



JASON PHILLIPS, 17, joined Vernon Lakers recently, coming to the local club by way of Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League. Phillips, a left winger, played his minor hockey in Burnaby and is a welcome addition to the Vernon squad. (Daily News Photo)

Shuswap Lakers share first place

Waddy's Restaurant upset Nor Kor Contracting 85-72 in Vernon Major Men's Basketball League action, Monday, at VSS.

The loss drops Nor Kor, which had won its first four games, into a tie for top spot with Shuswap Lakers. In other games Monday, Lakers trounced Molsons 84-65 and Scenic Valley Garden Centre hammered Sun Valley Sports 83-59.

Al Gatzke led Waddy's Restaurant with 17 points

while Jim Maundrell dropped in 16.

Kevin Korol, with 25 points, and Morris Vardabasso, with 20, handled most of the offence for Nor Kor.

Nor Kor led 37-28 at half-time before getting into foul trouble. Contractors, who had only five players, lost Victor Eng, who fouled out; and Randy Matheson, who was ejected.

Shuswap used a balanced attack, with five players hitting double

figures, against Molsons. Rob MacAuley led Lakers with 18 points while Glynne Green added 14 and Steve Butchart collected 13.

Don Balcombe was the top sniper for Molsons with 24 points while Bill Haworth sunk 12.

Lakers were never threatened after taking a 14-5 lead in the opening minutes.

Scenic Valley used its superior height to completely dominate the boards against Sun Valley Sports.

Greg Deleenheer led the Gardeners with 20 points while Wilf Haak scored 16 and Lorne Hanson dropped in 13.

Paul Morgan was the offensive leader for Sun Valley with 20 points while Dave Abersek and Bob Shannon swished 15 apiece.

Scenic Valley held a commanding 36-22 lead at half-time.

Swift Current dumps Swedes

Swift Current Indians, of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, defeated Nacka, a first division team from Sweden, 7-5 in an exhibition game Monday, in Swift Current, Sask.

Ron Berezowski, who spent two seasons with Vernon Lakers, and Darin Kimble scored two goals apiece for Indians.

Nacka, which plays Wednesday night against Vernon Cougars, has lost the first three outings on its eight-game Canadian tour.

Trail Smoke Eaters doubled Nacka 8-4, Saturday, and Lethbridge Broncos, of the Western Hockey League, nipped the Swedes 5-4, Sunday.

Cougars' General Manager Gary Swanson said he expects the Swedish squad to be tough. "Nacka will be hungry for a win," Swanson said. "You never want to play a touring team after they've lost their first three games."

The struggling Cougars were hammered 12-3 and 9-1 last weekend in Quesnel. The losses drops Vernon's record to five wins and 14 losses.

Swanson hopes to have high-scoring Terry Lowe in his line-up Wednesday. The slick centre recently returned from a tour of Finland with the Oliver Bighorns.

"Terry has a sore elbow, but we expect him to practice tonight," Swanson said. "He will certainly help."

Advance tickets for Wednesday's game are available at Al's Esso Service. Game time is 7 p.m.

SPEEDY FORWARD

Phillips joins Lakers

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Vernon Lakers recently acquired a major junior calibre winger in 17-year-old Jason Phillips, formerly with Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League.

Phillips has inserted himself into Lakers' camp at just the right time apparently, since the club plays just three games between now and the new year. This will give Coach Don Moores some time to work his new acquisition into the scheme of things.

Phillips, who played his minor hockey in Burnaby and tolled for Burnaby Midget A's last season, had played eight games with Blazers prior to his arrival in Vernon. Kamloops, still carrying 24 players with Phillips' departure, want the young forward to gain ice time and experience in the junior ranks and have him reasonably close in case his services are needed.

For now he fills a need for Lakers who can use all the speed they can get up front.

"It was a good experience playing for the Blazers," suggested Phillips who was present for Lakers 4-3 victory over Summerland last Friday. "I'm trying to get experience and ice time here (Vernon) but I'm looking forward to several good years in the WHL yet."

Though he's only had the opportunity to witness one game since joining the local club, Phillips was already able to make some observations.

"I found it (the play) to be a little slower and a little more scrumbly," he said, but indicated that it suited him just fine.

Although Phillips didn't play much in his days with Blazers, and will need some conditioning before he's able to reach full throttle, the fact that he nearly cracked the

line-up of the number one ranked major junior club in the country speaks highly of his potential.

Meanwhile, Phillips is bent on making a name for himself and his teammates now that he's wearing a Lakers' jersey.

"I'll do my best for these guys, they're a great bunch of guys," he offered. "You'll be able to see a drastic change by the end of the year... I like Vernon and I'm lucky because I've got a great coach."

Moores, though somewhat disappointed with a recent change in scheduling, welcomes Phillips with open arms and also the chance to work on his team play with the lull in Lakers' scheduling.

"We only have three games until the new year but that's alright because we have lots of time to work," Moores said.

Lakers' next action is Friday night when Salmon Arm Totems will be in town.

Knights, Eagles swap key players

A blockbuster trade in the B.C. Junior Hockey League took place recently involving Interior Division leading Penticton Knights and Langley Eagles, of the Coastal Division.

Knights, already top-heavy in the forward department, traded centre Aaron Scott along with journeyman forward Shawn Harrison to Eagles in exchange for forward Rod Ware and defenceman Jim Burnett.

Eagles also recently acquired defenceman Bryant Perrier, the high-scoring blueliner formerly with Revelstoke Rangers. Perrier, though

considered valuable, came to Eagles for a cash fee only.

In Penticton, Coach Rick Kozuback explained his team's decision to trade Scott, a 100-plus point man last season.

"Rod has 50 points already this season and Aaron was struggling," said Kozuback. "We felt we needed more experience and composure up front."

"We needed a forward to play with Joe Murphy and we also wanted a better man on the power-play."

Knights, who lead the Interior Division and the BCJHL with their record of 23 wins and only three losses, are already strong on the power-play and were particularly strong up the middle with eight centreman prior to the departure of Scott.

"Aaron had 46 goals last year and he started out well this season but he had just two points in the last nine games," Kozuback offered.

Burnett fills the bill in two areas for Knights, defensive ability and size. Burnett, who toiled with Eagles last season, is 6'2" and 220 lbs. He's also known for answering the bell with anyone.

"We felt we needed a defenceman badly and Jim suits our needs," Kozuback said.

Kozuback was also impressed with Vernon Lakers' acquisition of Jason Phillips, who came this way from Kamloops Blazers of the Western

Hockey League.

"We don't want to have a league that's not competitive," he said. "We want every game to be a challenge."

Local player honored

Dale Olson, of Vernon, was named most valuable player in the Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend at Western Washington College, in Bellingham, Wash.

Olson, a 6'3" forward, led the University of B.C. Thunderbirds into the championship game against Southern Oregon. Despite a 16-point performance by Olson, Southern Oregon edged Thunderbirds 77-75.

Forward Dan Tompkins scored 20 points and guards Willie Young and Jeff Carter made 13 steals to lead Southern Oregon past UBC.

On Friday, Olson sunk 23 points to lead Thunderbirds past Western Washington.

Olson is in his first season at UBC after spending one year at Columbia College, in California and Langara College, at Vancouver. The 20-year-old VSS graduate is among team leaders in points and rebounds for Thunderbirds.

Armstrong places second

Oliver defeated Armstrong Saints 85-55 in the championship game of the Oliver 'A' Boys' Basketball Tournament, last Saturday.

Greg Barkman, who was named to the first all-star team, led Saints with 19 points. David Hall dropped in nine points for Armstrong.

Earlier in the tourney, Saints downed Summerland 59-54 and Hinton, Alta. 59-51. Barkman sunk 23 points against Summerland and 20 in the win over Hinton.

Forward Brad Galicer, of Armstrong, was named to the second all-star squad.

Seaton Sonics, of Vernon, placed third in the two-day event. Sonics beat Cranbrook, lost to Oliver, and dumped Summerland in the consolation final.

Armstrong Coach Ross Shannon said Oliver has an excellent club. "They're huge," Shannon said. "Everyone on their forward line is 6'3" or 6'4" and good."

Saints host Fulton Maroons in a crucial North Okanagan League game, tonight, at 8 p.m. Fulton is currently ranked sixth in the province, one notch higher than Armstrong.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Professional athletes get rich in a hurry



It is difficult for us, in the real world, to relate to the massive amounts of money being paid to professional athletes.

Television revenues and corporate sponsorships have made it possible for athletes to become millionaires overnight. Some athletes make more in a year, for hitting or

Sutter, who has been shopping for the best deal for several weeks, will earn \$10 million for six seasons in the Atlanta bullpen.

Baseball players aren't the only athletes making big money these days. Last weekend, in Phoenix, boxer Gerry

On the seniors tour, Peter Thomson topped the field at a tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. The seniors' tour is designed for players in the twilight of their careers... so the prize money is substantially lower than the PGA circuit. Thomson won \$40,000.



VANCOUVER (CP) — Statis-
tics released Monday by the
British Columbia Junior Hockey

League:

STANDINGS

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Burnaby	19	4	1	39
Langley	18	9	0	36
Richmond	15	10	1	31
Nanaimo	12	12	0	24
Abbotsford	11	15	0	22
Sidney	5	19	0	10

Interior Division

Penticton	23	3	0	46
Vernon	14	11	1	29
Summerland	13	12	0	26
Revelstoke	8	18	0	16
Merritt	8	18	0	16
Salmon Arm	4	19	1	8

SCORING

Coastal	G	+A	Pts
Ginetti, Bby	19	52	71
Ruppel, Lan	23	43	66
Poulin, Nan	33	31	64
Major, Rich	23	30	53
Brisco, Nan	17	36	53
zdusevic, Lan	14	38	52
Street, Rich	24	27	51
Dietrich, Rich	23	35	48
Command, Sid	23	35	48
Coroy, Nan	17	31	48
Austin, Bby	16	32	48

Interior

Murphy, Pen	27	40	67
Kid, Pen	19	36	55
Kinley, Rev	23	31	54
Mowry, Summ	14	38	52
Winnicki, Pen	15	36	51
Brost, Pen	27	22	49
Ware, Pen	22	26	48
Pettyjohn, Sum	29	18	47
Beddard, Sum	15	28	47
Kapicki, Ver	12	28	40

GOALTENDING

Coastal	Min	Ga	Avg
King, Rich	969	79	4.89
Maissonneuve, Lan	721	62	5.16
Loring, Abb	956	87	5.46
Woodley, Bby	907	86	5.69
Wourms, nan	550	55	6.00
Interior			
McPhail, Pen	668	38	3.41
Pizzey, Pen	868	55	3.80
Young, Ver	979	81	4.96
Seymour, Rev	429	36	5.03
Garnett, Sum	793	68	5.14