

Lakers trade in skates for floor hockey sticks

Vernon Lakers have defeated a lot of teams so far this season, but they'll have their hands full tonight when they compete in a hockey game of a different variety.

A number of the local junior hockey team members will face a squad of Special Olympics floor hockey competitors tonight, at West Vernon School, at 6 pm.

The 17 members who make up the Special Olympics "A" and "B" squads are reportedly quite good and represent an ambitious campaign by organizers in this area to introduce athletes to various Special Olympics programs.

To date, the Special Olympics team hasn't been in serious competition. The team is looking

for any team, or group, that is willing to play them in exhibition matches gearing the local squad up for the Sports Fest Floor Hockey Championship to be held in Vancouver, April 12, 13, and 14.

The team has a game against Vernon RCMP in the works for early-February.

Meanwhile, a number of other programs have been introduced to special athletes in the Vernon area under the auspices of Anne Blackmore and the Vernon Special Olympics group.

B.C. Special Olympics year-round programs give potential athletes who are mentally handicapped a chance to improve physical awareness, and an opportunity to experience success. These programs are a step toward integra-

tion into other programs and into communities such as Vernon.

As a registered non-profit association, Special Olympics depends almost exclusively on volunteer help from coaches, organizers, office staff and board members.

Among the Vernon programs recently introduced are bowling and swimming, in addition to the floor hockey program.

Swimming is one of the more successful and organized of the sporting programs in that it has eight volunteer coaches to offer assistance to the 18 swimmers. These athletes are very enthusiastic and some are potential candidates for an upcoming meet with Kamloops and Williams Lake in late-January.

This one-day event will be held in Kamloops.

There are about 20 athletes involved in the

local bowling program, with three coaches. According to a group spokesperson, this sport, like the others, still is in need of volunteer coaches and scorekeepers.

At least one tournament is in the wind for the bowling group. The B.C. Special Olympics Bowling Championship takes place Feb. 10, in Vernon. The local group is expecting 150 athletes and coaches to participate. It will be held on the last day of the Vernon Winter Carnival.

If anyone wishes to volunteer their time or skills in aiding any of these programs, Vernon Special Olympics is holding a development meeting Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., in the music room at the Schubert Community Centre.

For further information contact Blackmore at 545-3688.

Eagles



VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Monday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League: **STANDINGS**

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Burnaby	18	4	1	37
Langley	16	8	0	32
Richmond	13	9	1	27
Nanaimo	10	10	0	20
Abbotsford	9	15	0	18
Sidney	5	18	0	10

Interior Division

Penticton	20	3	0	40
Vernon	13	11	1	27
Summerland	12	10	0	24
Merritt	8	14	0	16
Revelstoke	7	17	0	14
Salmon Arm	4	16	1	9

SCORING
Coastal

	G	A	Pts
Ginetti, Bby	18	50	68
Ruppel, Lan	21	39	60
Command, Sid	23	25	48
Poulin, Nan	24	22	46
O'Brien, Bby	17	29	46
Austin, Bby	15	31	46
Major, Rich	21	24	45
Dusevic, Lan	14	30	44
Ware, Lan	20	23	43
Dietrich, Rich	19	24	43

Interior

Murphy, Pen	25	36	61
Kidd, Pen	16	34	50
Brost, Pen	26	21	47
Winnicki, Pen	13	34	47
Mowery, Sum	11	36	47
Pettyjohn, Sum	28	17	45
Kinley, Rev	19	25	44
Beddard, Sum	17	26	43
Kapicki, Ver	11	26	37
Harrison, Pen	14	21	35

GOALTENDING
Coastal

	Min.	GA	Ave
King, Rich	849	69	4.88
Maissonneuve, Lan	600	50	5.00
Woodley, Bby	907	86	5.69
Loring, Abb	836	81	5.81
Furlan, Nan	411	41	5.96

Interior

McPhail, Pen	608	36	3.55
Pizzey, Pen	748	48	3.85
Seymour, Rev	429	36	5.04
Young, Ver	919	78	5.09
Garnett, Sum	673	59	5.26