Junior Hockey League Raps Raiding By Pros

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League will not be a "contented cow" for professional hockey teams to milk at their pleasure.

In fact Bossie is going to start kicking.

Monday night at a meeting in Vernon the OJHL decided to fight the milking off of its top hockey talent by pro teams.

The league, with president Len Miller as its chief representative, will present its case to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association's annual convention in Prince George next month.

The OJHL will likely press for a method of halting the raiding practices of pro hockey clubs or else some form of compensation for the loss of its players.

The decision to fight raiding was made following a protest by Kelowna Buckaroos' manager Bob Giordano that two of his best players had been sought out by a National Hockey League club.

"They offered us $1,000 as compensation but I told them we didn't want money," said Giordano. "If they want our junior players they should replace them with players of similar calibre and find these replacements jobs."

The league expanded from three to four teams at Monday's meeting with the official and unanimous acceptance of a combined Penticton - Summerland junior hockey club.

The team replaces the old Penticton entry that was forced to withdraw from the OJHL a year ago.

George Stoll, manager of the new club, said ice time would be available in Penticton on Friday nights and on occasional Sundays in Summerland.

Kelowna once again has Fridays and Saturdays, Kamloops Wednesdays and Saturdays and Vernon Tuesdays and Saturdays with the possibility of Fridays and Sundays as well.

The schedule for the 1964-65 season will likely be drawn up the next meeting, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28. The season opens in October.

Doug Bulwer of Vernon was named league secretary-treasurer at the meeting and Arnold Smith, also of Vernon, picked again as referee-in-chief.

There was some discussion on franchises for operating junior hockey clubs in the Okanagan. The latter will be investigated further.

Minor Boxlamen Trek To Coast

Local minor lacrosse activity swings down to Vancouver this weekend.

Saturday, and possibly Sunday, the Vernon midget lacrosse squad, coached and managed by Dick File, will play a pair of exhibition games with the Vancouver B.C. Equipment