbs. | 20/ 2/69 | Grande Prairie, Alta. |
| 24  | ANDREW WOLF       | D    | 5'11" | 200 lbs. | 29/ 8/69 | Richmond, B.C.        |
| 1   | TODD JONES        | G    | 5'11" | 175 lbs. | 12/ 3/70 | Thunder Bay, Ont.     |
| 35  | CORY CADDEN       | G    | 6'2"  | 200 lbs. | 21/ 2/69 | Edmonton, Alta.       |
| 42  | BARRY RYSZ        | G    | 5'7"  | 160 lbs. | 14/10/70 | Prince George, B.C.   |

General Manager ..... Roy Henderson  
 Coach ..... John Oliver  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Harvey Smyl, Dennis Pisiak & Vic LeMire  
 Trainers ..... Wayne Hubbard & Gary Meredith

## LES SIEURS DU COLLEGE FRANCAIS DE LONGUEUIL

| No. | PLAYER                | POS. | HT.   | WT.      | BIRTHDAY |
|-----|-----------------------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| 27  | PATRICK JEANSON       | G    | 5'11" | 175 lbs. | 12/27/70 |
| 30  | MARTIN LANOUE         | G    | 5'11" | 170 lbs. | 06/04/71 |
| 31  | ERIC CARDINAL         | G    | 5'11" | 170 lbs. | 03/25/71 |
| 3   | MARTIN LAQUERRE       | D    | 5'9"  | 160 lbs. | 11/29/70 |
| 4   | ANGELO SACIENTE       | D    | 5'8"  | 155 lbs. | 01/31/70 |
| 5   | PIERRE St. MARSEILLE  | D    | 5'11" | 170 lbs. | 08/05/70 |
| 6   | STEPHANE SAVARIA      | D    | 6'2"  | 170 lbs. | 06/13/71 |
| 7   | MARC ALAIN DUCHAINE   | C    | 5'6"  | 150 lbs. | 08/07/69 |
| 8   | JOEL HARAN            | C    | 5'11" | 175 lbs. | 04/25/71 |
| 9   | JOCELYN BINET         | LW   | 6'    | 170 lbs. | 07/13/70 |
| 10  | MICHEL VOYER          | LW   | 5'8"  | 166 lbs. | 04/06/69 |
| 14  | STEPHANE MORANDUZZO   | LW   | 5'10" | 160 lbs. | 01/16/71 |
| 16  | CHRIS KONSTANTOPOULOS | LW   | 6'    | 175 lbs. | 06/29/70 |
| 18  | PHILLIP ROBERT        | LW   | 5'11" | 220 lbs. | 12/21/70 |
| 19  | PASCAL BOUVRETTE      | D    | 5'7"  | 165 lbs. | 11/25/70 |
| 20  | PATRICK LEROUX        | LW   | 6'1"  | 180 lbs. | 02/01/71 |
| 21  | JEAN FRANCOIS JODOIN  | D    | 5'9"  | 170 lbs. | 12/12/70 |
| 22  | STEVE RICHARD         | C    | 5'8"  | 170 lbs. | 01/05/71 |
| 23  | MARCO DESMARAIS       | D    | 6'    | 180 lbs. | 11/12/71 |
| 24  | JONATHAN BLACK        | RW   | 6'    | 180 lbs. | 03/17/72 |
| 25  | ERIC MARSOLAI         | C    | 5'10" | 160 lbs. | 11/02/69 |
| 26  | STEVE BOUCHER         | RW   | 6'1"  | 160 lbs. | 03/09/71 |
| 33  | STEEVE MILLIARD       | RW   | 6'    | 180 lbs. | 11/04/72 |
| 37  | YVES OTIS             | C    | 5'11" | 180 lbs. | 10/18/71 |
| 44  | SYLVAIN DUFOUR        | C    | 6'    | 165 lbs. | 08/01/72 |
|     | MARCO PARENTEAU       | C    | 6'    | 180 lbs. | 03/12/70 |
|     | PATRICK SÉGUIN        | LW   | 6'2"  | 180 lbs. | 06/22/69 |
|     | HANDEL DUPLESSIS      | C    | 6'    | 160 lbs. | 11/18/71 |
| 11  | ERIC BRIERE           | LW   | 5'11" | 155 lbs. | 01/26/72 |

Coach ..... PIERRE PETRONI

## NIPAWIN HAWKS

| No. | PLAYER          | POS.  | HT.    | WT.      | BIRTHDAY    | HOMETOWN             |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 4   | TREVOR HUBER    | LW    | 5'10"  | 195 lbs. | Mar. 29/70  | Unity, Sask.         |
| 3   | PAUL BRISEBOIS  | D     | 5'10"  | 175 lbs. | Jan. 8/70   | Saskatoon, Sask.     |
| 2   | ROD MILLER      | D     | 6'1"   | 190 lbs. | May 2/70    | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 1   | DEAN REED       | G     | 6'1"   | 185 lbs. | July 9/71   | Rédwater, Alta.      |
| 5   | BRAD WOODS      | D     | 6'2"   | 210 lbs. | May 28/69   | LeRoy, Sask.         |
| 6   | BRAD KIRKLAND   | D     | 6'     | 190 lbs. | Aug. 30/70  | Star City, Sask.     |
| 7   | DAVID PODLUBNY  | D     | 6'2"   | 215 lbs. | Sept. 30/70 | Edmonton, Alta.      |
| 8   | CORY MALENFANT  | LW    | 5'10"  | 200 lbs. | Aug. 8/70   | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 9   | SEAN JACKSON    | C     | 5'8"   | 165 lbs. | July 6/70   | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 10  | BARRY SMITH     | RW    | 5'11"  | 200 lbs. | Feb. 24/70  | Saskatoon, Sask.     |
| 11  | NORMAN CASAVANT | RW    | 5'10"  | 175 lbs. | Dec. 22/70  | Arborfield, Sask.    |
| 12  | TRENT HAMM      | C     | 5'11½" | 180 lbs. | June 26/71  | LaRonge, Sask.       |
| 14  | DAVID GARDNER   | RW    | 5'9"   | 210 lbs. | Feb. 5/71   | Climax, Sask.        |
| 15  | COREY OSMAN     | RW/LW | 6'1"   | 185 lbs. | Aug. 20/70  | Edmonton, Alta.      |
| 17  | DWAYNE SOLES    | RD    | 6'1"   | 175 lbs. | Nov. 30/69  | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 18  | ALLEN WONITOWY  | LW    | 5'9"   | 180 lbs. | Jan. 23/69  | Kamsack, Sask.       |
| 20  | BRIAN KAPPELLER | LW    | 6'1"   | 190 lbs. | Mar. 29/71  | Arborfield, Sask.    |
| 21  | TREVOR SENN     | RW    | 5'8"   | 180 lbs. | Apr. 7/70   | Kindersley, Sask.    |
| 22  | CHAD SCHNEIDER  | D     | 5'11"  | 195 lbs. | Nov. 10/71  | Prince Albert, Sask. |
| 24  | SCOTT BLAKEMAN  | C     | 5'10"  | 171 lbs. | June 17/69  | Calgary, Alta.       |
| 25  | DEREK CRAWFORD  | C     | 6'3"   | 190 lbs. | Apr. 14/69  | Winnipeg, Man.       |
| 26  | JIM McLARTY     | RW    | 5'11"  | 180 lbs. | Jan. 29/71  | Tisdale, Sask.       |
| 30  | NEIL LITTLE     | G     | 6'1"   | 165 lbs. | Dec. 18/71  | Medicine Hat, Sask.  |
| 31  | LAUREN BELLAND  | G     | 5'9"   | 155 lbs. | Jan. 3/69   | Edmonton, Alta.      |

## AMHERST JUNIOR RAMBLERS ROSTER

| No. | PLAYER            | POS.  | HT.   | WT.      | BIRTHDAY | HOMETOWN             |
|-----|-------------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 17  | ANDY GRENIER      | LW    | 6'1"  | 200 lbs. | 4/13/69  | Dalhousie, N.B.      |
| 77  | MATT RIPLEY       | C     | 5'10" | 170 lbs. | 10/25/70 | Amherst, N.S.        |
| 99  | CHUCK ROSS        | RW    | 5'9"  | 180 lbs. | 5/05/69  | Windsor, N.S.        |
| 3   | CHRIS PELLETIER   | RD    | 6'0"  | 193 lbs. | 1/04/69  | Welland, Ont.        |
| 6   | SHAWN MILLS       | RW    | 5'6"  | 165 lbs. | 11/25/69 | St. John, N.B.       |
| 7   | TROY KANE         | RW    | 6'0"  | 180 lbs. | 6/19/71  | Canning, N.S.        |
| 19  | J. J. CORMIER     | LW/LD | 6'0"  | 180 lbs. | 12/19/70 | Amherst, N.S.        |
| 11  | ANDY PAQUETTE     | C     | 5'10" | 180 lbs. | 3/21/69  | Sudbury, Ont.        |
| 12  | BILL ANSEMS       | RW    | 6'4"  | 190 lbs. | 7/01/70  | Canning, N.S.        |
| 4   | ALLAN MacDONALD   | RD    | 6'0"  | 190 lbs. | 11/05/71 | Pictou, N.S.         |
| 8   | DIETER WARWICK    | RW    | 6'0"  | 185 lbs. | 11/02/71 | Amherst, N.S.        |
| 14  | SCOTT PUNNETT     | LW    | 6'3"  | 210 lbs. | 3/25/70  | North Bay, Ont.      |
| 16  | KIRK GALE         | RD    | 6'0"  | 195 lbs. | 7/04/69  | Stephenville, Nfld.  |
| 66  | GILLES MALTAIS    | C     | 5'11" | 175 lbs. | 11/02/70 | Eel River, N.B.      |
| 44  | BRUCE HARPER      | C     | 5'9"  | 180 lbs. | 7/26/69  | Sackville, N.B.      |
| 15  | SHAWN PICKERING   | RD    | 6'0"  | 180 lbs. | 4/10/71  | Amherst, N.S.        |
| 5   | RICHARD St. AMAND | RD    | 5'11" | 190 lbs. | 6/18/70  | Grand Falls, N.B.    |
| 10  | KEN LIM           | LD    | 5'10" | 185 lbs. | 9/26/71  | New Glasgow, N.S.    |
| 9   | PAT FLYNN         | LW    | 6'2"  | 210 lbs. | 12/20/69 | Montreal, Que.       |
|     | MIKE GRAVEL       | C     | 6'0"  | 165 lbs. | 2/24/72  | Amherst, N.S.        |
| 2   | KEN PERRELL       | RW    | 6'0"  | 180 lbs. | 10/07/70 | St. John's, Nfld.    |
| 29  | ALLAN DEEKS       | LD    | 6'5"  | 220 lbs. | 4/15/69  | Pappineauville, Que. |
| 1   | RENE LeBLANC      | G     | 6'0"  | 185 lbs. | 2/17/69  | Riverview, N.B.      |
| 31  | TODD ISAACSON     | G     | 5'9"  | 170 lbs. | 3/17/70  | Verdun, Que.         |
| 30  | JOE BONVIE        | G     | 6'3"  | 185 lbs. | 12/27/71 | Stephenville, Nfld.  |

Coach/G.M. .... Bill Riley  
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**NEW WESTMINSTER ROYALS — 1989 - 90**

### **NEW WESTMINSTER ROYALS HISTORY**

The New Westminster Royals came back to B.C. Jr. 'A' hockey circles in 1988-89, after being away since the 1970's and have promptly made an impact not only in the BCJHL, but in western Canada.

The Royals steamrolled their way through the 1989-90 BCJHL season, winning 52, losing 3 and tying 4. New West set a league record with a 39 game undefeated streak that stretched from October 22, 1989 to February 9, 1990. The Royals also broke the Vernon Lakers league record of 15 consecutive wins on the road by going 17 before tying Vernon 7-7. The Royals ended up going 19 consecutive games on the road without a loss.

Former WHL coach John Olver, along with G.M. Roy Henderson, assembled a well balanced New Westminster machine this year. The Royals led the BCJHL in goals scored with 444, and goals against with 181. The 181 was only 7 more than Penticton Knights allowed in 27 games before folding. Royals owner Bruce Taylor is no stranger to the Centennial Cup. He owned the Richmond Sockeyes — the last team from B.C. to win the Centennial Cup when they won the national championship in 1987.

A New Westminster victory at this years Centennial Cup tournament would give the Queen City both major junior hockey trophies, remembering the mighty New Westminster Bruins of Punch McLean, Stan Smyl, John Ogradnick and Barry Beck, who won back to back Memorial Cups in 1977 and 78. Smyl's brother, Harvey, is currently an assistant with the Royals.

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Paul Brisebois.

MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Ken Barr (Assistant Coach), Brad Kirkland,  
Brian Kapeller, Rod Miller, Dave Podlubny,  
Corey Osmak, Chad Schneider,  
Jim McLarty, Barry Smith.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Lauren Belland, Derek Crawford,  
Lou Wagar (Assistant Coach),  
Brad Woods, Bob Lowes (Coach),  
Dwayne Soles, Dean Reed.

### NIPAWIN HAWKS HISTORY

A patient developmental approach has brought the Nipawin Hawks from new kids on the block to the top of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League in five seasons.

The Hawks completed their rise through the SJHL by defeating the Yorkton Terriers 6-1 April 18 at Yorkton to claim the league title in six games.

Nipawin had needed seven games to bypass the Weyburn Red Wings in the league semifinal, after eliminating the Flin Flon Bombers four straight in the opening round.

They concluded each series with victories in their opponents' home rinks.

Hundreds of Hawks loyalists were in Yorkton to savor the championship with the players, who are treated like adoptive sons in this close-knit community of 4,800 in northeastern Saskatchewan.

The strong bond between the team and the community is the key to the Hawks success.

Nipawin has always been a hotbed of hockey, but prior to 1985-86 had never been home to a team above Junior B or intermediate level.

That changed when rumors circulated prior to the 1985-86 season that the SJHL was considering expansion.

A hastily-organized public meeting prompted a franchise application that was favorably received by the league in the late spring of 1985.

The team's organizers had just a few weeks to hire a coach, develop a players' list and attend to the many other details involved in launching a new franchise.

The first season was more moral victory than artistic success, as the team finished 10th in the 11-team league. But they were close — the Hawks suffered 18 losses by one-goal margins that year, which buoyed spirits for the future.

The succeeding years have seen a gradual progression toward power in league play. In 1986-87, the Hawks made the playoffs and took powerful Yorkton to a seventh game before bowing out in the opening round. The next year, they won their first round, before being sidelined in the league semifinal by the eventual Centennial Cup champion Notre Dame Hounds. In 1988-89, the Hawks won their first two rounds — including a second-round win over Notre Dame — before losing to the Humboldt Broncos in the league final.

This year, the Hawks would not be denied, charging to the league championship with 12 victories in 17 games.

Except for a paid coaching staff, the Hawks organization is operated by volunteers on behalf of the community. The home Centennial Arena seats just 880, but town council has approved seating expansion prior to next season.

Extensive travel in the SJHL — from Flin Flon in northern Manitoba, throughout Saskatchewan and down to Minot, North Dakota — means operating budgets in the \$250,000 range for most teams, which might daunt some communities of Nipawin's size.

But when you see a Hawks' fan at playoff time — face painted, wearing a team sweater and cap, brandishing pompoms and with sirens wailing — it's easy to see why the franchise is flourishing.

Step by step, backed by their rabid fans, the Hawks have advanced further each year toward the ultimate goal, the Centennial Cup.

This year, Hawks' fans hope to see them soar to the pinnacle.



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That same year, Les Sieurs joined the tier 2 Quebec circuit and have quickly established themselves as a powerhouse, having won the league and regular season titles in their first two years.

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The 1989-90 edition of Amherst's junior hockey team brings back long-lost pride to the Town of Amherst and once again the name "Ramblers" has become symbolic of greatness in the Atlantic provinces.

The Ramblers name has been a part of sports in this Nova Scotia border town for close to 100 years with the first fame coming in 1905 when the Amherst senior Ramblers put in a bid for a crack at the famed Stanley Cup.

And now, some 85 years later, the Amherst Junior Ramblers have a chance to bring home one of Canada's top junior hockey awards, the Centennial Cup.

The present day edition of the Amherst Junior Rambler hockey club became a reality from a dream Amherst barrister Maurice (Moe) Bent had in the summer of 1967. That fall a team was iced and looking for a league to play in. Also, the Amherst Junior Ramblers Hockey Association, the backbone for fund-raising and decision-making, was formed and today it still plays a major role in the operation of the squad.

The Ramblers joined the Moncton Metro Junior Hockey League in early December and ended up winning the playoff championship in their first year of operation. But, best of all, Amherst fans got their first taste of junior hockey in over 15 years and they were hooked on it.

In the fall of 1968 the Ramblers joined a newly-formed Metro Valley Junior Hockey League and despite some up and down financial years and many seasons where they missed the league playoffs, the team is still part of a loop where many other junior squads have fallen by the wayside.

From day one, 22 years ago, the Ramblers have always enjoyed the largest home crowds of any team in the MVJHL. In the last three games of the Atlantic Region championship over 3,200 screaming fans were jammed into Amherst Stadium for each contest. Not bad for a rink that seats only 2,100.

Success, as far as winning, came slow to the Ramblers and up until this season, the furthest the team ever went was to the Metro Valley semi-finals before hanging up their skates for the season.

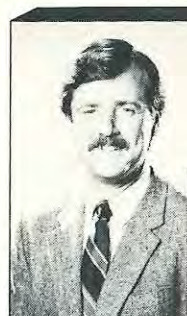
The turn-around point came with the appointment of new coach former NHL'er Bill Riley, a native of Amherst. It was back home for Riley who starred for the local Ramblers 20 years earlier winning two straight Rambler MVP awards.

Riley took the bull by the horns and turned the Ramblers around stressing hard work and discipline as the key to success. He also signed a number of top-calibre players that were unreachable before he took over the coaching duties.

The Ramblers also acquired a new sponsor this season with General Eastern Homes Ltd. of Amherst taking some of the financial load off the back of the Rambler Association. Financially it has been a successful season for the squad, but a deficit still remains from the lean days of years gone by.

The success of the Amherst Junior Ramblers this season and the winning of the Callaghan Cup, symbolic of Atlantic Region junior hockey supremacy, has assured the future of junior hockey in Amherst for at least another season. A Centennial Cup victory would put the icing on the cake.

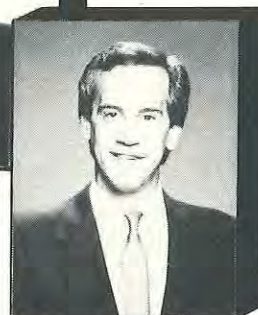




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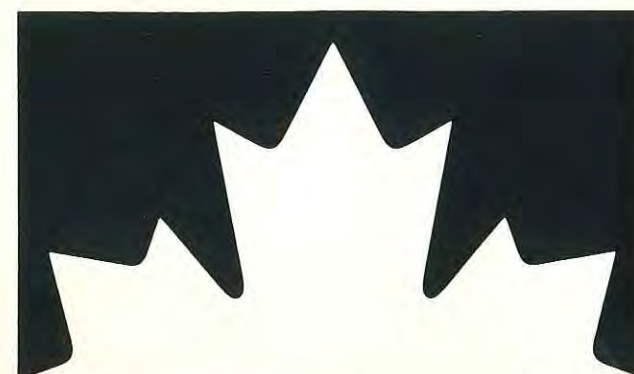
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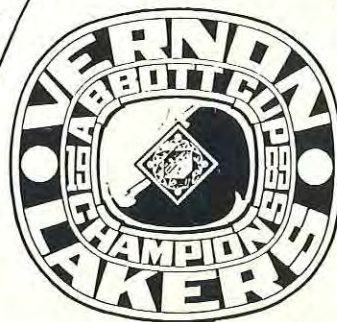
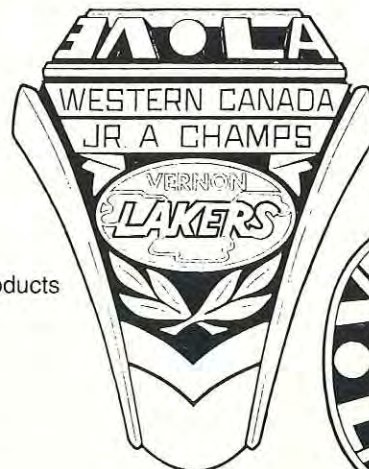
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## Molson Canada/Canadian Airlines Player Of The Year Program

Each Junior 'A' team was requested to submit their player of the year nominee to their league office.

The 12 individual leagues across Canada then nominated one player from their league. This nomination was sent to the CAHA National office where the nominations were turned over to a qualified CAHA panel of judges.

Each of the nominations were judged against players from their own region.

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The four (4) Regional Molson Canadian/Canadian Airlines Player of the Year nominees, selected by the CAHA panel of Judges, were invited to attend the 1990 Centennial Cup in Vernon, B.C. courtesy of Molson and Canadian Airlines. During their stay in Vernon, they will be interviewed by a panel of Judges made up of the media, selected from the cities or towns participating in the 1990 Centennial Cup.

The media committee will make their selection of the 1990 Molson Canadian/Canadian Airlines Junior 'A' Player of the Year and the announcement of the winner will be made at the 1990 Centennial Cup banquet on Thursday evening, May 10.

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## BCJHL HISTORY

The B.C. Junior Hockey League was established in 1961 following the demise of the old Okanagan Senior Hockey League, with the first league game played on October 31, 1961, featuring the Vernon Canadians hosting the Kelowna Buckaroos. The league was known at the time as the Okanagan Junior 'A' league and was comprised of the 4 Okanagan teams: Kelowna Buckaroos, Vernon Canadians, Kamloops Rockets and Penticton Vees. Penticton dropped out of the league after the 1962/63 season leaving only the 3 teams but re-surfaced in 1964 as the Penticton Broncos. In 1966/67 the league established an interlocking schedule with two teams from the coast, the New Westminster Royals and Vancouver. The Royals under coach Bob Fenton had a strong nucleus from the previous season and proved to be one of the strongest teams in league history. They won the Mowat Cup that season (66/67) and by defeating both the Alberta and Saskatchewan champions became the first BCJHL team to advance to the Western Junior 'A' final. In 1967/68 the Victoria Cougars replaced Vancouver and at this point the league established itself as the 6 team British Columbia Junior Hockey League. In 1970/71 the league expanded to 8 teams establishing a 4 team Coastal Division and a 4 team Okanagan Division. It was at this time crowds of up to three and four thousand would watch BCJHL games and it was also during this season (70/71) the first BCJHL All-Star game was played, an annual event showcasing many future NHL players that continues to this day. During the 1970's, several teams were added, some shifted franchises, others folded. In 1972/73, the Nanaimo Clippers and Bellingham Blazers joined the league establishing the BCJHL as the only International Junior 'A' league in Canada. Some of the established BCJHL franchises such as Kamloops, Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster left the league when Major Junior Hockey moved into those centers at different stages during the '70's. The 1980's brought much more success and prestige to the BCJHL. A landmark event took place during the 1982/83 season as that season's Champions and Mowat Cup winners — Abbotsford Flyers under coach Don Berry — were the first BCJHL team to go all the way to the Canadian Junior 'A' final, the Centennial Cup. In 1984/85, 85/86 and 86/87 the BCJHL Champions in each of those seasons advanced to the Centennial Cup finals with the Penticton Knights coached by Rick Kozuback winning the Cup in 85/86 and the Richmond Sockeyes under coach Orland Kurtenbach winning the Canadian Championship in 86/87. The 85/86 Knights, the first BCJHL team to win the Centennial Cup, had a brilliant season which included recording 38 consecutive home ice victories, a BCJHL record. In 1988/89 the BCJHL again advanced to the Centennial Cup tournament this time represented by the Vernon Lakers. The 1989/90 season was highlighted by the John Oliver coached New Westminster Royals, likely the most dominant team in league history, breaking 6 league records during the course of the season.

The League over the years has produced not only its share of high profile champions, especially during the '80's but has also seen many of its "graduates" move up the ladder to the NHL. Several NHL players such as Glenn Anderson, Stan Smyl, Ron Greschner, Brett Hull, John Ogradnick, Ryan Walter, Mel Bridgeman, Geoff Courtnall, Barry Beck, Barry Pederson, Ray Ferraro and Andy Moog all played hockey in the BCJHL. The aforementioned Bridgeman became the first former BCJHL player (Nanaimo Clippers) to be picked number one overall in the NHL entry draft. This occurred with the 1975 draft. Former Penticton Knight Joe Murphy became the second, as he was the NHL's number one draft pick in 1986. In the 1989 NHL draft, Vernon Lakers defenseman Jason Marshall became the first BCJHL player to be picked in the first round (9th player picked) directly out of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Over the years the BCJHL has been very proud of the number of its players who have continued their education through hockey scholarships, particularly with American Colleges and Universities. This trend started in the BCJHL in the late 1960's and has evolved to the point where there is now, during the 89/90 season, a total of 97 former BCJHL players playing hockey on scholarship with U.S. schools.

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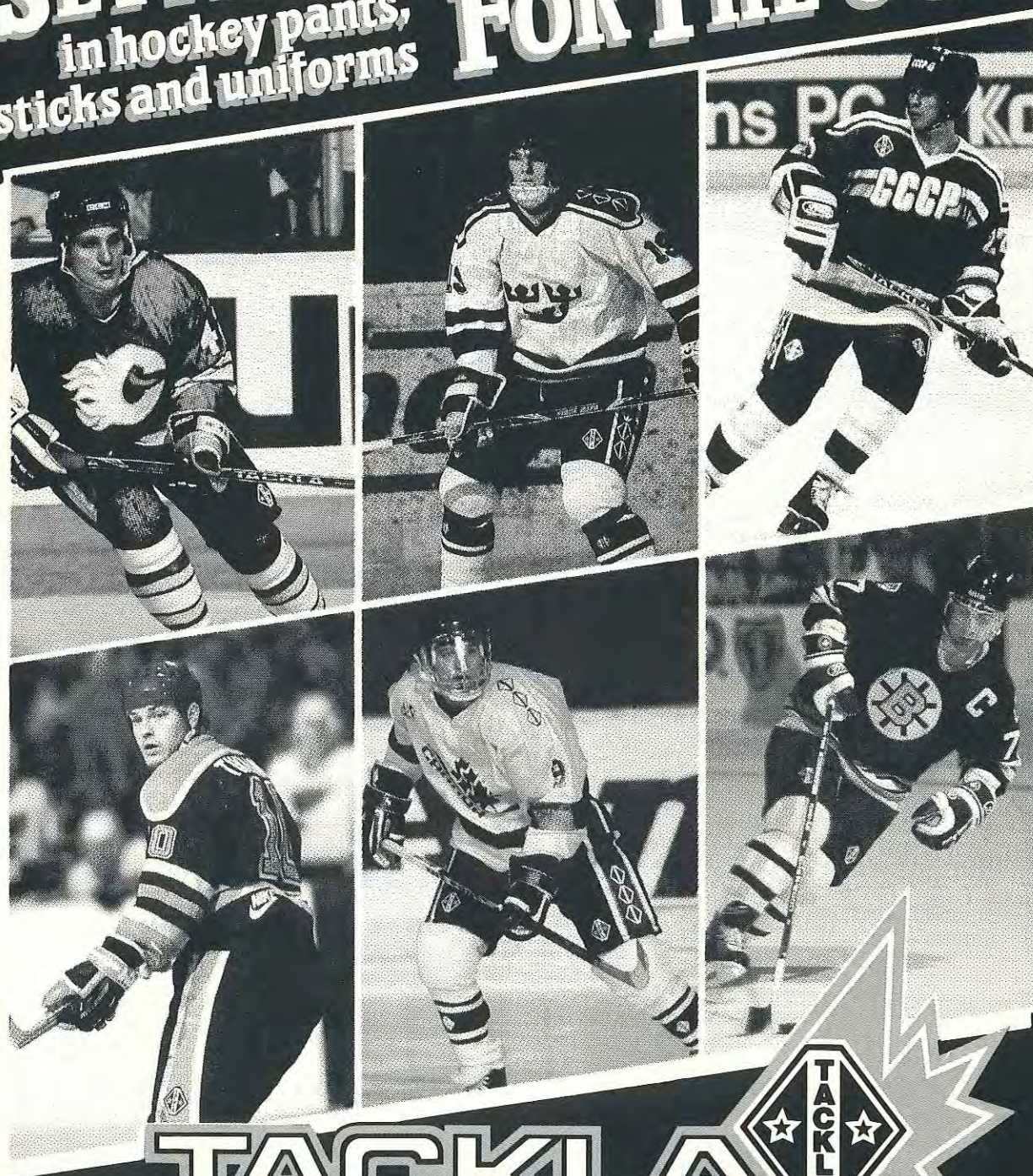
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