30 PLAYERS RELEASED

Lakers reduce roster to 33

HEADING FOR HAWAII (Daily News Photo)

Heading for Hawaii next month is the Muntz Stereo Slowpitch team. They are invited to the Founder's Day Tournament in Honolulu Oct. 10, 11 and 12, where they'll meet teams from Alaska, California, Samoa, the U.S. Navy and Marines, as well as host teams. Money has been raised over the past six months through dances, tournaments, and garage sales. The team is still looking for financial support from anyone interested. Members of the team are, front row from left: Bob Stark, Greg Rachwalski, Bob McKay and Garnett Beninger. Centre row: Ad Ruesch, Garry Allwasser, Leon Buttineau, and John Rachwalski, coach and manager. Back row: Captain Don Lee, Garth Rachwalski, Ted Buttineau, and Lloyd Johnson. Also on the team is Tom Kerry.

Vernon Lakers, of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, reduced its training camp roster to 33 Friday be releasing 30 players.

Twenty-three of the remaining players are on a two-game exhibition trip, while the other 10 stayed in Vernon and will practice twice this weekend.

Lakers' Coach Russ Newton told the Daily News he had to get the roster down to a workable size. "We just had too many players," Newton said. "We couldn't get a good look at anyone."

PLAY PENTICTON

Lakers are scheduled to meet Penticton Knights tonight, in Castlegar, and Sunday in Osoyoos.

Of the 23 players on the trip, 11 are from the North Okanagan. And five of the 10 who remained at home are from Vernon.

Newton said, "The local players are looking good. I'd be surprised if we don't have at least 10 of them on our final roster."

Meanwhile, there could be more player help on the way for Lakers. Forward Kevin Poirier and defenceman Joe Leschuk, who have been trying out with Lethbridge Broncos, of the Western Hockey League, may be returning home early next week.

Poirier's father, Ed, said today there is a good chance the two boys will be coming back. The elder Poirier said, "Last time I spoke with Kevin, he told me there was a lot of talent at Lethbridge's camp and he felt both Joe and him would be returning. We'll probably know for sure on Sunday."

A third Vernon native at the Lethbridge camp, goalie Rex Slizak, was expected to make the Broncos. However, an unconfirmed report today said that Slizak walked out of camp.

REBOUNDS: Lakers would love to have Leschuk. Defence appears to be the team's weakspot. . . High scoring forward John Neeld is making the trip this wekend. He has not signed with the Lakers, but apparently has decided to stay with the club . . . Newton said he'd like to land a proven junior goaltender . . . Vernon native Dave Fish has reportedly stuck with Taber, of the Alberta Junior League.

Vernon squads need help

Unless they get a little help from their foes, Vernon's two entries in the Okanagan Soccer League will be relegated to the second division next season.

Under a format adopted by the league this year, the bottom team in the first division drops to division two, while the top club in the second division moves up.

Vernon United appears destined to finish last in the first division. With only two games remaining, United trails fourth-place Kelowna Kickers by three points.

For United to catch Kickers, it would have to beat Osoyoos Rialtoros and Kamloops Iron Mask while Kickers lost to Kelowna Teamsters and Osoyoos Sage and Sand. Sage and Sand has not won a single game this season.

United, which has lost several players this season due to injuries and moving out of the area, have bolstered their line-up with the addition of Brian Dooling and Al Gee from the Vernon Motor Products juvenile team.

Vernon's other team, Coldstream Hotel, trails Kamloops Zinetti by only one point in the battle for top spot in the second division. However, Coldstream meets the top two teams in division one, Kelowna Zodiacs and Teamsters, in its final two games.

On Sunday, United hosts Rialtoros at 2 p.m.

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LAWN BOWLING GREEN GOSSIP

By LAURA PAGET

Every lawn bowler's dream, when playing pairs, is to have a perfect score of eight. It was realized recently by Henry Vergnano and Lillian Thom while opposing Pat McGillivray and George Petersen. Congratuations.

Dave and Terry Mulrhead attended the Canadian Championship games in Regina and enjoyed watching excellent bowling.

We were pleased to have two visiting bowlers join us for a game. Irene Simpson, of Listowell, Ont., was in Vernon visiting daughter Carol Mori. Carol also tried her hand at the game.

At the same time, Edna Allen, from Manganui, on the northern island of New Zealand, showed her skill at bowling and gave her opponents a hard time. Visitors are always welcome on the greens.

Two men's and two women's triples journeyed to Penticton recently to attend the Interior Labor Day Tournament. Unfortunately they did not bring home any of the silver.

Later in the week four mixed pairs went to Kelowna where they played against pairs from Penticton, Kelowna and Armstrong. Ed Ober and Laura Paget were among those receiving prizes.

Our own Fun Day with Armstrong, on Labor Day, was rained out but wasn't a complete washout as we enjoyed cribbage and bridge followed by lunch.

The regular Hat Night was held Wednesday this week, but, in the afternoon. For the balance of the season play will be in the afternoons. The evenings are too chilly for good bowling.

John Ricketts and Wynn Langworth, playing doubles against Lillian Thom and George Petersen, were high scorers for the day with 22 points to George's 8. John allowed George to score on only six of the 16 ends.

Nora Monk, Laura Paget and Hilda Petersen, while tied on the seventh end, went ahead to take 19 points to Pat McGillivray, Martha Hopkins and Jean Whyte's 15.

Alex Bain, Florence Melanson and Grant Whyte divided the ends scored evenly with Frank Reade, Flo Wallace and Phil Golnick, but Alex started out with five points on the first end from which Frank never recovered ending with an 18-13 count.

Another double was played with Mac Wallace and Win Phillips taking on Louis Melanson and Ella Bain. It ended 14-12 in Mac's favor.

Gordon Miller, L. Kelly and Joyce Rayner led Ed Ober, Eleanor McGillivray and Herb Langworth all through their game to a 14-9 win.

George Emerson, Ida Kerr and Ben Golnick weren't considerate of their opponents Henry Vergnano, Bob Dunn and Marian Reade, taking nine of the ends and 17 points to Henry's 8.

The season's play will finish Oct. 5 and the annual dinner meeting will be held at the Coldstream Hotel on Oct. 16.

In order to have a definite count of those wishing to attend, we request that names and payment for the dinner be made not later than Oct. 5.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golden Agers start Sept. 12

There will be three weekly sessions this year for Golden Age Bowlers at Lincoln Lanes. The Friday league gets under way Sept. 12, at 1 p.m.; the Monday league starts Sept. 15, at 1 p.m; and the Wednesday league begins Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. Registrations are still being accepted. Golden Age spokesman Johnny Cowie said he expects more than 225 bowlers in the three leagues. For further information phone Cowie at 542-9444.

ON VERCOM

The recent exhibition rugby game between North of Ireland Cricket and Football Club and the Okanagan Reps will be televised on channel 10, by Vercom, Monday at 9 p.m. The Irish team won the match 19-12.

LEAGUE STARTS

The Vernon Intermediate Men's Flag Football League will start its 1980 season Sunday at Vernon Senior Secondary School with four games.

At 3 p.m., Toros battle Untouchables and Tigers meet Wardhill Cats. Then at 4 p.m., RCMP takes on Cougars while Fulton Academicals face Price and Markle.

FIELD HOCKEY

Vernon Women's Field Hockey team will hold an informal meeting Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., at 3809-39th Ave. Anyone interested in playing is invited to attend. For further information, phone Myrtle Sinn at 545-7087.

RICHARD RECOVERING

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros said Friday that pitcher J. R. Richard "is progressing nicely" at Methodist Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery July 30 after suffering a stroke. A spokesman for the National League baseball club said doctors may meet next week to evaluate the star right-hander's progress and possibly decide when he might be released from hospital.

ROGERS CLOSE

INZAI, Japan (AP) — Namio Takasu, a Japanese pro, shot a three-under-par 68 Friday for a three-stroke lead over American Bill Rogers and two others after the second round of a $182,000 international golf open tournament. Takasu finished at 136 for 36 holes over the Narashino Country Club course near Tokyo. Rogers shot a 71 to share second place at 139 with Graham Marsh of Australia and first-round leader Shinsaku Maeda of Japan.

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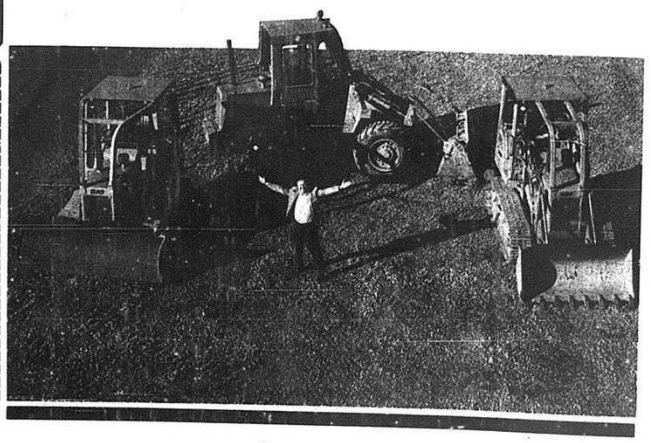

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