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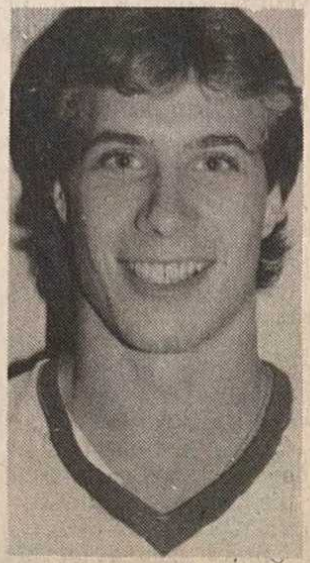
Lakers acquire goalie

Vernon Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark may have had his prayer for a goaltender answered with the acquisition of 20-year-old netminder Rob Bedell, who checked into practice Monday morning.

Bedell spent two years with Winnipeg Warriors, of the Western Hockey League, and a half season with Calgary Wranglers. If he works into the Lakers' format, he could earn a spot with incombent Jim Young.

"He's awfully quick on his feet and has a good glove," said Enemark of his latest acquisition. "He was supposed to get a pro tryout and that didn't materialize so he was out in the cold without a team to play for."

Bedell may get a taste of junior A action tonight when Lakers attempt to break out of a four-game losing streak when they host Summerland Buckaroos, at the Civic Arena. Enemark is confident his club will kiss the futility streak good bye at the Bucks' expense.



NICK KAPICKI
. . . scoring touch

"We've played them twice in Summerland and lost both times, but really we should have beaten them last time we played," he said. "We have to play better defensively and score more goals."

While Enemark's squad is healthy, particularly in the defensive area with the exception of speedster Shawn Lofroth, the trouble to late has been up front where some of the club's more proven goal-scorers have come up empty lately. One in particular is veteran Nick Kapicki.

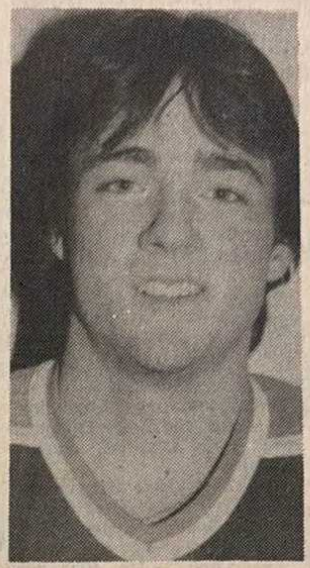
"Guys like Kapicki have only scored three goals this season and they're capable of much more," said Enemark. Kapicki netted 28 goals last season.

Another proven scorer is centre Dave Milan, who notched 29 with Cowichan last season.

Meanwhile, Lakers' practice sessions have been heavily concentrated in the areas of defensive zone work and breakout patterns for coming out of their own end zone.

"Basically we've been breaking our game down into smaller areas," said Enemark. "We've got to start winning some games though and if we don't we'll have to make some personnel changes."

Hockey fans will have a chance to see two familiar faces in action



ALAN YOUNG
. . . returns to Vernon

tonight when veteran Shannon Pohl suits up with Lakers and Alan Young is in uniform for the Bucks. Young has blossomed into one of the swiftest players in the BCJHL over the past year and will no doubt impress a lot of onlookers with his speed.

Lakers are running two promotions in conjunction with tonight's game. All mothers, accompanied by a child, will be admitted free and all minor hockey players wearing their hockey jackets or sweaters will be admitted for half-price.

In Thursday's lone BCJHL game, veteran forward Paul Bifano scored the winning goal at 13:14 of the final period as Burnaby Bluehawks extended their unbeaten string to eight games with a 10-8 victory over Langley Eagles.

The victory lifted Bluehawks to within one point of Coast Division leading Langley.



