

KELOWNA, PENTICTON

Bench-clearing brawl results in suspensions

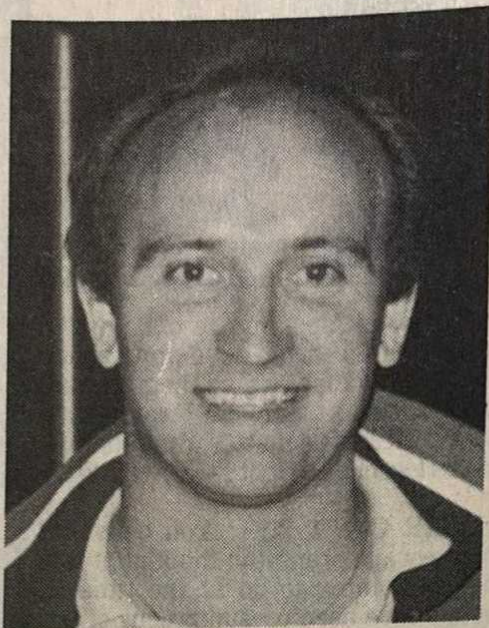
KELOWNA (Special) — B.C. Junior Hockey League has handed down suspensions to 13 players and team officials after a donnybrook last week in Penticton.

Kelowna Packers and Penticton Knights were involved in a bench-clearing brawl at the conclusion of their game.

Knights' Head Coach Rick Kozuback and assistant coaches Grant Konopaki and Mike Barrett were given three-game suspensions. Kuzuback and Barrett were suspended an additional five games for using an ineligible player, Todd Torrens, in a Nov. 23 game against Merritt.

Penticton's other assistant coach, Nick Iannone, was handed a 10-game suspension for his part in the brawl. Penticton players Marc Rousseau and Al Novakowski were given three-game suspensions after receiving gross misconducts. Three other Knights, James Burnett, Peter deGraaf, and Greg Cyr will miss at least three games. They were handed match penalties, which carry a minimum three-game suspension. However, the penalties are expected to be severe when announced by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

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penalties in the past two years, deGraaf was given a double match, and Cyr was penalized for assault of an official.

Kelowna trainer Jerry Legault and assistant coach Ed Ruff were suspended for 10 and five games, respectively.

Kelowna players Wade Stubley and Carey Fisher will miss three games after being assessed gross misconducts.

Meanwhile in BCJHL action Friday night both Packers and Knights were victorious in spite of their respective lack of players and coaching personnel.

Packers got two-goal performances from Jamie Kurki and Ward Carlson as they humbled Summerland Buckaroos 8-2 while Knights got two goals from Cal Brown as they defeated visiting Richmond Sockeyes 6-3.

In the only other BCJHL game Friday night, Langley Eagles edged Abbotsford Falcons 6-5 in overtime.

Packers, who had just 16 players dressed but were missing eight due to injuries and suspensions, also got goals from Shawn Harrison, Mike Murinko, Rick Viens, and Gary Ruff. Lorne Knauff scored both goals for Buckaroos who remain in fifth place in the Interior Division while Packers are in first.

Penticton got single goals from Lee Davidson, Greg Guidinger, Scott Rawson, and Rod Summers while Jim Butterworth, Brian Silversen, and Kevin Weremy replied for Sockeyes.

Doug MacDonald scored at 3:18 of overtime for Eagles who led 2-1 after the first period but were tied 4-4 after two.