

INCLUDING GOALIE

Lakers cut two

Vernon Lakers released two players after a practice Wednesday night.

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence cut goaltender Rob Imbeau and forward Yves Pelletier.

Imbeau, who has been with Lakers since training camp, was caught in a numbers game. Vernon had four goalies on its roster.

"Rob seemed to be fighting the puck," Lawrence said, "and as a result, he was letting in bad goals every game."

IN REVELSTOKE

Bob Moll will be between the pipes tonight when Lakers travel to Revelstoke, to take on the Rockets. Rex Grant will dress as back-up.

Newcomer Lloyd Clifford, 20, is expected to play in at least one of four games this weekend. Clifford has been toiling with the Prince Rupert intermediate team.

Lawrence said, "Clifford comes to us highly recommended by one of our scouts. He might help us."

Pelletier had been with Lakers, on a trial, for 10 days. He came here from the Canal Flats junior B team.

With the two cuts and

loss of defenceman Keith Chase, Lakers still have 23 players.

"We had to make some moves," Lawrence said. "I want to be down to 21 players

before this weekend ends."

Lakers are also on the road Friday and Saturday for games in Kelowna and Salmon Arm. On Sunday night,

Vernon hosts Merritt Centennials.

Lakers currently rank fourth in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division with a 4-4 record.



VERNON LAKERS worked out Wednesday night, at the Civic Arena, in preparation for four games this weekend. Lakers battle the Rockets, tonight, in Revelstoke. (Daily News Photo)

Chase rejoins midgets to gain more experience

Vernon midget reps will open their 1982-83 regular season schedule when they travel to Kelowna, Saturday.

One player who will be making his second appearance of the year with the midgets is Keith Chase. Chase had signed with the Vernon Lakers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, however, decided to leave the team to get more playing time with the midgets.

Chase, 15, played in an exhibition game with the midgets when they defeated Vernon Oldtimers 12-8. In that game Chase was moved from his normal defence position to forward. He responded with three goals and four assists, and reps coach Hubert Petersen said he's happy to have Chase back.

HARD SHOT

"He's a good sized boy with a hard shot and he's a good hitter," said Petersen. "He'll definitely act as a stabilizer on defence."

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence said he didn't want to lose Chase.

"We felt he was improving all the time," Lawrence said. "Keith feels the extra ice time he'll get in midget will help his skating and puck control. He is young so he has plenty of time to take another crack at junior hockey."

Chase said he thought his stay in junior hockey helped him, but the lack of ice time would eventually hurt him in the long run.

"For one thing, as a 15-year-old I realized I'm not going to get that much time," said Chase. "I'd go on for a shift then stay off for a couple then go back on cold. I just thought I needed a year of midget to develop my skills."

Petersen said he agrees

with Chase's decision on developing his hockey talent.

"I don't think at that level (junior) he would develop properly," said Petersen. "I know from my own experience, I went from midget to senior and spent a lot of time chasing the puck. It wasn't until I was around 20 that I got enough confidence to handle the puck."

Despite the obvious experience Chase would obtain in junior hockey, Petersen also said one year's midget experience would be more valuable.

"In midget he'll handle the puck more and become more of a leader," he said. "Just being on the team I can't see how anyone would develop skills."

Chase is still working out with the Lakers, as well as the midgets, and could be



KEITH CHASE
... quits Lakers

called up later in the year.

Before he decided to play for the midgets, Chase said Lawrence had made a special effort to work with him in practice.

"I think Murray is a real good coach, he was working with me on coming out of my own end, mainly working with the puck," said Chase.

Chase has already been drafted by the Kelowna Wings, of the Western Hockey League, but said he doubts if he'll attend their camp next year.

"Right from the first day of training camp everyone had a positive attitude about the team," said Chase. "I think they (Lakers) have an excellent chance of winning the league this year. I'll probably play for them next year, at least I'll give it my best shot."

Juvenile reps look for their first win

Vernon (Coca Cola) Juvenile Reps will be looking for their first regular season win of the year when they play host to Enderby, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

On Saturday, the team will travel to Kamloops for a 7:15 p.m. start.

Juveniles lost their regular season opener last Sunday to Kelowna, 7-6. Last Saturday, Vernon trounced Kamloops 11-2 in an exhibition encounter. Both games were played at the Civic Arena.

Vernon fell behind early to Kelowna, trailing 2-0 at the end of the first and 7-3 at the end of the second.

In the third, Kelly Rosehill got his second and third goals of the game to

narrow the score to 7-5 followed by a goal by Richard Kneller with less than four minutes remaining. However, Kelowna was able to hang on for the win.

Other Vernon goal scorers were Rick Harries and Kevin Aeichele. Scoring for Kelowna were Dino Zol and Gary Ruff with two goals each while Greg Glouter, Bruce Wienberg and Harold Hajmerle added singles.

Dave McMillan was in net for Vernon while David Janes was between the pipes for Kelowna.

In their exhibition game against Kamloops, the end result was never much in doubt with the locals taking a 2-0 first period lead

and extending that to 5-2 at the end of the second.

Rosehill, Harries and Jackson each scored twice for Vernon while singles went to Darren Haldow, Bill Bishop, Aeichele, Mark Holland and Kneller.

Kamloops goal scoring was handled by Glen Sage and Perry McDonald.

McMillan handled the goaltending chores for the locals while Barry Povas was in net for Kamloops.

League starts

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States Football League will hold its first regular-season, televised game March 6, 1983, the league said Wednesday.