



MURRAY LAWRENCE
... contender



JAY STARK
... Rangers' camp

Local players with Rangers

Junior hockey fans travelling to Revelstoke tonight to watch the exhibition matchup between Revelstoke Rangers and Vernon Lakers will find it difficult to tell the good guys from the bad guys, without a program.

Under the direction of Coach and General Manager Murray Lawrence, Rangers invited five Vernon players to their junior camp. Lawrence has indicated at least two will sign, but he may employ as many as four for the 1984-85 BCJHL campaign.

Considering Lawrence, coach of Vernon Lakers during the 1982-83 season, feels his Rangers will be serious contenders for the Interior Division title, the ability of the local players in his line-up obviously isn't in question.

Two players who have secured regular spots on the Rangers' roster are Derek Webb and Wes Elliot, a pair of former stars with Vernon Lake Country Sports Midget Rep Team.

"We like Wes (Elliot) very much and at the present we have plans for him," said Lawrence.

Another player trying to earn a spot with the Revelstoke squad is 16-year-old defenceman Jay Stark who spent most of the summer working with the B.C. under 17 team.

Meanwhile, a fourth player, Troy Roland, hasn't been so fortunate. He was cut from the Revelstoke club, not because of lack of ability, but because of a surplus of quality players on the left side of Lawrence's camp.

"We've got some vets coming back on the left side and it's just a numbers game," said Lawrence. "He can definitely play somewhere though."

Roland was previously cut by Penticton Knights.

A fifth player, Ron Hodgson, is so determined to make the Revelstoke club that he's making a second attempt after being cut once already by Lawrence.

"We released him (Hodgson) when he came to camp originally, but he wanted another shot at making the team so we gave it to him," Lawrence offered.

Lawrence is feeling fairly secure about his team's chances of success this season and with good cause since he has one of the largest fields of returning players in the entire league.

"We'll probably end up with 11 or 12 vets back," he said. "We'll have a good balance all around... we feel pretty confident this year. I think we have a pretty good shot at the Interior Title."

The United States beat West Germany 6-4 Monday to finish second at 3-1-1 and will play third-place Sweden in the other semifinal Wednesday in Edmonton. Sweden downed Czechoslovakia 4-2 Monday.

To beat the Soviets, who went through the round-robin portion of the tournament unbeaten in five games, Canada will have to work even harder than it did Monday.

"We have to outwork them and outthink them," said Gretzky. "They're human, they make mistakes. But we have to force them to make those mistakes."

ISSUES COSTLY

Monday it was the Canadians who made the more costly errors. An elbowing penalty to Mark

to bring in extra television revenues. Federation rules do not allow Olympic hockey tournaments to extend beyond 12 days.

Walter Wasservogel, the federation's secretary-general, said several of its 34 members are also upset by Olympic eligibility rules that banned former National Hockey League players from the 1984 Winter Games but welcomed professional soccer players to the 1984 Summer Games.

"Canada is the motherland of hockey and it would be a great pity if there were none here in 1988," Wasservogel said Monday. He was in Calgary to inspect facilities at the Olympic Saddledome.

Wasservogel said several top hockey nations, including the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, have complained that the extra time they spend in Calgary will mean starting their regular seasons too early.

ISSUES WARNING

"Hockey is a winter sport, not summer," he said. "We are not against the Olympics... but (the IOC) cannot do just whatever they like."

The world's top hockey teams must sandwich the Winter Olympics and their regular home schedules between the Izvestia tournament in Moscow in November 1987 and the Canada Cup in September 1988.

Guenter Sabetzki, president of the international federation, said he has received letters from the Soviet, Czechoslovakian, Swedish and West German teams in support of the threatened boycott.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Extra ice time helps Eddie get ready



Vernon's contribution to the National Hockey League, Eddie Johnstone, has been running practices for the Vernon Lakers Junior Hockey Team for the past two weeks.

The time Johnstone has spent on the ice with the Lakers has enabled Head Coach Mike Enemark to sit back and take a good look at his prospects. While Eddie deserves praise for helping the junior club, the extra ice time has also helped him.

Johnstone will be battling for a spot with Detroit Red Wings when that club opens its training camp next week. He knows he has his work cut out... and he has been working hard in Lakers' practices to prepare for camp.

There was a time, just a couple years ago, when just about anyone who could skate and chew gum at the same time, could play for the Red Wings. But, since the arrival of General Manager Jimmy Devellano, from New York Islanders' organization, things have changed.

DRAFTED WISELY

Red Wings have drafted wisely in the last three years and signed several free agents who helped Detroit make the playoffs last season for the second time in the last decade.

Centre Steve Yzerman was runner-up in

rookie of the year balloting and veteran Brad Park gave stability to a previously porous defence.

Johnstone, acquired from New York Rangers in a multi-player deal in 1983, was making a solid contribution to Detroit's climb from obscurity until two injuries sidelined him for a total of more than six weeks.

When he rejoined Red Wings in February, he was relegated to the fourth line and saw only limited duty. What had started as a promising year, finished as a disappointment with just 12 goals.

Devellano has made a handful of deals this summer which should improve his team... and leave a few veterans wondering if they'll be employed in October.

TWO CZECHS

Red Wings got left winger Dave Williams from Vancouver in exchange for Rob McClanahan; signed Czechs Milan Chalupa, a defenceman, and Frantisek Cernik, a left winger; drafted centre Shawn Burr, who was rookie of the year in the Ontario Junior League last season; and also drafted defenceman Doug Houda, who may stick with the Wings.

Fortunately for Johnstone, none of the new acquisitions are right wingers. But, he still goes to camp as the fourth man on the right side. Rated ahead of him are Ron

the Olympics would extend the world's revenue, provide several million more dollars in TV revenues, one-third of which go to the IOC and its sport federations.

WANTS CONSULTATION

Wasservogel said his federation is angry because the IOC didn't ask if extending the Olympics presented any problems.

"We cannot understand why they need 16 days," he said.

In fact, because no events will be allowed on opening day, the hockey schedule in Calgary will last just 15 days from Feb. 14 to 28.

Spallumcheen ladies' draw

PIN ROUND AND TROPHY DAY #1 TEE

9:00 a.m.: Sherry Walters, Ethel Thompson, Diane Simms;

9:06 a.m.: Vera Jensen, Nell Daisley, Rosemarie Von Pentz;

9:12 a.m.: Betty Griffin, Freda Holland, Marion Sheare;

9:18 a.m.: Audrey Peterson, Jean Thomas, Marcia Giguere;

9:24 a.m.: Norma Rees, Sylvia French, Hazel Barker;

9:30 a.m.: Pat Haigh, Grace Myhill, Mary Huggins;

9:36 a.m.: Kay Coleman, Wynn Oliver, Mildred Good;

9:42 a.m.: Baby McKay, Lois Ed-

monds

#10 TEE

9 a.m.: Shirley Kachuk, Shirley White, Pat Burgess;

9:06 a.m.: Joyce Jensen, Rita Guide, Kay Morison;

9:12 a.m.: Marg Bennett, Mary McCallan, Mary Wilkinson;

9:18 a.m.: Marilyn Wood, Robin Scott, Vera Nelson;

9:24 a.m.: Bert Young, Doreen Elliott, Ev Zamis;

9:30 a.m.: Grace Hadland, Jean August, Lois Weixl;

9:36 a.m.: Colleen Schier, Shirley McDonald, Irmela Huber;

Keel count of your putts.

Duguay, Lane Lambert, and captain Danny Gare. Pierre Aubry, picked up last year from Quebec Nordiques, will also be at camp. And with eight centres on the training camp roster, Devellano may elect to move one of the pivots to the wing.

Devellano was recently quoted as saying Burr would get a good look in training camp with McClanahan on left wing and Johnstone or Aubry on the other side. Aith McClanahan gone, Devellano's plan will obviously be altered, but his comment makes it evident that Eddie is fighting for a spot.

BEST SHOT

Johnstone, who represented Rangers in the NHL all-star game three years ago, hasn't paid much attention to the player movements. In fact, he didn't know the name of the two Czechs signed by Detroit until I told him last week.

He plans to go to training camp and give it his best shot... like he has always done. The extra ice time with Lakers will help him go to camp in better shape and maybe convince the coaching staff he is still more valuable at 30, than a promising 19 or 20 year old.

He is a survivor and will be playing in the NHL this season. If not in Detroit, then somewhere that can use a hard-working right winger.