

Lakers dominate all-star line-up

If the Interior Division All-stars win their match against the BCJHL Coastal Division All-star squad Thursday night, there's a good chance a Vernon Laker is going to play an important role in the offensive or the defensive aspect of the game.

Regardless of the outcome, Vernon will be the most well-represented team in the game with six players, a coach and two other players standing by as alternates should the necessity to use them arise.

Playing for the Interior Division all-stars will be Rob Kossan, Dave Wensley, Bob Wensley and Nick Kapicki up front, with Ken MacKenzie and Gavin Shuya patrolling the blueline. Both Kossan and Shuya are veterans of the 1983 all-star matchup which saw the Coastal Division come from behind a 3-0 deficit to earn a 5-3 victory.

However, Mike Enemark, coach of the Interior Division squad in this 1984 encounter, feels there is going to be a big turnaround this season.

"I think with the talent we have in this division ... Brett Hull, Rod Pointexter, the Wensleys, we'll put a lot of goals on the board," said Enemark, bursting with confidence. "I think we'll win by three goals."

Enemark feels he has more than just players on his side, however, as the Richmond arena measures up to the Interior's capabilities.

"The arena will fit into our style of play," said Enemark. "It's a big rink

and we've got the skaters for it."

It is unnecessary for Enemark to be responsible for charging up his players however, since the opportunity will do that for itself.

"I know from playing in the all-star game and now coaching that it gives you a lot of pride to be there, it's a great feeling," Enemark said. "You're really hyped up and it's important to have a good game because there will be a lot of scouts present."

In the 1983 game at Kelowna, there were at least a dozen scouts present but due to the showing by the BCJHL in last year's Centennial Cup final and the number of players given scholarships, that figure will very likely double for this year's event.

In Tuesday's lone BCJHL game, Brooke Odevald scored twice to lead Richmond Sockeyes to a 5-1 Coast Division victory over Abbotsford Flyers.

Group formed to buy Totems

A society has been formed to purchase Salmon Arm Totems, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

About 85 people attended Salmon Arm Totems Junior Hockey Society's first meeting, Tuesday.

Owner Dave Loudoun has stated he will not invest any more money in the club and has offered the team to the society for \$1, if it takes over the liabilities.

Bill Stewart, a society director, estimates his group needs \$25,000 to purchase the club and operate it for the remainder of the 1983-84 season.

Stewart said, "We do not have an accurate accounting of the team's debts, but we estimate we need \$25,000 to get through the year."

About 25 per cent of the society's goal was pledged, Tuesday. A deadline of Feb. 29 has been set for raising the remainder of the \$25,000.

"We're not prepared to take control of the club until we have sufficient funds," Stewart said. "I'm optimistic we can raise the money in the next four-to-five weeks."

Stewart feels the main reason for the large debt, incurred after only one and one-half years of operation, is an unstable organization.

"The dollars and cents weren't watched closely," Stewart said. "And there were few promotions to supplement revenue from gate receipts."

"The revenue from gate receipts wasn't as high as projected and expenses were higher than projected. Also, we ran into a lot of start-up costs last year when we joined the BCJHL."