



SEVENTY PLAYERS are on the ice today, at the Priest Valley Arena, hoping to land a spot with Vernon Lakers, of the B.C.

Junior Hockey League. In addition to drills and scrimmaging, the camp also in-

cludes dryland training.

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Lakers to trim camp roster

About 30 hopefuls will feel the axe fall today as Vernon Lakers, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, trim their training camp roster in preparation for Saturday's inter-squad game.

Lakers' Head Coach Murray Lawrence said he plans to reduce the number of players in camp from 70 to 40 . . . a workable size.

"I've been impressed with a lot of the kids," Lawrence said. "We've got some great prospects."

Among the newcomers who have caught Lawrence's eye are: Len Sloan, a right winger from Quesnel; Gord Hahn, a centre who played junior B last season in Victoria; and left winger Brent Doucette, a member of the Invermere junior B team in 1981-82.

The first cuts from Kamloops Oilers' training camp have arrived in Vernon. Although Oilers, of the Western Hockey League, and Lakers do not have a formal affiliation this

season, they do have a working agreement.

The initial arrivals are defenceman John Burton and right wing Gavin Shuya. Lawrence said, "We'll be getting the top prospects from Kamloops . . . and there should be some good ones. I expect we'll get a few more players from Oilers on Saturday."

The inter-squad game is scheduled Saturday, at 4 p.m., in the Priest Valley Arena.