

Lakers affiliate with Oilers

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Kamloops Oilers of the Western Hockey League, announced today its tier two affiliate for the 1981-82 season will be the Vernon Lakers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Joe Arling, director of hockey operations for Oilers, said there was considerable deliberation before the decision was reached.

"I think everyone knows we were considering Merritt and Vernon as the leading candidates," Arling said. "John Blackwell (director of junior hockey operations for the parent Edmonton Oilers), Harvey Roy (Kamloops general manager), and I had several meetings prior to making the decision."

Under the agreement, Oilers will place eight to 10 of their top prospects with the Lakers.

Lakers President Al Thomas told the Daily News he is extremely pleased with the agreement.

"I'm sure it will help both clubs," he said. "The affiliation should ensure we'll have a competitive team."

Vernon coach Gord MacBeth echoed Thomas' views. "The affiliation will really help," he said. "We'll be picking up eight or nine quality hockey players."

MacBeth will attend Oilers' training camp, which gets under way next week, in Kamloops. Arling, MacBeth,

and Oilers' Coach Lyle Moffatt will choose the players to be assigned to Oilers.

Moffatt, 31, was recently named as coach. He played professional hockey for 12 seasons, including four years with Winnipeg Jets.

BOUGHT ERUINS
Kamloops regained a tier one club this year when Edmonton Oilers' Owner Peter Pocklington purchased the now-defunct New Westminster Bruins franchise. Kamloops Chiefs had moved to Seattle in 1979.

Arling said, "With a complete change of administration from last season, it is difficult to say exactly how many players we'll place in Vernon. We're a wait and see situation...until we get a good look at our prospects."

There will be more than 60 players at the Kamloops camp, including about 20 with tier one experience.

"None of the veterans from New Westminster are guaranteed spots on our club...remember they only won 17 games last year," Arling said.

"I know it's an old club in sports, but all jobs are available."

PLAYERS MOVED
Players will be moved from Kamloops to Vernon throughout the season. However, Arling said Lakers will not be left short-handed at any time.

"Before any moves are made, they will be discussed with Gord

(MacBeth)," he said. "There will be times when we want to call up a player for a tryout and other times when we'll want to send a player down for a while."

Lakers' five Oilers are in a rebuilding year after a disastrous 1980-81 campaign. Arling said, "We took Vernon's poor performance last year into consideration, but we were very

impressed with their new organization. I'm looking forward to a solid partnership."

Oilers are tentatively scheduled to play two exhibition games in Vernon, against Lakers, during the season.

Meanwhile, Vernon's training camp roster has been cut to 24. That figure will be trimmed again next week in anticipation

of arrivals from Oilers' camp. MacBeth said, "Now that the affiliation agreement has been reached, we know we'll keep about 12 players from our camp."

GOALPOSTS
Veteran Dean Hascall skated with the Lakers last weekend. He is working in Revelstoke until late-September when he will

join the club...Defenceman Darcy Lepine is attending a tier one camp in Spokane but will return to Vernon if he doesn't stick...Kamloops has sold 600 season tickets to date. Their target is 2,000...Vernon's season ticket drive is going fairly well, according to Thomas. Tickets are available at Dye's Family Recreation.



Batty Wackers defeated Dye's Family Recreation 12-10 Sunday in championship game of the Women's Summer Splash League. The loss ended its playoff tournament Saturday and Sunday, at Kin Race Track Park. Team members are, back left: Marg Wadsworth holding mascot Melissa

LEAGUE CHAMPS
Wadsworth, Barb Friesen, Arlene Curley, Laura Gesset, Livia Sulatitsky, Sheila Newman, Vallary Lapp and Red Kean, coach. Front row: Gail Kean, Allison Gilbert, Nancy Reich, Bernie Polaris and Arlene Hansen. (Daily News Photo)

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8:11 a.m.: Marion Sheare, Rosemarie Van Pelt, Shirley White.
8:17 a.m.: Helen Fugman, Shirley McDonald, Lenore Hey.
8:23 a.m.: Dorothy Clayton, Faye De Wilde, Mildred Good.
8:29 a.m.: Joyce Jensen, Irma Hober, Grace Nyhl.
8:35 a.m.: Jean August, Vera Jensen, Kay Reid.
8:41 a.m.: Kay Mervyn, Sunny Hansen, Norma Keen.
8:47 a.m.: Petie Kautbach, Irene Burnett.
8:53 a.m.: Marg Hamilton, Irene Burnett.

NUMBER 10 TEE
8:11 a.m.: Diane Baier, Betty Griffin, Elise Paulson.
8:17 a.m.: Greta Maudrell, Prada Moland, Mary Higgins.
8:23 a.m.: Shirley Embaus, Lois West, Fran Long.
8:29 a.m.: JoAnn Scott, Celia Schmitt, Neil Hansen.
8:35 a.m.: Annette Dees, Diane Bunn, Audrey Davies.
8:41 a.m.: Betty Dunn, Bert Young, Kay Cookwell.
8:47 a.m.: Rita Guidi, Vera Seeger, Kay Cookwell.

IN RACES
Vernon's Debbie Sigale-Pitman will be competing in three long distance races, within the next three weeks. She is entered in the Merritt 10-kilometre cross-country run, Sept. 6; the Daivay-192 Run, in Armstrong, Sept. 12; and the Banff Mini-Marathon, Sept. 19. Anyone wishing further information on any of these events can phone Sigale-Pitman at 542-4101.

CARTER TOP PLAYER
NEW YORK (AP) — Catcher Gary Carter of Montreal Expos has been named National League player of the week for the period ending Aug. 30. NL president Club Freney announced Monday. During the week, Carter batted .444.

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JOHN HALLIWELL, above, won the Adams Trophy, Sunday, at the Spallumcheen Golf Club men's championship. Ruth Adams made the

presentation. Below, Junior Development Chairman Shirley Embaus gives the club junior championship trophy to David Munk. (Daily News Photos)



Spallumcheen awards given

Spallumcheen Golf Club was a busy place last weekend. The men's club championship was decided Sunday when John Halliwell defeated Jean-Paul Durand, four-and-three, in match play.

Also Sunday, David Munk captured the club's junior championship. Munk fired a 36-hole total of 156. Low net winner was Troy Bullock, who carded 129. In the first flight, Maureen McDonald won the gross award with 185 while Jim Simms took the net title with 131. Mike Sorba captured the second flight's gross award with 185 while Tod Dew earned the net prize with 119.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Canada Cup starts today

The hockey series must of Canada (excluding Quebec City) has been waiting for great day way today.

The second Canada Cup starts with Sweden meeting United States and Canada taking on Finland, in Edmonton; and Russia battling Czechoslovakia, in Winnipeg. Championship game is scheduled Sep. 13, in Montreal.

HEROES GONE

Many of the heroes from past international series are gone, but the excitement of country-against-country competition is still there.

Canada is without Phil Esposito and Paul Henderson; Soviets have lost the late Valeri Kharlamov and Alexander Yashin; and Czechs are minus Marian Stastny and Ivan Hlinka. However, those three countries must still rank as the ones to beat.

Team Canada Coach Scotty Bowman had a wealth of talent to choose from. Any club that can cut Randy Carlyle, Darryl Sittler, Dave Taylor, Bobby Smith, and Mario Lessard will be tough to beat.

Canada is undefeated in four pre-tournament games, including a 2-2 win over Russia.

The offence is awesome with Wayne Gretzky and Guy Lafleur leading the attack; the defence may be Canada's best ever with veterans Larry Robinson and Denis Potvin as the key personnel; and the goaltending is solid.

Look for Canada to repeat its winning performance of 1976.

SOVIETS TOUGH

Derivite the loss of Kharlamov, Yashin, Alexander Maltsev and several other veterans, Soviets will still be tough.

As everyone on this side of the ocean learned in 1972, Russia's best can play hockey with anyone.

The final game could be a classic, with Canada meeting the Soviets.

Czechoslovakia has lost many of its big name stars to North America. First to leave was Vaclav Nedomansky, who ended up with Detroit Red Wings.

Quebec Nordiques now have all three Stastnys: Marian, Peter and Anton. Vancouver Canucks landed Jiri Bubla and Hlinka last year.

Despite the defection of those stars and a 4-1 loss to the Americans, the Czechs cannot be counted on.

WON GOLD

Until 1980, the United States was not considered a hockey power...then it won a gold medal at the Olympics.

With Tony Esposito between the pipes and a supporting cast including 17 NHL players, the U.S. will be in contention. The Americans looked impressive in last week's win over the Soviets.

Sweden claims to have iced its strongest-ever team, however, the club was trumped by Canada last Thursday, 19.

Not one question Sweden's scoring ability with the likes of Thomas Gradin, Ulf and Kent Nilsson, and Anders Hedberg. But, defence and goaltending are suspect.

Finland, at best, must be considered a longshot.

In the next two weeks, we should see some great hockey!

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