

EXHIBITION HOCKEY

Knights host Lakers

The young Vernon Lakers take on the class of the B.C. Junior Hockey League when they travel to Penticton, tonight, for a pre-season confrontation with the Knights.

Penticton has nine veterans, six other players with junior A experience and numerous

great prospects on its squad.

Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark concedes Penticton is the team to beat in the Interior Division.

"They've got a great club," Enemark said. "For us to do well against Knights, we'll have to

work hard. I'm hoping for a tight-checking game because we don't want to get in a shootout with them."

Goalie Jim Young, one of only four returnees on Vernon's roster, will make his first start of the exhibition season.

Knights pay a return

visit to Vernon, Sunday night. Enemark announced his club will host St. Paul Vulcans, of the Minnesota Junior Hockey League, Sept. 29.

Meanwhile, Lakers released nine players this week, reducing the roster to 26, including three goalies.

Among the cuts were five local players: Curt Petersen, Doug McIntyre, Keith Major, and goalies Blu Smith and Glen Mitchell.

Despite releasing Mitchell, Enemark praised the young netminder. "Glen is going to be one helluva goalie," Enemark said. "He'll get more playing time and game experience with the midget reps this season. We may call him up a few times during the year."

New arrivals in the Lakers' camp include a pair of defencemen, Keith Chase and Dave Confortin.

Chase, a graduate of Vernon Minor Hockey Association, had been trying out with Kamloops Oilers, of the Western League.

Confortin, from Victoria, is just 15 year old. However, he is 6'1" and 185 pounds.

Wolves and Selects clash in soccer final

Coldstream Hotel Wolves meet Super Shoe Selects in the Vernon City Soccer League championship game Saturday, at 12:30 p.m., at MacDonald Park.

Wolves, who placed first during the regular season, and Selects split a pair of games this year. Coldstream won the first meeting 2-0, but dropped the second encounter 3-0.

Coldstream netminder Bob Mann said his club may be missing as many as four players. Midfielder Jim Wilson is sidelined with a broken leg while forwards Steve Thomas and Dave Poggemiller along with defender Brian VanDerWal are considered doubtful starters due to work commitments.

"If we don't have any of those guys, we'll be down to 12 players," Mann said. "That doesn't leave us much strength on the sidelines."

On a positive note for Wolves, former league scoring champion Wally Fisher will return to the line-up after missing

two months due to broken ribs. Fisher will fill the striker's position left vacant by the absence of Thomas.

Super Shoe will also be missing some key personnel. Defender Mark Taylor and midfielder Rod Irons are now working in Vancouver and winger Winston Pain is attending the University of Victoria. Irons and Pain played only a few games this season, but Taylor was a stalwart on Selects' back line before moving to the Coast last week.

"We'll miss Mark, there is no doubt about that," said Super Shoe striker Paul Morgan. "Fortunately, we've got a lot of depth. We'll have 13 or 14 players."

Left fullback Brian Essington will move to Taylor's sweeper, or midfullback, position.

Morgan said, "It would be nice to have those guys, but we can still field a strong team."