

club can establish a solid ground game, they can beat the Vikings. Steelers are three-point favorites to win.

Berry top man in BCJHL



DOUG BERRY
. . . most valuable

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — The British Columbia Junior Hockey League said Friday Doug Berry of the Kelowna Buckaroos has been named rookie of the year and most valuable hockey player in the BCJHL, based on the first half of the league schedule.

Named as top defenceman for the first half of the season was Brian McAlister of the Bellingham Blazers, who edged Carl Cureatz of the Chilliwack Bruins.

Mark Schnarr of Kelowna led the balloting for the most sportsmanlike player, followed closely by Merritt's Darrell Zelinski.

Voting for the half-way awards was conducted by the eight BCJHL teams.

National Football League championship. The reason?

"I did that before," he said. "I picked it up five years ago and I don't want to do it again."

Grant, former coach of Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football league, obviously saw something mystical in touching the trophy in 1970 because the Vikings lost 23-7 to Kansas City Chiefs. He didn't say anything about last year, when he didn't touch the trophy, but the Vikings still lost to Miami Dolphins, 24-7.

KAPP ISSUE RETURNS

Another ghost of the past presented itself to Grant on the eve of pro football's biggest game. Kapp, who quarterbacked the Vikings in that loss to Kansas City five years ago, was making news again.

Kapp, who has since become the pivotal figure in one of the sport's most far-reaching legal decisions, was the major topic Friday when NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle conducted his annual pre-game news conference.

Several years ago, Kapp refused to sign an NFL contract, calling it illegal, and sued the league. Last month, a San Francisco judge ruled in his favor. And Rozelle says the league has begun what will be a lengthy appeal process.

Far from the news conference and from the Kapp decision, another Minnesota quarterback was hard at work with his team-mates. Fran Tarkenton, who brought the phrase "scrambling" into the NFL lexicon, worked out in a rain-drenched, wind-swept Tulane Stadium, which

SOCCER DRAFT SET

NEW YORK (CP) — The North American Soccer League will conduct its draft of college players Jan. 15 using a conference telephone line to connect clubs to league headquarters in New York.

Vikings battle Clippers tonight

Vernon Vikings take on Nanaimo Clippers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight at 8 p.m. at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Vikings have lost three of their last four games including a 4-2 setback Wednesday in Merritt.

Tonight's game is a must if Vernon hopes to keep pace with the second-place Penticton Broncos, who lead the Vikings by one point.

Vikings Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News he is looking for big things from the Dwight Bailey - Jeff Boychuck - Marty Stein line. Bailey, the club's leading scorer has been in a bit of a slump for the past month but was still named to the interior division all-stars.

Boychuk came to the Vikings from Medicine Hat in early December and as yet has not played up to his full potential.

However, the player who has been flying during the last month has been Stein. After scoring 19 goals during the 1973-74 season with the Vikings, Stein got off to a terrible start this year. But, during recent games, he has been digging in the corners and is starting to score with regularity.

Tennant feels that once that line hits its stride, it could be one of the most potent units in the league.

Tennant would not say who will be starting in the nets tonight but he did say he would like to start giving Darrell Furmanek more ice time. Jim Scammel has been doing most of the shot-stopping for Vernon this year but Furmanek is considered to be one of the brightest young prospects on the Vikings.

Last Monday when Vernon battled to a 7-7 tie with Medicine Hat, Furmanek played the third period and was brilliant, allowing only one goal.

Kal tangles with Raiders

Undefeated Kal Hotel puts its nine-game streak on the line Sunday when they take on Winfield Raiders in North Okanagan Hockey League action at the Vernon Civic Arena.

In the second-half of the NOHL doubleheader Sunday, Armstrong Cougars tangle with Vernon Screaming Eagles. Game times are 7:30 and 9 p.m.

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