

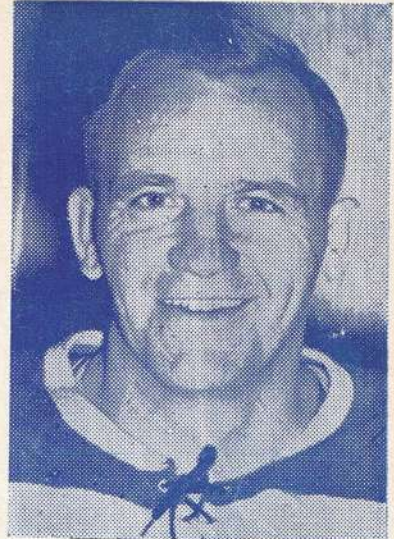
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Most of the Kimberley team have appeared on local ice during the past years, either with a visiting team, or wearing Vernon colors. Earl Betker played for a spell with the Kamloops club and wore the Vernon blue and white for one game. Jerry Fodey has been with the Spokane club for a number of years. Buzz Mellor was with the Canadians for a season after putting in some time with the Elks in Kamloops. Remember the line of Mellor, Booth and McIntyre? Ray McNiven was also here for a spell, but when the local club cut down to player strength, both he and Don Haley were released, McNiven taking up residence in Kimberley, and has been with them since.

Norm Knippleberg was with the Kelowna Packers, for a season or so, returning to Melville in Sask. This season he started out with the Packers, went up to Kamloops and finally dropped anchor in the Kootenay town.

Playing coach Norm Larson is no new face on Vernon ice, as he was with the Elks, going there along with Bob Goodacre. Norm went to Kimberley two years ago, and has been successful in whipping up a dipsey-doodle, fast skating club.

We look for these two clubs to give the fans of the Valley some hockey that will be talked about for years to come. Although it is too bad that Vernon being the winner of this zone, not being given the first home game of the series. The last three or four seasons have seen the winning home club getting the first two games. However, times change, and we must go along with the new setup.

The Canadians have gone through a spell of that 'flu, and it may take a game or so to get back to their solid game, the past few days rest has been welcome to coach Agar, and we feel that by Monday, they will be away winging again.

The local club has given the fans top flight performance this season, so we look for all hockey fans to back the Canadians during this series. Your support means much, both in play and financially. Remember the winner of the Savage cup series is at home to the Sask. club for the Western Canada semi-finals.

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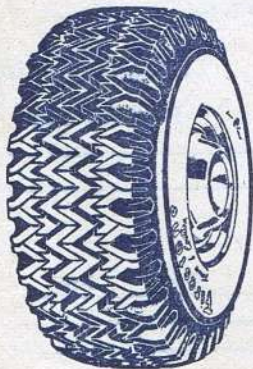
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O.S.A.H.L. ALL-STAR TEAM

Three repeaters from last year's All-Star selection and three new faces appear on this season's dream team lineup. Returning for the second time are Geo. Agar, Bill Warwick and Grant Warwick, while the three additions are McAvoy, McLelland and Dawes. The alternate team finds three Canadians, two from Kamloops and one each from Kelowna and Penticton.

Following are the lineups, with points obtained based on the awarding of two points for a first-team choice and one for the alternate:

FIRST TEAM

Ivan McLelland, Penticton	16	Goal
Bob Dawes, Kelowna	15	R Defence
George McAvoy, Penticton	12	L Defence
George Agar, Vernon	16	Center
Grant Warwick, Penticton	16	R Wing
Bill Warwick, Penticton	16	L Wing
Grant Warwick, Penticton	14	Coach

SECOND TEAM

{Boomer Rodzinyak, Kamloops	4
{ Hal Gordon, Vernon	4
Tom Stecyk, Vernon	8
Hal Tarala, Penticton	4
Jack MacDonald, Penticton	6
Bill Hryciuk, Kamloops	4
Jim Middleton, Kelowna	8
George Agar, Vernon	8

Honorable Mention—Willie Schmidt, Odie Lowe, Merv Bidoski, Sherman Blair, Orval Lavell (Vernon); Kevin Conway (Penticton); Johnny Milliard, Joe Conn, Gordie Kerr, Dave Duke, Phil Hergesheimer (Kamloops); Jim Hanson (Kelowna).

W.I.H.L. ALL-STAR TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Earl Betker, Kimberley	5	Goal
Gordon Andre, Kimberley	5	Defence
Vic Lofvendahl, Nelson	3	Defence
Herb Jeffrey, Nelson	4	Center
Joe Bell, Nelson	5	Left Wing
Ray Kinasewich, Nelson	5	Right Wing
Coach—Norm Larson, Kimberley.		

SECOND TEAM

{Seth Martin, Trail	3
{Ray Mikulan, Nelson	3
Murray Parker, Nelson	3
Bill Fletcher, Trail	3
Red Tilson, Spokane	4
Moe Young, Trail	4
Lorne Nadeau, Spokane	4
Coach—Chuck Raynor, Nelson.	

Rookie of the year, Kinasewich (4) Mikulan (2); most valuable player, Kromm (4), Martin and Andrea (2); most improved player, C. Bell and Andrea (3), Hamilton (2).

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Of the Kimberley Dynamiters

The Kimberley Dynamiters come to the Okanagan as champions of the W.I.H.L. after going through a bruising series with the Nelson Maple Leafs. The Kootenay team features a number of home minor hockey products. With many of the players well known to Okanagan hockey fans.

Goal Jerry Fodey. Fodey has had lots of experience in both pro and amateur company, having played for Portland and Seattle. The last four years he has been with the Spokane Flyers.

Spare goalie Earl Betker. Has been with the club two seasons, also having played here in the Okanagan for both Vernon and Kamloops. Has been out with injuries.

Defence, Bill Jones. Another two year man with the club. Terrific checker, is about 5 ft. 9 ins. and weighs in at about 185 lbs.

Defense, Barry Craig. With the team for two seasons. Stands about 6 ft. and tips the scales at over 200 lbs. Standout defenseman in the Kootenay league.

Defense, Gordon Andre. Also a second year man. Is rough and tough, hands out body checks with authority. Is 5 ft. 8 inches and weighs about 185. Watch him.

Defense, Bill "Tank" Johnson. Has been with the club since before the war. Has always been rated near the top. Is one of the real old timers with the team.

Defense, Ted Lebodja. Played three years in the Western Canada junior league with Crows Nest. Then stepped up to the Seattle Ironmen. Is one of the keymen on the point, picking up many goals this year from that spot.

Forward, Cal Hockley. This is his third year with the Dynamiters. A right winger, standing about 5 ft. 9 ins. and weighs 180 lbs. Well up in the scoring over there.

Forward, Gerry Barre. Was with the club in 51-52 and 52-53. Then went overseas to play in England. Rejoined the club this year.

Forward, Buzz Mellor. Well known to the Valley fans. Played in Kamloops and Vernon. Has been with this club for four years. Plays center and was well up near top of scoring heap.

Forward, Nip Knippleberg. Comes from Melville. Played for Kelowna, and started this season with Kamloops. Plays wing and shoots from the right side.

Forward, Claude Bell. 5 years with the club. Ended season 2nd in scoring. Started hockey with the Kootenay minor hockey clubs. Plays wing and shoots left.

Forward, Ray McNiven. Been with club four or five years. Has played for Vernon. Is a left winger and weighs about 155 lbs.

Forward, Buck Kavanaugh. The old timer of the team. Has been playing intermediate this season. Plays left wing and is about 180 lbs.

Coach and center, Norm Larson. Played pro for Calgary, then went to Kamloops, going to Kimberley two years ago as playing coach. Is tough man to keep from in front of opposition nets.



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Each centerman had his line well up in the scoring during the playoffs with the Kamloops Elks, and we look for the players to do a repeat performance. On their collective shoulders is a mantle of years of experience, both in the pro and amateur ranks.

With the club having a real solid defense, the Canadian forwards will be getting more chances to breakaway over the red line, and that Mighty Mite of the goalies, Hal Gordon guarding the Vernon nets, the Dynamiter forwards are in for a tough time denting that twine.

The second game of this series goes again on Monday night here in the Vernon arena, with the next game Wednesday, probably at Kamloops or Penticton. Just a reminder to patronize as many advertisers as you possibly can that sponsor ads in this programme. They have helped the Vernon Hockey Club all during the season.

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