

Lakers cut two players

Vernon Lakers released forward Gord Simpson and defenceman Regan Desroches this week.

Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark said he felt neither player was happy in Vernon. "We felt that for the best of the club, and the players, we had to let them go," Enemark said.

Both players returned to their hometown, Nanaimo, and are expected to play with Nanaimo Clippers, of the BCJHL.

Simpson, in his third season with Lakers, was 10th in team scoring with 23 points, in 19 games. Desroches, in his second year with the club, had 14 points in 19 games.

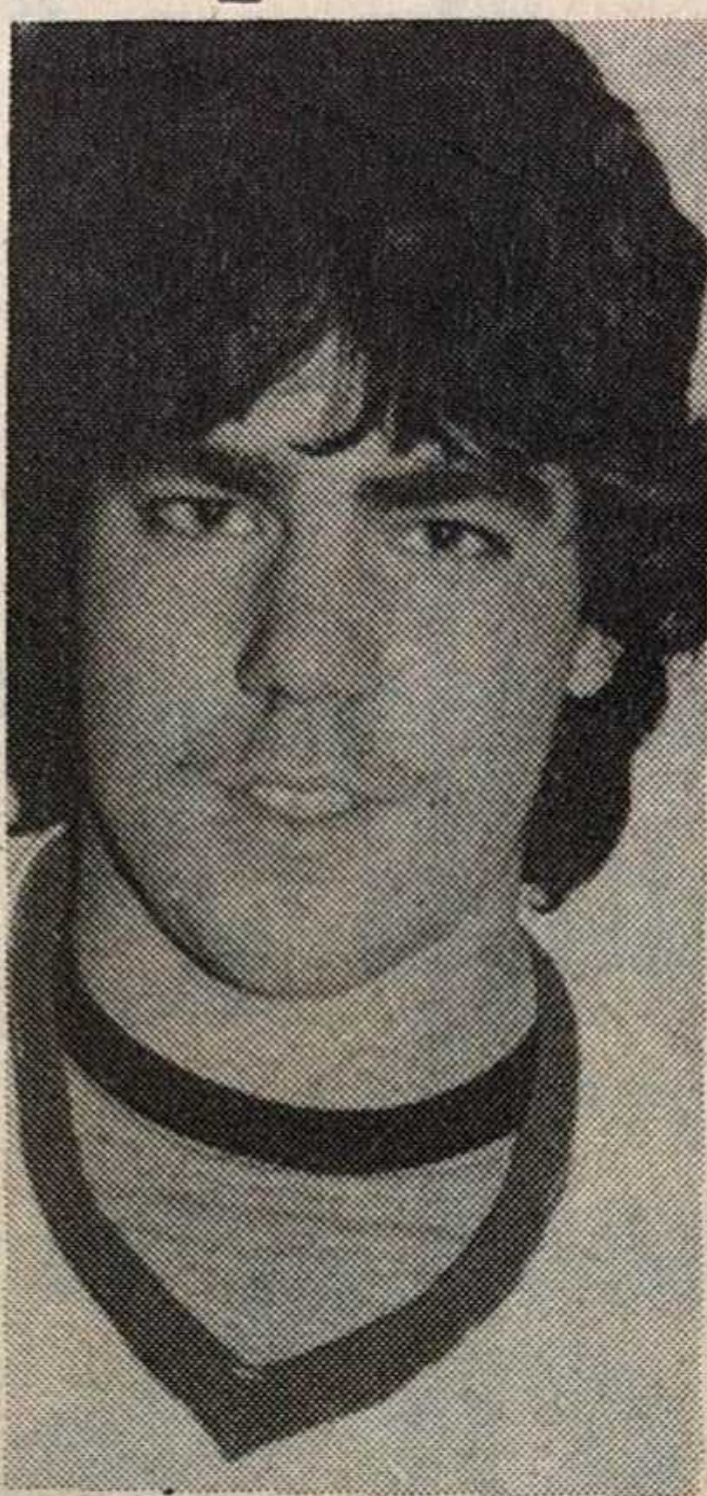
However, Simpson and Desroches had been criticized for their frequent trips to the penalty box. They are among the most penalized players in the Interior Division with 69 and 73 minutes respectively.

Enemark said he won't be adding any players to the roster for the two road games this weekend, tonight in Summerland and Saturday in Revelstoke.

"We've got 19 players . . . we'll go with who we have for a while," Enemark said.

Lakers trail first place Penticton Knights by two points in the BCJHL Interior Division. However, Knights have two games in hand.

Enemark said, "These weekend games are important for us because we don't want to drop too far behind Penticton. We'll be up for the games . . . Sum-



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merland has a good club and we know we have to play well to win . . . and Revelstoke beat us last week."

In BCJHL action Thursday, Dave Phipps scored on a breakaway at 6:47 of overtime to give Richmond Sockeyes a 7-6 win over Burnaby Bluehawks.

Phipps, who had scored earlier in the game, stole the puck at centre ice and raced in alone on Burnaby goaltender Paul Anaka.

In the only other game, Shuswap netminder Ralph Bechtold blocked 35 shots to lead the Totems to a 3-0 win over Revelstoke Rangers.

In Revelstoke, Henry Reimer, Paul Tory, and Albert Anthony scored for the Totems, who held period leads of 1-0 and 2-0.

Revelstoke netminder Peter Martin made 31 saves.