Lakers' management stands behind coach

Vernon Lakers' Head Coach Don Moores has been given a vote of confidence.

Lakers' General Manager Vern Dye confirmed today that he had met with Moores and Team President Carl Enemark on Monday night.

"We wanted to determine what direction the team is going," Dye said. "We haven't been particularly pleased with our performance . . . particularly in the past few games. We feel with the talent we have on our roster, we should be playing better."

Vernon currently ranks third in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division with 16 points, two ahead of Merritt Warriors.

Dye said, "Carl and I expressed our concerns to Don and he shared his views with us. We wanted to clear up some things. Don is still our coach."

Lakers, who were expected to battle with Penticton Knights for first place in the division, have lost three straight games. Besides the problems on ice, there have also been problems in the dressing room.

Vernon minor hockey graduate Troy Mick was granted his release two weeks ago and has since joined Merritt. He cited a lack of ice time as the reason for leaving Lakers. Since joining the Warriors, Mick has eight goals in five games.

Sophomore defenceman Daryl Weinberger quit the team Monday and returned home to Olds, Alta. Again, lack of ice time was the primary reason.

Dye said, "We had some problems because we were carrying 24 players and Don had to sit out some guys every game. He had to play the players who he thought would do the best job for him."

Vernon is now carrying 22 players and Dye doesn't rule out the possibility of a trade in the near future. "But, I don't think we'll make any moves before we go to the Coast (next week)," he said.

Lakers face a crucial weekend with three games, in three days. Vernon hosts Nanaimo Clippers on Friday night, visits Merritt on Saturday, and returns home for a Sunday night confrontation with Penticton.

Tennis lessons at indoor centre

A series of six one-hour indoor tennis lessons, designed to better the skills of local players, are now being offered by Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District.

The lessons are designed to accommodate three categories of skill level including beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate players, with each level providing the prerequisite knowledge for the next level.

Instructing will be Kerry Bourdon, who is presently the managing professional of the Vernon Indoor Tennis Centre located behind Village Green Inn. Bourdon is currently working toward achieving his level II certification and is a former B.C. Tennis Association Instructor as well as a winner of the Pat Murrigan Trophy for the best Junior program in the province.

Participants, limited to nine per class, are required to supply their own racquets though those who don't have their own will be supplied. Balls will be supplied for all lessons.

Registration for all levels began Monday at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

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VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Monday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League (excluding Sunday game, Merritt at Shuswap):

STANDINGS

Coastal Division

	W	L	Pts
Richmond	11	1	22
Nanaimo	6	5	12
Delta	6	6	12
Langley	3	12	6
Sidney	2	13	4
Abbotsford	1	9	2

Interior Division

Penticton	15	1	30
Kelowna	12	3	24
Vernon	8	6	16
Merritt	6	6	12
Summerland	5	8	10
Shuswap	4	9	8

SCORING

Coastal

	G	A	Pts
Austin, Rich	16	15	31
Decker, Del	10	16	26
Crossley, Rich	14	7	21
Bifano, Rich	7	14	1
Cayford, Nan	8	12	20
Harder, Del	7	12	19
Kujala, Lan	10	8	18
Lewis, Nan	6	12	18
Hardy, Nan	6	12	18
Coultish, Sid	6	11	17

Interior

Carlson, Kel	19	17	36
Shields, Pen	14	22	36
Harrison, Kel	16	18	34
Davidson, Pen	9	24	33
Tomlinson, Sum	15	14	29
dePourcq, Pen	17	10	27
Taillifer, Shu	4	23	27
Anderson, Pen	14	12	26
Cyr, Pen	8	18	26

GOALTENDING

Coastal

	Min	GA	Ave
King, Rich	360	20	3.33
Woodley, Rich	340	19	3.35
Dickson, Del	408	35	5.14
Fry, Sid	283	28	5.93
Meredith, Nan	360	37	6.16

Interior

Sharples, Pen	363	14	2.31
Loewen, Pen	340	15	2.64
Colvin, Kel	252	16	3.81
Romeo, Kel	288	19	3.95
Dickins, Ver	549	45	4.91