Lakers acquire Pohl brothers

Vernon Lakers have acquired the playing rights to Troy and Trevor Pohl from Salmon Arm Blazers.

The Pohl brothers have been in Vernon for a month, but were unable to play because their playing rights were traded by Blazers to Merritt Warriors. However, the deal between Salmon Arm and Merritt fell through this week and Blazers released the duo to Vernon.

Lakers' Coach Don Moores said he hopes to use the Pohls tonight when his club takes on the Knights, in Penticton. "If we can get clearance from the league office in time, they'll play tonight," Moores said. "They'll add toughness and mental intensity on the forward line . . . something we may have been lacking."

Troy and Trevor are two-thirds of the Pohl triplets. The third triplet, Teddy, is playing with Williams Lake Mustangs, of the Peace Cariboo Junior League. An older brother, Shannon, is in his third season with Lakers.

To make room on the roster for the Pohls, Moores released goalie Frank Romeo, Mike Van Sickle, and Tim Heighton.

Romeo's departure was a surprise. He spent the 1984-85 season with Lakers and was in goal for Vernon's 5-3 win over Kelowna Packers in the BCJHL season opener last Friday.

"We've decided to go with (Terry) Forsythe and (Blu) Smith in goal," Moores said. "I feel they can both play in this league."

Van Sickle played part of last season with Lakers while Heighton was a member of the Kamloops Midget Reps.

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