

SEVEN LAKERS NAMED

All-stars nominated

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

If it was Murray Lawrence's choice to pick the Interior Division All-star team he would include at least seven Vernon Lakers in the line-up. As it now stands, Lawrence has nominated seven of his players for the All-star line-up but the final decision as to who will wear the starry-sweaters for the Interior is up to Wayne Naka, coach of the Kelowna Buckaroos, who currently lead the Interior Division.

Goaltender Rex Grant, defencemen Gavin Shuya and Mike Enemark, along with forwards Stacey Wakabayashi, Rob Kossan, Gord Simpson and Nick Kapicki are on Lawrence's list as potential all-stars.

"Shuya, Kossan, Wakabayashi, and Enemark should make it for sure, but you never know, a guy like Kapicki could be their choice as well," said the Lakers' coach.

TOP SCORERS

Shuya and Kossan lead the Lakers in scoring statistics and both are near the top 10 in the league. Wakabayashi, with 35 points, including 18 goals in 18 games, has fashioned himself into one of the top forwards in the league.

Enemark, the lanky defenceman, is currently third in Vernon scoring is consistent in his defensive skills and is the brains behind the very effective Laker power-play.

However, it's not the all-star classic Lawrence is worried about at this time. His team faces a three-game weekend coming up and a three-game winning



GAVIN SHUYA
... top scorer

streak would vault the Lakers ahead, considerably, in the standings.

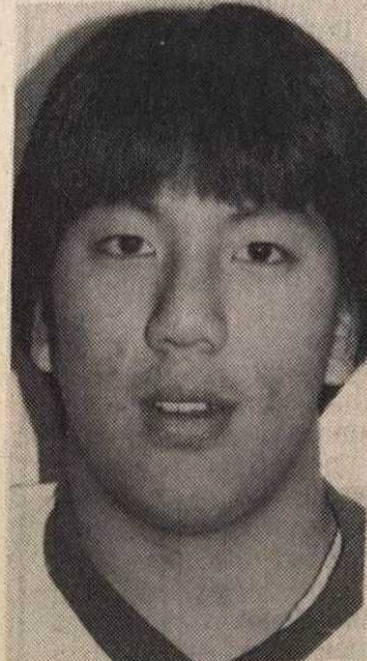
HOSTS ROCKETS

One of the games is a Friday night encounter with the Revelstoke Rockets, for whom the Lakers have acquired a bad taste in their mouths. They'll be out to even the score... Laker style.

"Friday night we're going to whomp the living %\$#*% out of them, where it counts... on the scoreboard," Lawrence said.

Meanwhile, a league governors meeting tonight in Kelowna will discuss a course of action to be taken concerning the Dec. 23 game between Revelstoke and Vernon, a game which Lakers filed a protest against.

Lakers have not fared too well since the new year began, dropping an 8-3 decision to the Buckaroos Jan. 2. Though he was



STACEY WAKABAYASHI
... 18 goals

disappointed with the lack of effort he received from his players, Lawrence can shake off the loss.

"We had four juveniles and two midgets in the lineup. The rest just ran out of gas... too much Christmas cheer I think."

His team, aside from a few aches and pains and one case of the flu, is generally healthy and

ready for new action with some new faces in the lineup.

NEW DEFENDER

One of these faces belongs to 16-year old Kelly Kozak, a rugged young defenceman.

"Kozak looked real good against Kelowna," said Lawrence. "You can watch for him, he knows how to play the game the way it's supposed to be played."

Lawrence is also high on his new prospect at centre, Rob Toye. Toye was recently acquired from Prince Rupert Kings.

"I have a feeling you'll be hearing a lot about this guy," spoke Lawrence in reference to Toye.

Other games this weekend will include a matchup with Abbotsford, tops in the Coastal Division and the league.

"They play hockey, skating and checking, much the same as our game," said the Laker coach. "It will be an excellent game to watch," he added.

Sunday, Lakers will travel to Salmon Arm to complete their weekend tripleheader against Shuswap Totems.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Zone trials in Osoyoos

Osoyoos will host the B.C. Winter Games zone hockey trials this weekend. Four juvenile rep teams will compete in a round

averaged 24.3 points and 16.3 rebounds in leading the 76ers to an 11-2 won-lost record, the best mark in the league. Drew averaged