

Lakers will have experience



In the Women's Sundowner Sloppich League championship game Tuesday, Minute Muller Sweet Talkers of...

SLOWPITCH CHAMPS

whelmed Bowers Auto 11-3. Front row, from left, are: Charlene Githank, Evelyn Kirk, Theresa Foisy, Barb

Wien, Carol Brown, Joyce Chomey and Jody Anderson. Back row: Coach Mike Kirk, Rhonda Foisy, Juliette

Cooney, Sharon Bevan, Sue Bru, Sandy Ritz and Pat O'Neill. (Daily News Photo)

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Most hockey observers agree, the key to a good defence is experience.

It appears the 1981-82 edition of Vernon Lakers will have experience on the blue line, a commodity that was lacking last season.

There are already four rearguards in Lakers' training camp who spent all, or part, of the 1980-81 campaign in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. In addition, there are a couple top prospects and more on the way.

The returnees include Bob Morden and Darcy Lepine, who spent last season with Lakers; Gord Utter, who joined Lakers after being released by Regina

Blues of the Saskatchewan Junior League; and Ray Williams, who split the year between Lakers and the Vernon juveniles.

Tom Roy, who played midget AA last year in Quebec, and Jim Stanley, a graduate of the juvenile reps, are among the leading rookie candidates.

Dye said, "We expect another three or four defencemen to arrive before the end of the week. Then, we'll probably get a couple tier one cuts next week."

There were 47 players at Tuesday's workout, with a few newcomers expected tonight. Another 10 out-of-town prospects will arrive Thursday.

Gord will make the first cuts tonight, Dye said. "It just isn't practical to have more than about 40 players on the ice at a time."

Camp will continue with single workouts today, Thursday and Friday, then two shifts Saturday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tournament in September

Moison Men's Sloppich Tournament is still accepting registrations. The 24-team event will run from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 at Kin Race Track Park. A total of \$2,800 in prize money will be presented. Entry forms are available at the Recreation Complex.

HOLE-IN-ONE
George Smart, of Vernon, carded a hole-in-one Tuesday on the 170-yard, 13th hole at Spallumcheen Golf Club. Smart used a four-iron to record his ace.

FIRST VICTORY
Hi Flyers recorded their first victory of the season by defeating Steak and Sten 11-7 in Women's Fastball League action Tuesday. In other games, Sight and Sound doubled Mohawk 16-3 and Batty Wackers tripled Devo Sluggers 21-7.

SWIM LESSONS
Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a series of fall swim lessons, commencing Sept. 8, at

the Recreation Complex pool. There will be classes for all levels. For further information, or to register, phone 545-6003.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC
There will be a women's volleyball clinic Sept. 16, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Players of all skill levels are invited to participate. Emphasis will be placed on fundamentals including serving, setting, bumping, blocking, and spiking. Cost is \$5 per woman.

FIVE PLAYERS CUT
MONTREAL (CP) — Cliff Fletcher, general manager of Team Canada, cut five players Tuesday from the original 35-man squad prior to a scheduled exhibition game against Team U.S.A. Among the players deleted from the roster was Randy Ceyl of Pittsburgh Penguins, last season's winner of the James Norris Memorial Trophy as the National Hockey League's best defenceman. Also cut were defencemen Rob Ramage of Colorado Rockies, goaltender Mario Lessard of Los Angeles Kings, centre Bobby Smith of Minnesota North Stars and right winger Dave Taylor of the Kings.



MIKE POTYRALA... won a silver medal as a member of B.C.'s rugby team at the Canada Summer Games.

Rugby player earns a medal

Vernon's Mike Potyrala returned home last weekend from Thunder Bay, Ont., where he captured a silver medal at the Canada Summer Games, as a member of British Columbia's rugby team.

B.C. won four consecutive preliminary games before hammering Manitoba 56-6 in the semi-finals. Ontario defeated B.C. 19-6 in the championship game.

Potyrala shared the scrum-half duties with Ian McKay, who

plays for Vancouver Kats. Potyrala started in preliminary matches against New Brunswick and Alberta. However, an eye injury which required five stitches, kept him sidelined during the semi-final. And McKay started against Ontario.

Potyrala called the trip, "a great experience." He plans to play with Vernon Rugby Club during the fall season, of the Okanagan Mainline Rugby Union.

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HORSE TALK
with Janice Neufeld

Do you know any six-year-old girl who would ride her pony 50 kilometres through the mountains one day and get up at 5 a.m. to go another 40 kilometres? I know one who did!

Grace-Ann Webb, of Dure Meadow Road, Lumby, did just that in 1978. She and her parents, Sylvia and Barry Webb, qualified their three Arabian mares for the International Arabian Horse Association Competitive Trail Ride, held near Grand Junction, Colorado.

The one-stop trip to Colorado was almost too rough, but when the contest was over, Grace-Ann with her half-Arab pony, Tan-Ann, was declared the youngest person ever to win an International Top Ten Award.

Tan-Ann was 16 years at that time but had been Grace-Ann's faithful teacher and companion since her little mistress was three. Last summer, when the pony was 20 years old, she earned a best conditioned award on the Revelstoke Competitive Ride. She is in semi-retirement this season, but still transports visiting youngsters and does some light cattle work at home.

FROM ALBERTA
Grace-Ann has spent her entire life on, or near horses. Mom and Dad Webb, who grew up in the Jasper-Hinton area of Alberta, were training horses on the Cartwright D Ranch in the southern part of the province when she was born. As a baby, Grace-Ann attended all the horse shows and would sit in her jolly jumper in a tack room smiling happily at all who passed.

In 1968, the family moved to the Nanton district and continued training and showing in a wide variety of equestrian events. Many top awards were chalked up in Pleasure Driving, English and Western Pleasure, Park, Working Cow Horse, Trail, Costume, Side-Saddle and Cutting.

When the Webb family became involved in conditioning horses for "distance trail" riding, they were soon doing a lot of winning. They organized the IHA Competitive Trail Ride in Alberta in 1979 which saw 50 horses — men all over Canada and the U.S. compete for awards over a two-day, 75-mile course.

The Webb family moved to B.C. late in 1979 bringing their horses, dogs, cows, and some sheep. After residing at Kamloops and Cache Creek, they have now come to this area where Barry is a farm foreman and Sylvia is a horse manager for Vernon Pest Control.

IN PONY CLUB
Grace-Ann attends Whitevale Elementary School where she excels in sports and her classroom subjects. She is a member of the Lumby Pony Club and mom is district representative for the club. Barry is chairman for British Columbia Competitive Trail Riders.

At the present time they have six horses of their own, purebred and half Arabians, which they are keeping in condition for the trails as well as a bit of driving and showing. We look forward to seeing more of the Webbs and their horses at local events. Welcome to the Okanagan and best wishes for your future ventures.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

AUGUST, 1976

Heien Fogtman captured the Spallumcheen Golf Club ladies' championship this week under poor weather conditions. Tuesday and Wednesday, Fogtman fired a 36-hole total of 189.

AUGUST, 1976

R.C. Pony Racers' Championships are scheduled Aug. 27 to 29 at the Armstrong Fairgrounds. All B.C. clubs are entered as well as several teams from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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Hotel teams clash tonight

National Hotel Oldtimers meet Coldstream Hotel Eagles in Vernon City Soccer League semi-final action tonight, at 6 p.m., at MacDonald Park.

The other semi-final match is scheduled Thursday, also at 6 p.m., between Super Shoe Selects and Tri-Lake Extra Milers. Championship game will be played Sept. 2.

First-place Oldtimers have defeated fourth-place Eagles twice, 2-1 early in the regular season and 3-1 in a tournament.

However, last time the two clubs met, Eagles recorded a 3-1 victory.

National Hotel Captain Bob Scott said his club isn't taking the Eagles lightly. "They've got a good running club," he said, "and we've got a lot of injuries. We've got three or four guys who will play, but will be hurting."

In preliminary playoff action, Coldstream had a 3-0 record and Oldtimers were 2-1.

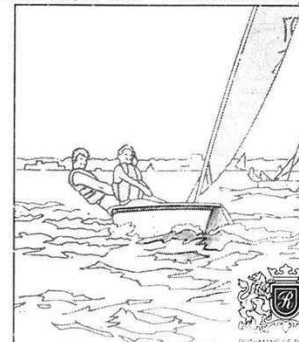


ENGLISH TEAM ON TOUR

The Okanagan's Doug Hoomann, right, battles for possession with Letchworth's Jay Moorehouse during exhibition field hockey action Tuesday, at Vernon

Senior Secondary School. The Letchworth team, from England, is on a Western Canada tour. Okanagan Selects put five goals past Letchworth netminder Dave

Robertson, left, to record a 5-1 victory. The English club will meet a valley mixed squad tonight, at 6:30 p.m., at VSSS. (Daily News Photo)



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