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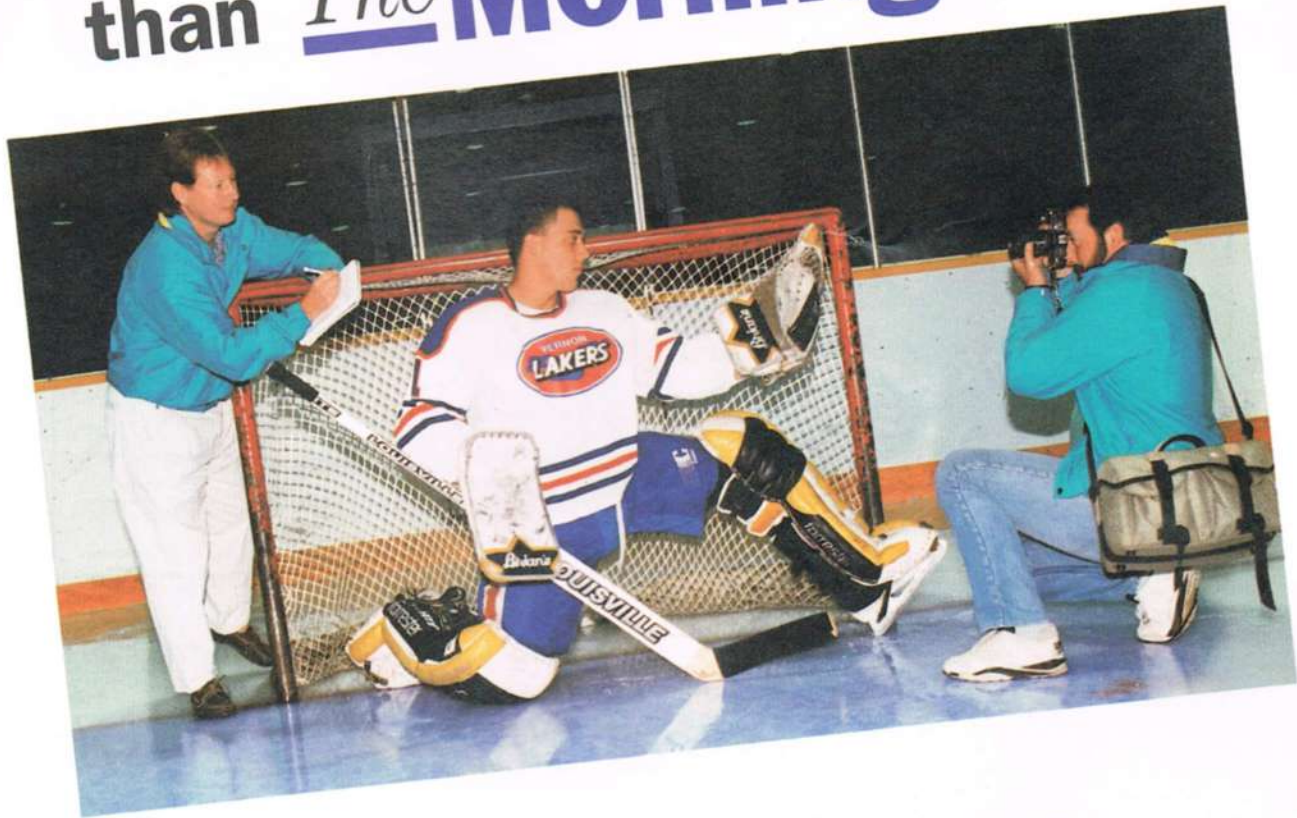


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Saturday 21	Edmonton	5:00
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Saturday 28	Montreal	5:00
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Saturday 6	Hartford	4:30
Friday 12	Winnipeg	5:30
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It is my hope as president of the Vernon Lakers to continue this tradition for years to come. I look forward to the 1992-93 season with a great deal of anticipation. I feel that these athletes are something we can all be extremely proud of as we make our way to what I see as another successful season.

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I would like to send

special greetings for the 1992-93 season to you, our valued fans; because of you, this league flourishes.

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# Coaches Corner

by Rob Bremner



I am very happy to see the start of another hockey season. It is particularly pleasing because I begin this one in Vernon. I feel that the tradition of past successes inherent with this franchise make this an outstanding challenge.

We have assembled some of the finer hockey players in the country and they should be a treat to watch. The recruiting system we have developed across the country will ensure that Laker tradition will continue into the future. It is towards the

future that I look in making sure that the Lakers remain a strong challenger for the Centennial Cup in years to come.

It will take many hard working athletes, management, and volunteers to see the fruits of the season ahead. The support from the community has been outstanding and it is that support which makes the many hours of hard work worthwhile. I look forward to producing another entertaining season of Laker Hockey.

*Rob Bremner*



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## Vernon Lakers to Watch in 1992-93

### ROOKIE

#### Danny Shermerhorn

A 19 year old can-do-it-all kind of forward. Extremely versatile gunner who can get the job done in his own zone. Doesn't shy away from physical contact yet takes very few penalties. Excellent puckhandler and very slick around the net. This Calgary boy has college scouts after him and will likely have his pick of U.S. colleges to attend next year.

### DEFENCE

#### Todd Kelman

It's hard to believe this lad is only 17 years old when you see him out on the ice. Extremely poised for a kid coming

out of midget hockey in Calgary, Kelman is as good a student as he is a hockey player. Good size and smooth on the blades are two of the reasons Central Scouting of the NHL is monitoring his progress. Another Laker who wants to use hockey to get an education, Kelman has already attracted plenty of attention from the scouts.

### MVP

#### Jason Chipman

The scouting report on Chipman was that he was the best goaltender in Ontario last year and he is proving his worth between the pipes in Vernon. At 6'3" and 200 lbs., Chipman covers a lot of net. And the way he handles the puck makes him almost a third defenceman out there. Chipman is a physical fitness enthusiast who enjoys working out in the gym so there is

never any problem with him being out of shape. A fine pro career appears to be in the offing.



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# A Winning Tradition!!



*1991-92 Vernon Lakers: Western Canadian Champions*

## THE YEAR IS 1970.

William Halina is the city's mayor and Odie Lowe is head coach of the Vernon Essos junior hockey club.

*by Kevin Mitchell*

Lowe and general manager Vern Dye guided Vernon to their first B.C. Junior Hockey League championship, looking to Quesnel and Cranbrook for the bulk of their talent.

Toss in starry locals like Lawrence Quechuk, Wayne Dye and Bob Mayer (captain) and the Essos had built a winner.

**A** YOUNG RINK RAT BY THE name of Terry Lowe grew up following his father Odie to Civic Arena. The extra ice time obviously paid off as Terry won the BCJHL scoring title with the 1978-79 Vernon Canadians.

Terry's team-record 154 points was broken last year by Scott Longstaff, who won the league scoring title with 160 points for the Vernon Lakers.

Vernon's junior A franchise has featured a few different monikers (Vikings the other nickname) since entering the BCJHL in the 1961-62 campaign.

The Canadians, Kamloops Rockets, Kelowna Buckaroos and Penticton Vees all joined the Okanagan Junior Hockey league when the Okanagan Senior League folded.

Kamloops won the league title and then defeated the Trail Smoke Eaters for the first Mowat Cup (provincial championship).

The Okanagan Junior League was re-named the B.C. Junior Hockey League in 1967-68 when the New Westminster Royals and Victoria Cougars were admitted.

The Chilliwack Bruins, with 15-year-old sensation Ron Greschner, entered the BCJHL in 1970-71 and two divisions were formed for the first time.

That same season, Eddie Johnstone of the Vernon Essos placed fifth in league scoring (45-49-94).

Johnstone of course went on to spend 10 years in the NHL and upon retirement, became the most successful coach in Vernon junior A hockey history.

Ernie Gare was head coach when the Lakers won the BCJHL title in '87-88, their first year with Mel Lis as owner-GM.

Leading the Lakers that season was Dallas Drake (39-85-124), who signed a lucrative (\$275,000) contract with the Detroit Red Wings this season.

Vernon appeared in their first of four straight Centennial cup (national) tournaments in '88-89 with Johnstone as an assistant to Gare.

The Lakers, after winning the Mowat and Abbott (Western Canada) Cups, finished last in the Centennial Cup in Summerside, P.E.I. Jason Marshall (now with St. Louis Blues' IHL affiliate) and Bill Lindsay (playing for Quebec Nordiques) were the marquee Lakers.

Vernon struggled early in the '89-90 season, prompting Lis to fire Gare and promote Johnstone just before Christmas. The Lakers responded by winning 11 of their first 12 games under Johnstone.

The Lakers won the Interior title, but bowed to the New Westminster Royals in the final.

Before a sellout crowd and TSN cameras, Cam Sylven scored on a breakaway in sudden-death overtime to give Vernon its first Centennial Cup win.

A year later, the Lakers finished third in the Interior but stopped Kelowna Spartans in the division semifinals and Chilliwack Chiefs in the final.

Vernon then brushed back Powell River Paper Kings for the Nat Bailey Cup (BCJHL) and Prince George Spruce Kings for the Mowat Cup.

The Lakers, paced by scoring wizard Jason Elders (now attending the University of Denver on a scholarship) defeated Calgary Royals to advance to the Centennial Cup in Sudbury, Ont.

Goalie Murray Caton was solid, while forwards Drew Sawtell, Phil Esposito, Rob Shypita, Terry Klapstein and Longstaff handled most of the offence in Vernon's second straight Centennial Cup triumph.

In 91'-92, the Lakers finished fourth with a solid 34-23-3 record before again knocking off Kelowna and Chilliwack in the Interior playoffs.

Vernon swept the Bellingham Ice Hawks in the BCJHL final and Prince George in the Mowat series.

The Lakers beat Winkler Flyers in round robin Centennial Cup play, also the Abbot Cup final. Winkler stopped Vernon in semifinal action before losing to Thunder Bay in the final.



### **VERNON JUNIOR HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **League scoring leader John Price (54-79-133), Ernie Gare (50-83-133) and Wayne Dye (55-50-105) helped the Essos win the 1971-72 league championship. Vernon beat Penticton 4-3 in the finals.**
- **Tom Serviss of the Essos won the 1967-68 scoring title (25-65-90). He's the only defenceman ever to win the scoring trophy.**
- **Wayne Dye of the Essos won the '69-70 scoring championship (38-46-84).**
- **Jim Lawrence of the Essos won the '70-71 scoring title (41-86-127).**
- **The team took a one-year leave of absence from the BCJHL ('79-80 season).**
- **Former Laker Dane Jackson signed an NHL contract with the Vancouver Canucks this season. Jackson started the season with Hamilton of the American League.**



*Kevin Mitchell is Sports Editor for The Morning Star*



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# 1992-93 Scouting Report: B.C. Junior Hockey League

by Kevin Mitchell

**Y**OUNGER, BIGGER, FASTER. That's the theme for most line-ups as the B.C. Junior Hockey League skates into its 32nd campaign.

League governors chose to limit the number of 20 year olds to six, a move designed to attract more NHL scouts and prevent teams from stacking rosters with overage talent.

BCJHL president Ron Boileau expects to surpass last year's record-setting attendance figure of 300,000 with a faster brand of hockey.

"We have to showcase our talent more," said Boileau. "We have to get away from our clutch and grab tactics, so you'll see more stick infractions called this year."

"Knock off the Vernon Lakers" is the No. 1 goal for most teams, including the Kelowna Spartans, playoff losers to Vernon the past two seasons.

Here's how the Laker's nine opponents look for 1992-93:

## Interior Division

### KELOWNA SPARTANS

#### Players to Watch

American winger Steffon Walby is the league's premier showcase player this year. Head coach Jim Hammett says of Walby: "He's worth the price of admission." Czech Martin Masa showed splendid offensive talent in the first six weeks of regular season. Snipers Steve Roberts, Darren Tymchyshyn and Curtis Fry and blueliner Pavel Suchanek are solid contributors.

#### Outlook

With an energized home crowd behind them, the Spartans won't lose many games at Memorial. Hammett is a superb motivator and with eight returnees seeking playoff revenge, his club will be mentally tough.

### PENTICTON PANTHERS

#### Players to Watch

All-star Jeff Tory is the league's top blueliner. He's a big part of a small team blessed with Hurricane Andrew-like speed. David Kilduff is an all-star goalie who stoned the Spartans on Kelowna ice early this season. Up front, slick Czech Marcel Sakac, feisty Tyler Boucher and flashy rookie Brendan Morrison are keepers.

#### Outlook

Gary Davidson is a well respected head coach known for strong teaching skills. The Panthers could get knocked around again come the post-season, but speed and experience could help them overcome an early exit.

### CHILLIWACK CHIEFS

#### Players to Watch

The Swedish trio of Thomas Kraft, Knut Enquist and Johan Ahrgren will be forced to adjust quickly to the BCJHL's physical style. Experienced forwards Clint Black, Brad Loring, Jason Sanford and Doug Ast need to have career years for the Chiefs to succeed. Paul Nicolls is the best of the blueline brigade. Top rookies are Jeff Grabinsky and Bryce Munroe.

#### Outlook

Goalie Bryan Scheibel, obtained in a September trade with Nanaimo, needs a consistent season. Rookie head coach Donneau Menard will have to work on trimming his early season goals against record. Will have to battle hard for final playoff spot.

### MERRITT CENTENNIALS

#### Players to Watch

Tom Mix, who produced 90 points with Fernie Ghostriders of the Rocky Mountain Junior Hockey League, will lead the Cents' offence. Top supporting cast includes forwards Guy Prince, Joe

# BCJHL

Rybar and Brian Zakall and defence-man Aaron Hoffman. Goalie Dan Morrisey is back after a 31-game season last year.

#### Outlook

Scott Farrell is a keen, first-year BCJHL coach after guiding Fernie a year ago. He's only 22 so may have problems distancing himself from his players. Veteran General Manager Brian Barrett helped save the franchise last summer and he badly needs a play-off series or two this season.

## Coastal Division

### POWELL RIVER PAPER KINGS

#### Players to Watch

Head coach Kent Lewis calls super Swede Stefan Brannare "a Junior A Pavel Bure." Brannare will combine with 51-goal scorer Heath Dennison and Ryan Douglas on the league's most explosive forward unit. Highly touted Chad Wilson paces the Kings' defensive corps, while goalie Chad Vizzutti will get the bulk of work. Forwards Brent Berry and Robbie Gordon will also produce offensively.

#### Outlook

Lewis was a tireless worker in his junior days (Victoria Cougars-Nanaimo Clippers) and his team will show the same character. Tough on home ice. Paper Kings should win the division.

### VICTORIA WARRIORS

#### Players to Watch

Vince Devlin and John Murgatroyd will be among the league's top pointgetters. David Hebky scored some key goals in the early going after getting 16 goals with Victoria Cougars a year ago.

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► *Scouting The League...*

Kevin Paschal also showed great offensive moves in the Warriors' first few games. Czech Roman Kobrc and Cowichan Midget grads Jason Mann and Randy Berker rate a close look.

## NANAIMO CLIPPERS

### *Players to Watch*

Casey Hungle, Jason Disiewich and Jade Kersey will pump up the volume on offence. Shawn York has track meet speed and the knack for key goals. Ex-Panthers Phil Valk and Brian Veale head a mediocre backline crew. Hot rookies include former Clipper stickboy Brent Murcheson and Chris Buie.

### *Outlook*

Head coach Bill Hardy went full out every shift as a junior (Clippers-Richmond Sockeyes) and demands the same from his players. Goaltenders Dan Murphy and Jason Wood will have to enjoy all-star seasons if Nanaimo is to challenge for pennant.

## SURREY EAGLES

### *Players to Watch*

Left winger Al Kinisky was a third-round draft choice of Philadelphia flyers in 1990. The six foot four, 217 pounder was a force in an upset win over Vernon Sept. 25 in Surrey. Scott Boucher, rookie-of-the-year with Abbotsford (Junior B) last season, and returnees Ryan Donovan and Kevin Robertson can all score. Defenceman Cal Benazic was the BCJHL's first week MVP.

### *Outlook*

Second-year head coach Pat Smith has four returnees on defence and he's high on 15 year old backliner Geoff White of Quesnel. The Eagles fly on their Olympic-sized home ice, but will have to win more on the road (six wins last year) for playoff glory.

## BELLINGHAM ICE HAWKS

### *Players to Watch*

High scoring forward Tom Wittenberg was trying to do it alone as this article went to press. However, help was on its way as the Ice Hawks hired a new coach and assistant GM in late September. Returning goalie Wes Rudy is decent and forwards Dave Kirkpatrick and Don Barr can play. Rugged James Pelzer and towering blueliner Gary Goulash will lead the hit parade.

### *Outlook*

After new owner Paul Flett fired coach GM Tim Racine in pre-season, the Ice Hawks could have been had for an order of chicken wings. Things changed when Greg Cyr was named coach and Dennis Pisiak hired as assistant GM. Both men have good hockey connections and vowed to turn the Ice Hawks around. They'll need to work fast.

*Kevin Mitchell is the Sports Editor for Vernon's The Morning Star.*

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The amount of time Randy generously spends with the Lakers cuts into his other enjoyment; ravaging this area's many golf courses. He has been affectionately known as "Divot" in golf circles.



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# The 1992-93 Vernon Lakers



**A**l Paterson hardly took a conservative approach in his first major task as Vernon Lakers' general manager.

He gambled by scheduling seven of the Lakers' first eight games on the road. Vernon won five of those games to make Paterson look like somewhat of a genius.

"That's exactly where I hoped we'd be when I took the gamble to play that many road games so early in the year, said Paterson, who resigned as GM Thanksgiving Monday, and is now handling team promotions.

"This way, the tough part is more or less over in terms of grueling travel."

The Lakers' 747 start had them battling the Penticton Panthers for first place in the Interior Division at Thanksgiving.

Paterson was thrilled with his club's showing through the 10-game mark.

"We're strong in goal and I think we have strength down the middle," he said. "Our powerplay is looking sharp and our defence is all right."

"We could use a couple of right wingers and we've got a few irons in the fire."

With exception of a 7-2 thrashing Oct. 2 in Nanaimo, the Lakers had a legitimate shot at winning each of their first 10 contests.

Paterson was excited about the coaches he and owner Duncan Wray hired – head coach Rob Bremner and assistant John Cameron.

"I think we picked the right two guys there," said Paterson. "They're doing a great job."

In goal, the Lakers will rely on Jason Chipman for prime time service this season. Back-up Chris Godard, who saw 31 minutes of action through 10 tilts, will play eight or nine games in his first year of apprenticeship.

"I'm having a good time here," said Chipman, employed as an electrician with Kal West. "I want to help out the team and maybe go somewhere if I can. I'd like a pro tryout."

On defence, the Lakers are basically a stay-at-home bunch led by a rejuvenated veteran Greg Buchanan (four goals in first 10



games) and rookie Todd Kelman.

Mess with Chipman and rugged blueliner Christian Twomey will be in your face, while Eon MacFarlane, Serge Beauchesne and Ryan Loxam round out a highly capable starting six on defence.

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***The Lakers will challenge Penticton and Kelowna for the Interior title and should snag another playoff crown.***

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Down the middle, Danny Shermerhorn, Chad Schraeder, Peter Zurba and Spencer Ward provide the Lakers with solid offensive talent.

Schraeder can also play wing, enabling all-star Dusty McLellan to play centre.

Winger John Morabito finally snapped a goal-less drought with an early season tally and appears set for a great sophomore season.

Speedster Shawn Bourgeois struggled through six games

(three assists) before drawing a five-game suspension for a gross misconduct against Nanaimo.

Bourgeois will rebound and be there big time come the post-season where he and Zurba really blossomed last year.

Rookie wingers Chad Buckle, Mark Davies (on Tacoma Rockets' WHL protected list) and Jason Rushton will play key roles.

The Lakers will challenge Penticton and Kelowna for the Interior title and should snag another playoff crown.

Nanaimo and Powell River will likely meet in the Coastal Division final. Vernon will win the BCJHL playoff final series in six games.

With Paterson stepping down as General Manager, look for new GM Bremner to bring in a strong puck-handling blueliner and a couple of offensive-minded forwards to complete his championship roster.

*By Kevin Mitchell, Sports Editor, The Morning Star.*

# PLAYERS PROFILES

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*Meet the 1992-93 Vernon Lakers in  
these brief player biographies.*

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**Chris Godard**

Position: Goal Keeper  
Hometown: Vernon  
Age: 18  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 190  
Favourite Food: Lasagna  
Favourite NHL Team: Philadelphia Flyers



**Serge Beauchesne**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Albertville  
Age: 18  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 185  
Favourite Food: T-Bone Steak  
Favourite NHL Team: Montreal Canadiens



**Christian Twomey**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Calgary  
Age: 18  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 195  
Favourite Food: Rice  
Favourite NHL Team: Edmonton Oilers



**Peter Zurba**

Position: Centre  
Hometown: Revelstoke  
Age: 17  
Height: 5'11"  
Weight: 170  
Favourite Food: Clam Chowder  
Favourite NHL Team: Edmonton Oilers



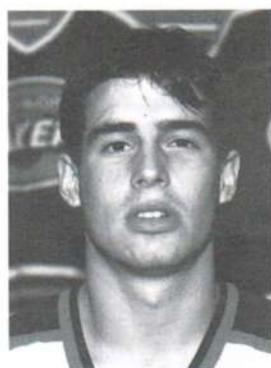
**Corey Kruchkowski**

Position: Left Wing  
Hometown: Calgary  
Age: 19  
Height: 217  
Favourite Food: Cajun  
Favourite NHL Team:  
New York Rangers



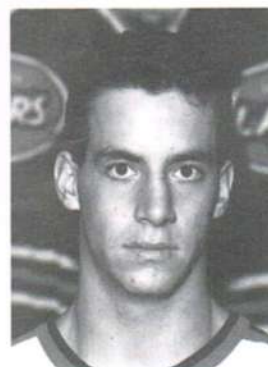
**Ryan Loxam**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Vernon  
Age: 20  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 205  
Favourite Food: Chicken  
Parmesan  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Montreal Canadiens



**Dusty McLellan**

Position: Centre  
Hometown: Ashcroft  
Age: 20  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 190  
Favourite Food: Steak  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Montreal Canadiens



**Shawn Bourgeois**

Position: Left Wing  
Hometown: Fort St. John  
Age: 19  
Height: 5'11"  
Weight: 180  
Favourite Food: Ketchup Chips  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Boston Bruins



**John Morabito**

Position: Left Wing  
Hometown: Revelstoke  
Age: 19  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 190  
Favourite Food: Pasta  
Favourite NHL Team:  
New York Rangers



**Rob Bremner**

Position: Coach/G.M.  
Hometown: Orangeville, Ont.  
Age: 32  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 195  
Favourite Food: Enchiladas  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Chicago Blackhawks

# Schedule: 1992-93

## BCJHL 1992-93 Season Schedule

### OCTOBER

- 1 Thursday  
Vernon at Victoria 8:00
- 2 Friday  
Vernon at Nanaimo 7:30
- 3 Saturday  
Vernon at Powell River 8:00
- ✓ 8 Thursday  
Powell River at **Vernon** 7:30
- ✓ 10 Saturday  
Merritt at **Vernon** 8:00
- 16 Friday  
\*Vernon vs Penticton
- ✓ 18 Sunday  
Victoria at **Vernon** 2:00
- 23 Friday  
Vernon at Surrey 7:30
- 24 Saturday  
Vernon at Bellingham 7:00
- ✓ 25 Sunday  
Nanaimo at **Vernon** 7:00
- 30 Friday  
Vernon at Kelowna 7:37  
\* at Princeton

### NOVEMBER

- ✓ 4 Wednesday  
Penticton at **Vernon** 7:30
- 6 Friday  
Vernon at Penticton 7:30
- ✓ 7 Saturday  
Victoria at **Vernon** 8:00
- 8 Sunday  
Vernon at Merritt 7:00
- 10 Tuesday  
Vernon at Kelowna 7:37
- ✓ 13 Friday  
Penticton at **Vernon** 8:00

- ✓ 14 Saturday  
Chilliwack at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 15 Sunday  
Surrey at **Vernon** 7:00
- 18 Wednesday  
Vernon at Penticton 7:30
- ✓ 20 Friday  
Bellingham at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 21 Saturday  
Chilliwack at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 24 Tuesday  
Chilliwack at **Vernon** 7:30
- 26 Thursday  
Vernon at Victoria 8:00
- 27 Friday  
Vernon at Nanaimo 7:30
- 28 Saturday  
Vernon at Powell River 8:00

### DECEMBER

- ✓ 2 Wednesday  
Merritt at **Vernon** 7:30
- ✓ 4 Friday  
Chilliwack at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 11 Friday  
Powell River at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 12 Saturday  
Kelowna at **Vernon** 8:00
- ✓ 19 Saturday  
Surrey at **Vernon** 8:00
- 30 Wednesday  
Vernon at Merritt 7:30
- ✓ 31 Thursday  
Kelowna at **Vernon** 6:00

### JANUARY

- 2 Saturday  
Vernon at Kelowna 7:37
- ✓ 8 Friday  
Merritt at **Vernon** 8:00

✓ HOME GAMES



9 Saturday  
 Vernon at Merritt 8:00

✓ 12 Tuesday  
 Kelowna at **Vernon** 7:30

✓ 16 Saturday  
 Kelowna at **Vernon** 8:00

✓ 17 Sunday  
 Nanaimo at **Vernon** 2:00

✓ 22 Friday  
 Penticton at **Vernon** 8:00

23 Saturday  
 Vernon at Penticton 7:30

29 Friday  
 Vernon at Chilliwack 8:00

30 Saturday  
 Vernon at Kelowna 7:37

**FEBRUARY**

✓ 3 Wednesday  
 Penticton at **Vernon** 7:30

5 Friday  
 Vernon at Merritt 8:00

6 Saturday  
 Vernon at Chilliwack 8:00

✓ 9 Tuesday  
 Merritt at **Vernon** 7:30

12 Friday  
 Vernon at Kelowna 7:37

✓ 19 Friday  
 Penticton at **Vernon** 8:00

20 Saturday  
 Vernon at Merritt 8:00

23 Tuesday  
 Vernon at Chilliwack 7:30

✓ 26 Friday  
 Merritt at **Vernon** 8:00

✓ 27 Saturday  
 Bellingham at **Vernon** 8:00

**MARCH**

5 Friday  
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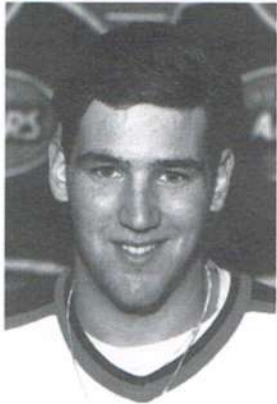
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Position: Centre  
Hometown: Calgary  
Age: 19  
Height: 5'11"  
Weight: 185  
Favourite Food: Escargot  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Calgary Flames



**Spencer Ward**  
Position: Left Wing/Centre  
Hometown: Richmond  
Age: 17  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 185  
Favourite Food: Lasagna  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Edmonton Oilers



**Jason Switzer**  
Position: Right Wing  
Hometown: Barrhead, Alta.  
Age: 19  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 195  
Favourite Food:  
Chips Ahoy Cookies  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Detroit Red Wings



**Kevan Rilcof**  
Position: Defence  
Hometown: Castlegar  
Age: 19  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 185  
Favourite Food: Pasta  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Vancouver Canucks



**Mark Davies**  
Position: Left Wing  
Hometown: Port Coquitlam  
Age: 16  
Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 195  
Favourite Food: Pizza  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Detroit Red Wings



**John Cameron**  
Position: Assistant Coach  
Hometown: Regina  
Age: 27  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 165  
Favourite Food: Muffins  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Cleveland Barons



**Todd Kelman**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Calgary  
Age: 17  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 190  
Favourite Food: Kraft Macaroni  
& Cheese  
Favourite NHL Team:  
New Jersey Devils



**Eon MacFarlane**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Orangeville, Ont.  
Age: 19  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 169  
Favourite Food: Haggis  
Favourite NHL Team:  
New York Rangers



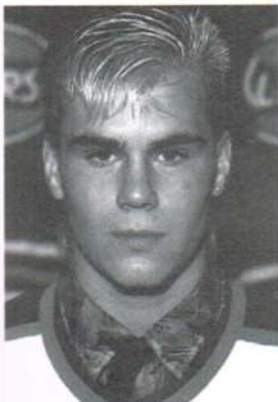
**Greg Buchanan**

Position: Defence  
Hometown: Vancouver  
Age: 19  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 220  
Favourite Food: Sushi  
Favourite Team:  
Ottawa Senators



**Chad Schraeder**

Position: Right Wing  
Hometown: Kelowna  
Age: 20  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 170  
Favourite Food: Lasagna  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Chicago Black Hawks



**Jason Rushton**

Position: Right Wing  
Hometown: Fernie  
Age: 17  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 185  
Favourite Food: Italian  
Favourite NHL Team:  
Philadelphia Flyers

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Excellence in scholastics AND excellence in hockey can go hand-in-hand.

This season a total of 14 of our players are enrolled at Okanagan University College. OUC has bent over backwards, especially Joan Smeyers, in an effort to accommo-

date our players scholastically.

We believe that a person's hockey career can end at any time. At best, a player can play until he's 40 years old. That is still a young man.

A university education, on the other hand, lasts a lifetime. Many of the players on this year's roster are here because their goal is to pursue a college education.

Take a guy like Greg Buchanan; the scouts are drooling over him already. At 6'3" and 220 lbs, Bucky reported to camp in tremendous shape and is making his presence felt all over the league. Ivy League teams are impressed with his marks, too. Last year,

Buchanan was a 90 per cent plus student.

Danny Shermerhorn is another player the scouts are closely watching. His leadership abilities are evident on the ice and in the dressing room but his classroom prowess is also outstanding.

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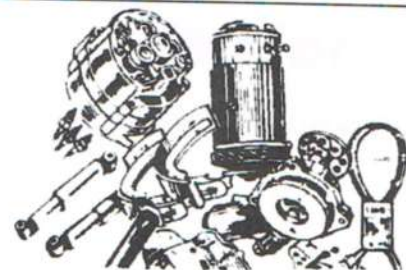
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# Lakers Learn Responsibility

by Dan Odenbach

The Vernon Lakers began their season on a responsible note.

Team management recently brought in CIBC regional Youth Traffic and Safety Programs Coordinator Chris Gibson from Kelowna to lecture the local juniors on the potential hazards of drinking and driving.

Team coach Rob Bremner believes this type of program should be held at the beginning of each hockey season.

"I've always felt strongly about the issue and now I have a chance to do something about it," said Bremner. "It's important that our guys are made aware of all the dangers involved."

Gibson says the Lakers fit perfectly into his target audience.

"I usually speak to entire schools in an auditorium but I jumped at the

chance to talk to a junior hockey team for two reasons," he explained. "The first being they fit into our target group (men 16-24 years) and they also have such a high profile in the community."

The ICBC presentation began by focusing on the emotional, financial, and legal aspects of the crime.

"When someone thinks of what would happen if they were involved in a drinking and driving situation they usually only think of the possible damage to themselves or their vehicle," he explained. "I want to make them aware of the whole picture and how it would effect them over the long term."

Gibson explained to the Vernon players that a liability claim could wipe them out financially while the criminal aspect itself is also a deterrent.

"Being convicted of driving while impaired could have serious effects on a young hockey player's career," he said. "A criminal record could potentially keep you out of certain countries and these players do not want to have their options

limited by a conviction."

Gibson also showed the Vernon players a brief but graphic slide presentation detailing accidents involving driving while intoxicated.

While some people believe this graphic approach is little more than shock therapy Gibson is quick to defend it.

"It's shocking but it's also reality," he said. "Most young people don't see this type of accident or believe they could ever be involved but it happens and if showing these slides shocks someone into being responsible, than I say it's worth it."

Gibson hopes his presentation will help the Lakers and the community as a whole.

"These players have such a high profile in the community that just by setting a good example they could really make a difference since their peers respect them and they are looked up to by those younger than them."

Dan Odenbach writes for the Vernon Daily News.



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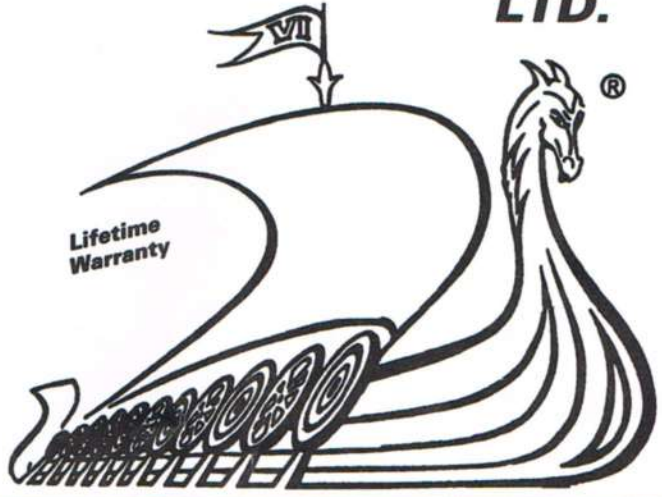
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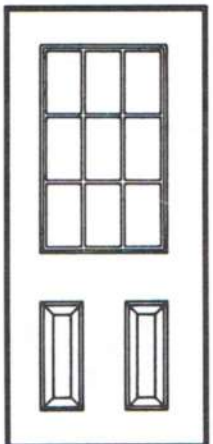
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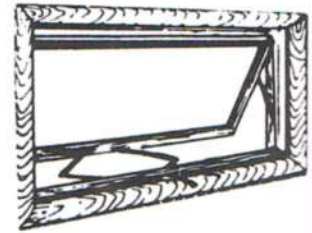
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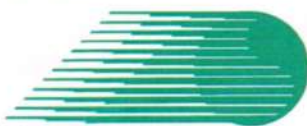
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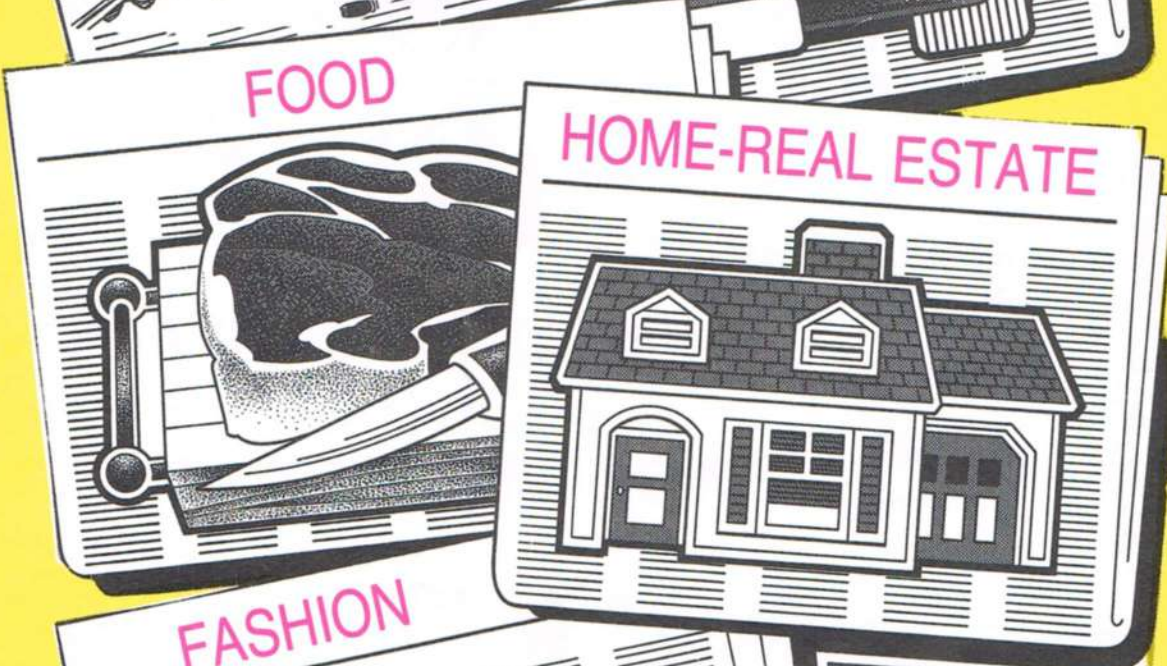
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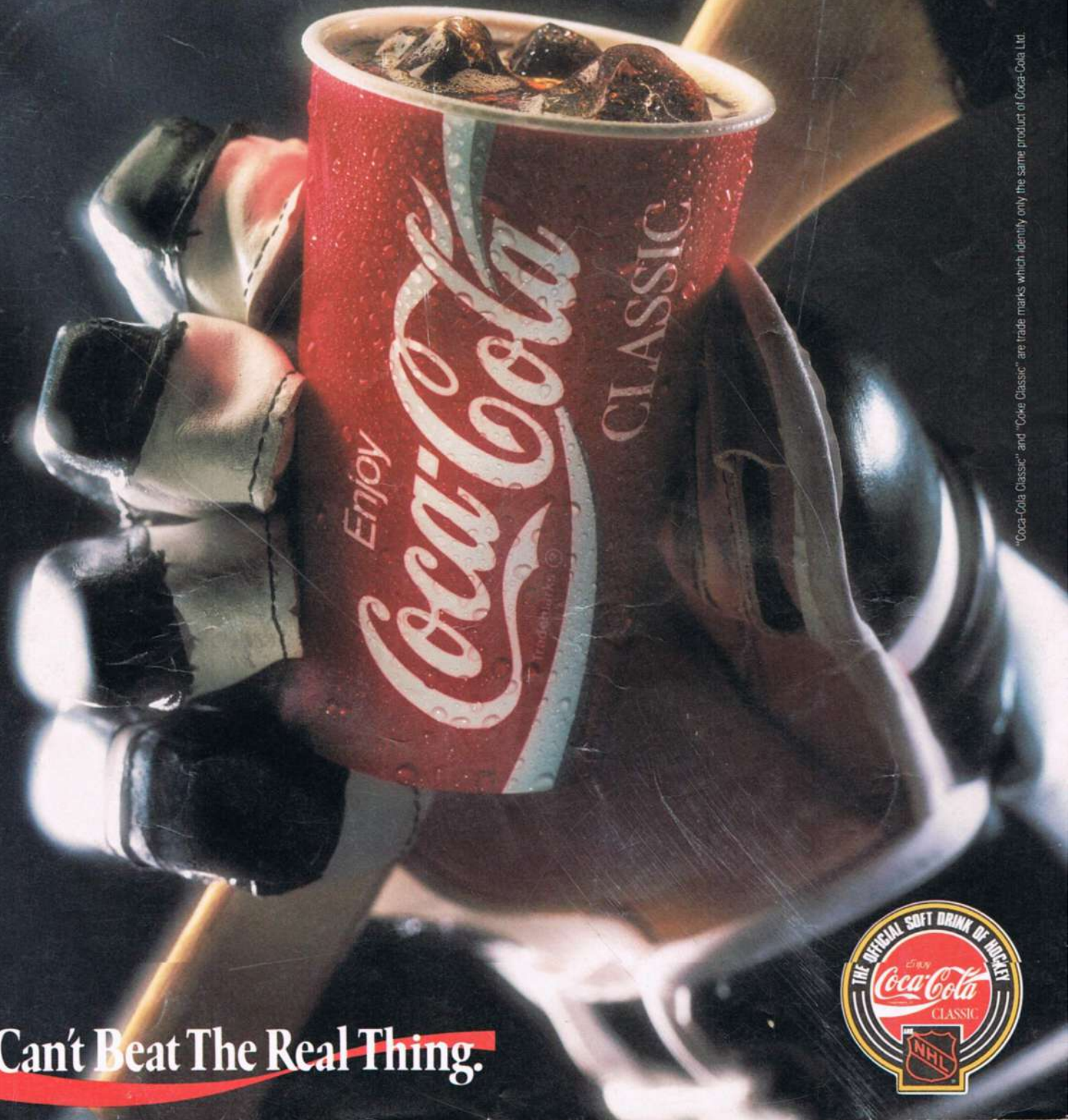
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