

Lakers host Czech squad

When Vernon Lakers take to the ice tonight they will be facing their most formidable opponent ever in the Czechoslovakian national under 18 team.

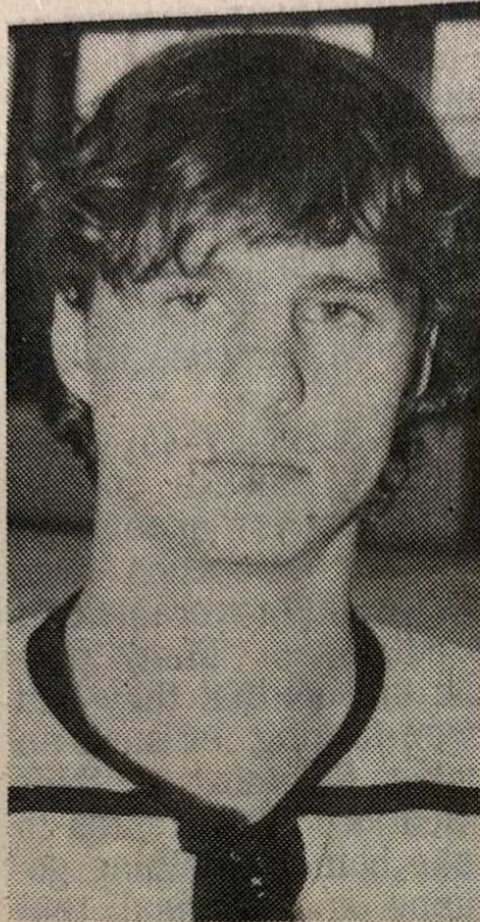
Despite the fact that each player on the opposing club is under 18, European teams are known for their fast-skating, pinpoint passing accuracy, and marksmanship.

None of those strengths have deterred Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark from having confidence in his charges.

"Our edge is our age and experience along with our small ice surface which is to our advantage," said Enemark confidently. "If we take the body and stay out of the penalty box, we'll be alright."

Meanwhile, Enemark feels his club, above any other in the league, is suited to the style of play Europeans exhibit.

"I imagine they'll be a good skating team so we'll have to let the puck do a lot of work for us," Enemark said. "Our game is skating too so we



KASTAK KAMIL is one of the top defencemen on the Czechoslovakian under 18 national team that takes on Vernon Lakers in an exhibition game, tonight, at the Civic Arena. Face-off is 8 p.m.

don't have to alter our game that much."

As a precautionary measure, mostly against

the deadly shooting skills of European hockey players, Enemark plans to implement a very strict order to his team.

"We have to play our positions very well with the high wing covering the slot," offered Enemark. "That position is very important because that'll take the slot away from them."

There's no doubt in Enemark's mind as to the calibre of hockey spectators can expect.

"This is one of the biggest sporting events in Vernon in a lot of years," said Enemark. "It will be one fast, exciting hockey game."

Enemark also defended the club's reasons for hiking the price of tickets for the event.

"This is a big game, a high calibre game, they (Czechs) may never be back," said Enemark. "Two years ago in Pen-ticton they charged \$8.50 right across the board. We've paid a lot of money to get this team here and we have to break even."

Game time is 8 pm at the Civic Arena.