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Respect from teammates is what counts

upon me is a lot more fun. It shows there was someone who wanted me for my last year," says Buchko. In Medicine Hat he was getting a distinctly unwanted feeling as the team looked to trim its roster of some unneeded overage players.

Buchko may yet make the Tigers regret losing him. As of last week he was only two points behind the

'Hat's top scorer, Ben Thompson, and four points ahead of their next highest player, Christ St. Jacques.

But impressing people is the last thing on Buchko's wishlist. Berkeley Buchko's hierarchy of respect is quite rigid, and it begins with his fellow players.

"You want your teammates to respect you. That is important. When you get

right down to it that's who you want to impress. That's who you're playing for. If you're trying to impress the fans in the stands you've got your priorities in the wrong spot."

As a 20-year-old player who hasn't been drafted, Buchko's hockey future is cloudy. If his hot streak continues he could get invited to an NHL training

camp. But he's the first to admit that he lacks the size and speed that most NHL teams look for. There's also minor pro, European leagues and even university hockey to consider. "Maybe I'll just call it a career," says Buchko. "I've got a lot of thinking to do at the end of the season and over the summer."

Minor Cats go from AAA to B

When the midget hockey teams were carded this season, the PG Freightliners Minor Midget Cougars were a few letters shorter than last.

The minor midget team has taken advantage of the changes to regulations within BC Amateur Hockey and instead of carding as a AAA team — like the major midgets — is now a B team.

"The minor team has always been considered a development team and we did a fine job of that last year," says minor midget coach Al Kean.

"We gave the major team a scare in the finals. This year the majors are very strong and we won't be quite as competitive. This year's goal is to be able to feed the major team when they need it and go for a provincial championship at the end of the year."

The switch from AAA to B means some big changes for the minors. In previous years the minor and major midget teams were in direct competition, both during the regular season and during the zone battle for a berth in the provin-

cials. Traditionally the stronger major team took the berth. This year the minor midgets, as the only B carded team in the Cariboo League, will have an automatic berth to the B provincials if they decide to take it.

On the opposite side of the coin, as a B team the minors won't be competing in Prince George's own Kinsmen AAA tournament, November 23 to 26. They will still play the regular derth of AAA teams through the season though, says Kean.

Another benefit both Kean and Prince George Minor Hockey president Bob Lepage see out of the switch to B is that, under CHA rules, players from the minor team can now step up to fill spots on the AAA major midgets that might open up with injuries or drop-outs without needing to use up any of the team's 25 cards. The minor team can act as a pool of temporary players to keep the major midgets strong for the Air Canada Cup.

"We're at a point where the number of kids is low enough we don't need two AAA teams and they (the minor team) said they would prefer being B,"

says Lepage. "This way they get to go to a provincials and actually be competitive."

League rules require both teams to be carded as AAA if registration reaches certain numbers. Low registration this year, and recognition of B teams by BC Amateur and the CHA for the first time meant switching to B was feasible, says Lepage.

Prince George isn't the only city suffering from low minor hockey numbers. Both Quesnel and 100-Mile House didn't form a minor midget team this year.

Prince George was almost a one-midget

team town as well until Rene Cote stepped forward to coach the team late in the pre-season. By that point many players had already given up on the minor team, says Kean.

"There was no coach in place. A lot of kids saw there wasn't a team and didn't bother showing up," says Kean. By the time the team had their third ice-time they had nine players. The same time last year the minor team had 22.

Kean plans for the minor team to travel to B tournaments in the Lower Mainland, where B level hockey is more common.

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PGYVC
Box 2947
Prince George, B.C., V2N 4T7
Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2000

The Club is also in need of coaches and assistant coaches for non-Tier 1A teams. For information, please contact Dianne Fowlie at the PGYVC office, 561-5848, ext. 388.

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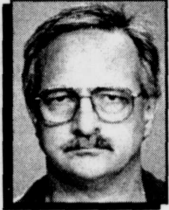
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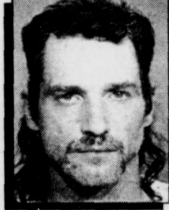
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JOHNSTON Brian Erle
1948 - January 17
183 cm or 6'
105kg or 233 lbs
Short Brown Hair
Black Eyes
Moustache

Crime Stoppers is asking the public's assistance in locating the following male who is wanted on Warrants. As of 10:30 am this 1st day of November 2000, **Brian Erle JOHNSTON** (BD: 1948-January 17th) is wanted on Warrants for Indecent Assault against another male. Assault causin bodily harm x 2, Sexual Assault and Administering a Noxious Substance. **JOHNSTON** is described as a Caucasian male, 183 cm or 6' tall and weighs 105 kg or 233 lbs. He has short brown hair, and black eyes and a moustache. **JOHNSTON** should be considered Violent.


BARANIUK Kyle Drake
1965 - September 6
173cm or 5' 8"
80kg or 177 lbs
Long Brown Hair
Blue Eyes

Crime Stoppers is asking the public's assistance in locating the following male who is wanted on Warrants. As of 10:30 am this 1st day of November 2000, **Kyle Drake BARANIUK** (BD: 1965-September 6th) is wanted on a Warrant for Fail to stop for Police Officer x 2, and Breach of Undertaking. **BARANIUK** is described as a Caucasian male, 173 cm or 5' 8" tall and weighs 80 kg or 177 lbs. He has Long Brown Hair, and Blue Eyes. He also has a tattoo of Garfield on his right arm. **BARANIUK** should be considered Violent.

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