

Lakers to start recruiting players

Vernon Lakers' new head coach is confident his club will be competitive in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division next season.

Murray Lawrence, 44, was recently named head coach. He will be assisted by Chuck Tapp,

28, of Kelowna.

"I thought last year's team had a lot of potential," Lawrence said, "but they seemed to be disorganized and lack discipline. We'll sort those things out in a hurry."

Lawrence moved to Vernon

last year from Mill Bay, on Vancouver Island. He is originally from Winnipeg where he played minor, junior, and intermediate hockey. He has 12 years coaching experience at the midget, juvenile, and intermediate levels.

Tapp played junior hockey in Montreal and spent one season with the now-defunct Okanagan College team. He coached Westside Midget Reps for three years and coached Kelowna Midget Reps for the second-half of the 1981-82 season.

SCOUTING

Lawrence said, "We're going to be working hard to find the type of kids we want. In the next three weeks, we'll be making scouting trips to the Coast, Kootenays, and Northern B.C. We've compiled a long list of players we want to talk to."

Vernon's tier one affiliate, Kamloops Oilers, has indicated it will send 10-12 players to Lakers this year. "but, they'll have to earn spots," Lawrence said, "like everybody else. Just because Kamloops sends them here, doesn't mean they are on the team. We'll be looking at a lot of prospects in the Kamloops rookie camp, from Sept. 4-6."

Vernon's training camp will get under way Sept. 7.

LOCAL PLAYERS

Lawrence said local players will also have to battle for a position on the roster. "We'd like to see the development of local players," he said, "but they'll have to earn a spot."

Meanwhile, Lakers' President (Ray (Dick Williment) ended speculation this week when he named Vern Dye as general manager. Dye has been involved with junior hockey, in Vernon, for more than a decade.

He was one of 12 directors who operated Lakers during the 1981-82 campaign.

Roughriders edge Eskimos

REGINA (CP) — Quarterback Joe Adams plunged one yard with eight seconds remaining to lift Saskatchewan Roughriders to a 34-27 victory over Edmonton Eskimos in a Canadian Football League exhibition game Friday night.

The winning drive began at the Roughriders' 25 with only 1:21 left.

Wide receiver Chris DeFrance put the victory within grasp of Saskatchewan, which raised its pre-season record to 2-0, by hauling down a 49-yard Adams pass.

Fullback Greg Fieger then plowed 15 yards, but was halted on the next play.

Veteran safety Ken McEachern had returned an interception 12 yards earlier in the fourth quarter to lift Saskatchewan into a 27-27 tie with Edmonton, whose exhibition record now is 1-1.

Rookie Kevin Rydeard converted the last two Roughrider touchdowns.

In the first quarter, Dave Ridgway had given Saskatchewan a 6-0 first-quarter lead on field goals of 37 and 13 yards.

Veteran Dave Cutler punched a 32-yard field goal at 3:34 of the second quarter to get the four-time defending Grey Cup champions back into the game.

Brian Broomell, who replaced Warren Moon at quarterback midway through the quarter, connected with wide receiver Waddell Smith for a 32-yard touchdown at 5:38 to give the Eskimos a brief 10-6 lead.

Veteran John Hufnagel then piloted two touchdown marches for Saskatchewan.

Running back Lester Brown scored on a one-yard plunge and Hufnagel combined with Ron Robinson on a 34-yard pass-and-run play for other TD. Both touchdowns were converted by Ridgway.

Cutler's 13-yard field goal 17 seconds before the first half ended still left Edmonton trailing 20-7 as the third quarter started.

Coaches Hugh Campbell of Edmonton and Joe Faragalli of Saskatchewan substituted freely in the game played before a record Taylor Field exhibition crowd of 24,722.

Quarterbacks Mike Loyd and Adams, struggling to make the Roughriders, had difficulty moving the club well while Cliff Olander had better success with the Eskimos' offence.

LOOK BACK

FIVE YEARS