

## Lakers name coaching staff

Vernon Lakers' President Ray Willmetts has named a coach and assistant coach to guide his club in the 1992-93 B.C. Junior Hockey League season.

Murray Lawrence, 44, will coach and Chuck Tapp, 28, will serve as his assistant.

Lawrence moved to Vernon last November from Mill Bay, on Vancouver Island. At Mill Bay, he coached and played oldtimers' hockey. He is originally from Winnipeg and according to Willmetts, played and coached hockey in Manitoba.

Lawrence is out of town and unavailable for comment.

Tapp, 28, is from Kelowna. He has coached bantam, midget, and juvenile rep teams in the CML.

Westbank; and is a former vice-president of the Westside Minor Hockey Association.

Willmetts said, "I think we've got a couple pretty good guys. They came to me together and said they were interested in coaching. I know they'll be able to work together."

Gord MacBeth, who coached Lakers during 1980-81 season, severed his post with the club when Willmetts purchased the team in April, from the 12 directors.

Willmetts told The Daily News he expects to name a general manager early next week. It is speculated that Vern Dye, who has been involved with the local junior team in various capacities for 15 years, will be the GM.

## SMILEY ON SPORTS

### MacBeth forgotten

While every member of the local media was sitting on the edge of his seat waiting to see who will coach next season's version of the Vernon Lakers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, one name has been forgotten.

Gord MacBeth, who stood behind the Lakers' bench through thick and thin, mostly thin, last year, has been overlooked. MacBeth coached the team since 1980 and ended the year riding a 22-game winless streak, good for last place in the Interior Division.

Several of the team's 12 directors blamed MacBeth for Lakers' poor performance, but how can you pull the cart if you don't have the horses? However, the problem of having 12 directors to run the team was solved when Ray (Dick) Willmetts purchased the club from the directors and became the team's sole owner.

Once Willmetts bought the team, his number-one priority seemed to be to find a coach. MacBeth said he was never selected by Willmetts to coach the team, but neither did MacBeth make it known he was in the market to serve as coach for another year. So, there it stood, an unofficial release as MacBeth as coach.

#### NEW COACHES

Well, maybe not so official since Willmetts announced Tuesday that Murray Lawrence will coach the team and Chuck Tapp will serve as assistant coach.

As far as I'm concerned MacBeth did a pretty good job with the talent which was assembled for him, plus he did it for nothing. MacBeth was never paid for coaching the Lakers, in fact he paid to coach, since he was one of the team's directors.

MacBeth said he'd like to stay in hockey, in fact he bet even bid for the Lakers the same time Willmetts did.

"We both bid, and he outbid me by \$300," said MacBeth. "I don't know what I'm going to do this winter. I'm just sort of waiting for something to happen."

Now that Willmetts has confirmed he has a coach, two in fact, the next thing he should concentrate on is scouting. However, midget hockey games have already ended and finding talent in 16 and 17-year-olds could be a little difficult this time of year.

#### QUALITY PLAYERS

But wait, Kamloops Oilers of the Western Hockey League, and Lakers' tier one affiliate, are supposed to come to the rescue and send Lakers 10-12 quality 16 and 17-year-olds," said Kamloops General Manager Harvey Roy. However, MacBeth heard that time before.

"Kamloops said the same thing last year, they can say a whole bunch of things but whether they'll do it or not is another thing," said MacBeth.

There has also been a certain unrest between Will and BCTHL franchises, since it is the WHL which is trying to move into Kelowna, home of the Buckaroos of the BCTHL. If, for some reason, Kamloops didn't send 10-12 "quality" players, Lakers might be in some hot water when putting together a player list. I can't imagine a young, talented player wanting to come to Vernon to do business with a team which has finished in last place the previous two seasons and has won just 17 games in that time.

#### MISTREATED

Lakers' fans have certainly been mistreated the last two years watching the local heroes get trounced by Penticton Knights and/or Kelowna Buckaroos. Willmetts, Lawrence and Tapp have a large task ahead of them, but one might say there is room for improvement. After all the team only has to win 10 games out of 60 to improve on last season's dismal performance.

If Willmetts and his crew can't revive junior A hockey in this city, then it might disappear, and we wouldn't want that. But when your team loses consistently with 125 fans in the arena, then there's trouble. Can junior A hockey survive in Vernon? No, not until somebody starts doing things right.

#### SHE'S SAFE

High Flyers Les MacLay was safe on this play while Longhorn's Debbie White is still waiting for the ball dur-

ing Longhorn's trouncing of High Flyers, 29-9, in Intermediate A Women's



DAVE DUTCHER has allowed only three goals in more than five games between the posts for Vernon United. The

rookie goalie has been praised by his coach, teammates, and opponents. (Daily News Photo)

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Yamaha leads slowpitch loop

Team Yamaha moved into first place in the Molson Men's Slowpitch League with a 4-1 victory over Four Seasons, Tuesday. In other games, Longhorn Bulls defeated three Hells Angels 3-1, Molson Canadians blanked Muntz Old Skyles 1-0, 2029 Night Club outscored Esso 10-5, Suzuki Shredders edged Pumpers 7-5, and Tri-Lite Paintwing blanked Braggs 16-7.

#### Lumby loop

In Lumby Major Men's Slowpitch League action Monday, BCTHL franchises defeated Naps 11-8, BCT Wheelers doubled Lavington Aztecs 16-8, Canadians led the league with 28 points, six more than Naps. Wheelers occupy third spot with 17.

#### Cowgirls win

OK Corral Cowgirls dominated Yamaha 20-12 in Intermediate B' Women's Fastpitch League play Tuesday. In other games, Branta Beer Nuts stung Bank of Montreal 22-11, Turbo soared by Farrer Forms 18-4, Okanagan

Chimney Sweeps blew past Cub 20-9, 21-6, Medi Cats dominated Fabrikland Remnants 18-1, and Prime Plus outlasted Steak and Stein 26-23.

#### Training camp

Okanagan Sun Junior Football Team will open its training camp July 3, in Kelowna. About 85 players, including several from the North Shore, are expected to attend camp. Sun's league opener is Aug. 7 when it hosts Renfrew Trojans, of Vancouver.

#### Major women

In Major Women's Fastpitch League play Tuesday, A's Esso blanked Lebride Broncos 10-9, Ar Tech Angels ace OK Catle Canada 8-7, Lumby Barons defeated Associated Trucking 5-3, and Multi Enterprises edged Westlanders 3-2.

#### Scored 41

Interior Fuel Injection hammered Royals 41-6 in Intermediate A' Women's Fastpitch League play Tuesday. In other games, Longhorn Wranglers dumped High Flyers 29-9, Poison Place Sports blasted A's Gutter Gals 16-2, and Big Chiefs trounced National Steelers 13-7.

#### Fight cancelled

NEW YORK (AP) — Marvin Hagler's scheduled defence of his world middleweight boxing title against Thomas Hearns in Windsor, Ont., has been called off, a spokesman for Top Rank Inc. said Tuesday. The fight had been set for the Windsor arena on May 23 but was rescheduled for July 15 after Hearns injured a finger on his right hand. Neither of the fighters could agree conclusively regarding terms, including the site of the fight, a Top Rank spokesman said.

#### Fails medical

MONTREAL (CP) — Nikola Janovic, the Yugoslavian defender who agreed to terms with Montreal Manic last month, will not be joining the North American Soccer League team because he failed to pass a medical, a team spokesman said Tuesday.

#### GM resigns

SEATTLE (AP) — General manager Jack Rebovy of Seattle Sounders, saying he's frustrated by the club's losing record and declining attendance, has resigned. The North American Soccer League team said Tuesday. Rebovy, who held the job for nine months, said he found he didn't have enough time for both the soccer job and his own business. The Sounders are 4-7 so far this season.

#### Joins Oilers

JOSHAWA, ONT. (CP) — Edmonton Oilers signed Brian LaFaire, a former junior hockey coach, to its organization Tuesday night.

Fastball action, Tuesday, at the Army Camp. (Daily News Photo)

## Young goalie stars in his rookie season

#### By GORD SMILEY

Daily News Sports

When Vernon Village Green United joined forces with Coldstream Hotel to form one team in the Okanagan Valley Soccer League, Coach Peter Kubilus was hoping to have one of the two veteran goal tenders start in the nets this year.

However, when training camp started neither Bob Mann or Jim Arthur were in camp and Kubilus was left with 17-year-old rookie, Dave Dutcher. It was probably the greatest stroke of luck Kubilus has had in several years.

In his five and a half games between the pipes, Dutcher has allowed three goals, recorded two shutouts and has not lost. He came to United not expecting to make the club, but wanted to get some experience.

#### WARM-UP

"I was just going to use this team as a warm-up because I had heard about an 18 and under team and thought I'd try it out for them," said Dutcher.

Dutcher earned the starting position because he was the only goaltender in camp, but Kubilus says he would have won the starting job anyway.

"I was hoping for one of the veterans to come in, but there's no question Dave would have beaten anyone for the job," said Kubilus.

Dutcher played minor soccer in Vernon before moving up to United and said his lack of experience and his size worried him especially when preparing for his first game.

"In league, the players shoot a lot harder and you have to be ready at all times, you can't relax when you're in the

net," said Dutcher. "I used to attack a lot, but once against Kelowna I got too far out and the guy just popped it over my head and into the net."

If Dutcher is inexperienced and too small to play in goal, why has he allowed just three goals? "Instinct, plus I'll do anything to stop the ball, as long as it doesn't go that's all that counts."

With Dutcher allowing less than a goal a game, United shouldn't have too much trouble winning games, but such is not the case. United as a 3-0-4 record in league play, and even though they are unbeaten, scoring goals has been a problem.

#### HAD CHANCES

"The only thing I can't figure out is why we can't score more goals. Our last game against Penticton we had so many chances and didn't get one goal," said Dutcher. "I think we might be trying to hurry it, maybe going a split second too fast and making one too many moves around the net."

But with Dutcher in net, United can score one goal and have a good chance of winning the game. United forward Andy Miller said Dutcher has a certain way about doing things while in net.

"He's cocky, he pretty well has to be, if he doesn't believe in himself then he's a little out of luck," said Miller. "As far as the other goals in the league go, he's smaller, but he's got better anticipation."

Because of the new system Kubilus has brought to the team with the play starting at the back and moving the ball through the middle, Dutcher has added responsibility.

"I have to make sure the ball goes to

the right man, so we're able to work the ball the way we want it," Dutcher said. "Because he is young and talented, Kubilus said Dutcher does have a shot at making professional. If he continues to work hard, and puts on some weight."

#### ADREAM

"I'd really like to play for the Whitecaps. It's always been my dream to play professional soccer," said Dutcher. Dutcher has another year of high school to go and when he's done he's ended his given thought of attending Simon Fraser University.

"If you play for SFU, then you can get drafted by the Whitecaps and hopefully play in the big time."

Dutcher attributes a lot of his success to his defence and to just plain hard work.

"In the shooting drills I try to learn by mistakes. When I let one in I like to take a look and see why it happened and how I can prevent it from going in the next time."

Soccer goalkeepers, much like hockey goaltenders, are a different type of player, separate from the others.

"Goalkeepers are a different breed," said Kubilus. "Soccer goalkeepers might not be as big as hockey goalkeepers but it's close. Dave doesn't seem to be scared of anything while in net, he'd do anything to stop the ball, stick his face in front of it if he had to. It's interesting to see some players step back sometimes, being a little too cautious, but not Dutcher, he goes right at anybody."

Whether Dutcher is nobis, crazy or just plain talented, he wins, and Kubilus likes it that way.

## Golfer cards an ace

Paddy Whitfield selected his iron on the 17th year, par three, fifth hole at Spallumcheen Golf Course and promptly to go and when he's done he's ended his hole-in-one, for his first ever hole-in-one, Tuesday.

"It hit a little to the right and it landed about 15 feet from the hole," said Whitfield. "Just for fun I started yelling, go, in, go, in, and it just started rolling and rolling then dropped in."

Unknown to Whitfield, the fifth hole at Spallumcheen is also the Rothmans' Hole, which means Rothmans will award a hand crafted putter permanently engraved to mark the occasion to Whitfield. His name is also put with other Rothmans hole-in-one winners who will have a chance to win a golf cart. Spallumcheen Golf Club would receive a color television set if Whitfield's name is chosen.

Molson's, as part of a national program, will send a handicapped youngster to summer camp at Whitfield's name.

(Daily News Photo)

## Caldow tosses one-hitter

Dave Caldwell tossed a one-hitter to lead Coldstream Hotel Colts to a 4-0 victory over Fairland Merchants in Vernon Major Men's Fastpitch League action Tuesday, at Alexis Park.

In another game, Lumby Royals doubled Kal Tire 6-3.

National Hotel, Kal Tire, Builders Group, and Armstrong Dairyland are tied for second with identical 9-5 records. Colts are just one game back with an 8-6 record. Top four teams qualify for playoffs.

Caldow had a no-hitter until the sixth inning, when he surrendered a single.

Peter Huhn got tagged; with t he loss.

Coldstream scored two unearned runs in the second inning and Bob Powell carried a two-run homer in the fourth.

League play resumes tonight, at Alexis Park, when Coldstream hosts Armstrong. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JUNE, 1977  
Two ex-Vernon Vikings were selected in Tuesday's draft. Minnesota's coach Bob McCammon, "McCrinion" was an outstanding junior and he was later drafted by amateur. Pickers Ron Arsenhok was picked in the first round, and later drafted by the Minnesota Twins.

Lloyd was taken by Cleveland Barons.

## TRADES CONTINUE

### Peeters sent to Bruins

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