

WITH KAMLOOPS CUTS

Lakers' roster growing

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Grindrod Elks start workouts

Grindrod Elks, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, will hold their first workout Thursday, at 9 p.m., in the Enderby Arena.

Team spokesman George Fargher told the Daily News he is looking forward to a good season.

"I think we'll be quite a bit stronger than last year," he said. "We'll have more depth."

Elks placed third during the 1980-81 campaign.

In addition to about 12 returnees, two veterans who sat out last season will be back.

Bugged winger Geoff Collins and centre Willy Madden have indicated they will rejoin the

Elks. Madden will be sidelined for about two weeks with a sprained ankle.

Fargher said, "we want to encourage young guys to tryout for the team. We've got lots of spots available and we need some young players to build for the future."

Just five days before the B.C. Junior Hockey League season opener, Vernon Lakers had 33 players on the ice for Tuesday's practice at the Civic Arena.

"It is just like training camp all over again," said Lakers' Coach Gord MacBeth. "We were down to 25 players and all of a sudden, we're back up to 33 again."

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MacBeth said, "I hate to turn anyone down when they ask for a tryout. You never know when you might find a good player."

Two Kamloops cuts who were welcomed with open arms were goaltenders Shawn Oswald and Kent Leoh.

"Goaltending is a problem area for us," MacBeth said. "Both Leoh and Oswald looked good in Kamloops' camp. I'd like an experienced junior 'A' netminder, but if we can't get one, we'll have to go with what we've got."

Another three players are expected to arrive from Kamloops today, however, MacBeth said the roster will be drastically trimmed before the weekend.

Lakers host Prince George Spruce Kings in an exhibition game Friday, at 7 p.m., in the Civic Arena. The two clubs split a pair of games last weekend in Prince George.

Pentiction Knights are in town for the B.C.J.H.L. season opener Sunday, also at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, Lakers' President Al Thomas said the club's season ticket drive is going well.

"I think we've passed the 200 mark," he said. "Our goal is 300 and we've got until Sunday to reach it."

A draw will be held at Sunday's game that will give one season ticket holder a new Honda.

Tickets are available at Dye's Family Recreation and Sunshine Honda.

Vernon's home schedule is: September 20, Pentiction; 25, Merritt.

October: 4, Pentiction; 11, Revelstoke; 16, Merritt; 18, Kelowna; 23, Merritt; 25, Kelowna.

November: 1, Pentiction; 8, Revelstoke; 15, Kelowna; 20, Merritt; 28, Pentiction.

December: 6, Revelstoke; 13, Kelowna; 18, Merritt; 20, Cariboo College.

January: 3, Revelstoke; 14, all-star game; 17, Revelstoke; 22, Cariboo College; 24, Kelowna; 29, Merritt; 31, Pentiction.

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Pony riders compete

Three local competitors rode in the British Columbia Pony Dressage and Jumping Championships last weekend on the Lower Mainland.

Janice Tompkins, on Nick of Time; Jennifer Sanders, on Raffles Bid; and Craig Lee, on Woodstock, represented the Vernon Pony Club. They placed fifth in team jumping and eighth overall in dressage.

Lee placed first in novice dressage with a score of 72.8 per cent, almost four per cent ahead of his nearest rival. Forty-four riders were entered in that class.

Tompkins was fifth in the first round of individual jumping. The Vernon Club, with about 100 members, is now the second largest in B.C. It will host a three-phased event this Sunday, at Goldstream Ranch. It will include dressage, road and track, and cross-country jumping. For further information phone 545-7456.



(Daily News Photo)

RETIRING EXECUTIVE HONORED

Vernon Minor Hockey Association honored Nick Kapicki, right, who retired from the executive this year. Kapicki served on the executive, as ice co-ordinator, for the past four seasons. Presenting a plaque to Kapicki, on behalf of minor hockey, is Rennie Holland, who took over the ice co-ordinator's post.

TOP RIDER

Dale Zamniuk, 14, captured first-place in the boys' small wheel, schoolboy class last weekend at a flat track race

in Kelowna. Six bikes were entered in the class. It was Zamniuk's second victory of the season. (Daily News Photo)



HORSE TALK

with Janice Neufeld

A low rumble like distant thunder, then the glint of silver in the autumn sun catches my attention as I cross the Armstrong Fairgrounds.

Crowds of strolling viewers suddenly stop and stare. A cloud of dust and the creak and jingle of harness heralds the arrival of the magnificent Draft Horses at the IPF. Memories come flooding back to many of the on-lookers as the huge horses, polished and beribboned, prance into the ring with their colorful wares, glittering harness, and costumed drivers. For others this is a glimpse of times past that we have only heard about.

For the past three or four years, the Draft Horse Division of the IPF, at Armstrong, has been growing and becoming more varied and professional. This year's spectacle was truly outstanding. The attendance at these events topped even the Royal, in Toronto. The quality and quantity of horses in the Heavy Horse classes has increased greatly. The breeders and handlers who have worked steadily at organizing the show are to be congratulated.

HALTER HORSE

The Heavy Horse halter show was held indoors Saturday evening with the Percherons, Belgians, and Clydesdales dominating the scene. Outdoor daytime events included single horses to carts so large that the wheels were as tall as a man, two and four horse hitched to wagons, and the three horse "Unicorn Hitches." A log pulling demonstration was skillfully performed by well-framed teams and nimble drivers. Applause from the stands indicated that this was enjoyed by the spectators.

Fairgoers streamed through the Draft Horse barns fascinated by the sight of the great animals many of which weigh a ton and stand six feet at the shoulder. Their coats shone gleaming black, sorrel, or dapple grey, and their manes and tails were carefully braided and decorated with ribbons and flowers. Heads of gigantic proportions drew exclamations of disbelief while a huge head was lowered to sniff the outstretched fingers of a small child.

PHEASANT OUT

With the escalating cost of gasoline, the draft horse, which was phased out with the arrival of gas engines and machinery, is getting a second look. They are even now being put to good use in some farming and logging operations. Perhaps the day is not far off when those who own a team of horses, will be mobile while the noisy, clumsy, fuel-consuming machines will be parked.

The Light Horse Division of the IPF show was the largest ever and attracted entrants from distant points as well as the local equestrians. The horses were of very high calibre and some classes numbered as many as 35. The line-up in one children's class packed the entire length of the arena. Proposed new facilities are badly needed. The IPF has outgrown its old home and it is imperative that larger and better grounds be provided soon so that this top exhibition can continue.

SEASON WINDS DOWN

As the horse show season winds down in fall, there is a flurry of activity. The fairs, pony club rallies, and trail rides conclude a long season of training, riding, and competing.

Those wanting information on the annual Crown 'N' Ranch Competitive Trail Ride, Sept. 25, 26, 27, can request rules and entry forms at Daines, The Korral, Cliff's Saddle, or the Golden Horseshoe.

Pony clubbers remember your rally in Vernon, at Coldstream Ranch, Sept. 26.

The Armstrong Enderby Riding Club will hold an open gymkhana Sept. 26 and the Salmon Arm Fall Fair goes this weekend.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association and the B.C. Junior Hockey League are at war again. BCJHA

announced Sunday it has rejected applications for two of the three teams seeking franchises in the BCJHL.

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