## JUNIOR HOCKEY

# Rockets nip Lakers

Revelstoke Rocketrs edged Vernon Lakers 3-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League exhibition action, Thursday, in Revelstoke.

It was Vernon's first outing of the pre-season and Head Coach Murray Lawrence said he was pleased with what he saw.

"For the first time out, I thought our guys played well," Lawrence said. "What impressed me the most was the way they battled back in the third period. We really went after them in the final 20 minutes."

Peter Oliphant opened the scoring, in the first period, for Lakers.

Jeff Dore, Doug Knowler, and Al McDonald gave Rockets a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes. Brent Doucette narrowed the gap, in the final period, for Vernon.

Lakers used four forward ines, six defencemen, and three goaltenders.

"I'm not concerned about the loss," Lawrence said. "The game gave me an opportunity to look at a lot of people, in game conditions. We have a lot of decisions to make before Sunday night."

Vernon currently has 37 players on its roster and Lawrence wants that figure trimmed by 12 by Sunday.

He said, "I'll be going over my notes with (assistant coach) Chuck Tapp in the next day and we'll probably make a few cuts Saturday morning."

THREE GOALIES

Goalies Rob Imboue, who played the first period, and Norm Schwing, who was between the pipes in the third, blanked Revelstoke. Ron Skapski was victimized for all three goals, including two between his legs. Rockets outshot Lakers 38-34.

Two players who drew special praise from Lawrence were forwards Nick Kapicki and Kevin Thorlakson. "They're the two smallest buys on the team and they worked their butts off. They're smart hockey players and they aren't afraid to go into the corners."

Revelstoke is scheduled to pay a return visit to Vernon, Saturday night. On Sunday, the powerful Kelowna Buckaroos are in town.

Lawrence said, "We'll take a look at some of our other people this weekend. After the Kelowna game, we should have a good idea who is going to help us this season."

A newcomer who may see some action is forward Neil Isnor. Isnor, 17, comes to Lakers with impressive statistics. In 35 games last season with Grande Prairie North Stars, of the Peace Cariboo Junior A League, he collected 44 points, including 17 goals.

Isnor has been hobbled by a heel injury, but may be ready for the Revelstoke game.

# Local schools will compete in team sports



Vernon and Lumby secondary schools will be competing in inter-school sports activities this year.

At a meeting Thursday, between school board officials and the five school principals, limited travel funds were approved for athletics. It was feared that due to budget restrictions, inter-school sports