

Former Vernon netminder gets tryout with Canucks

Rex Grant, the lanky netminder who aided Vernon Lakers to a tournaround in the team's league standings two years ago, will check into Vancouver Canucks' training camp next week in Duncan. But, according to Harry Neale, vice-president and general manager of Canucks, he won't be staying too long.

Grant, who split his time last season between Kamloops Oilers and Seattle Breakers, of the major Western Hockey League, was chosen in the 11th round by Canucks, and 178th overall in the June amateur draft.

However, Neale suggested in no uncertain terms that although Grant shows the potential to become an NHL calibre goaltender, he will be returning to the junior ranks for the upcoming 1984-85 hockey season.

"We think he's a bit of a prospect," said Neale of the rangy goaltender who spent the 1982-83 BCJHL season in a Vernon Lakers' jersey under the auspices of then Coach Murray



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Lawrence. "He's going to play a lot in Moose Jaw and we're hoping he'll have a good season."

Grant will be returning to the junior ranks as an overage player in concurrence with NHL-junior hockey understandings, that more or less dictates a drafted player who doesn't make the parent NHL club is generally returned to his junior club.

He will be one of two allowable overage players on the roster of the Moose Jaw Club.

Grant is one of six goaltenders who will check into Canucks' camp next week. Among the others are Shawn Kilroy and Wendell Young who were with Canucks' minor league affiliates last season, as well as Frank Caprice, John Garrett, and Richard Brodeaur. The latter three composed the starting trio for Canucks last season and will likely be the three chosen at this year's training session as well.

Grant was the only goaltender picked by Canucks in last June's draft.