DEFENCEMAN DISAPPOINTED

Toth refuses to report

Former Vernon Lakers' defenceman Tony Toth will not report to Summerland Buckaroos, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Toth, along with forward Terry Pohl, was traded to Buckaroos, Wednesday, as compensation for forwards Ed Tuckwood and Craig Bedard. However, Toth has informed Summerland Coach Dick Slater that he plans to remain in Vernon.

Toth was not available for comment today. But his father, Julius, told the Daily News his son feels school is more important than hockey.

"Tony has already enrolled at Okanagan College," the elder Toth said. "He has paid for his books and tuition . . . and wants to go to college."

Toth played his entire minor hockey career in Vernon, including 1980 when he helped Vernon Pee Wee Reps capture the provincial championship. After an outstanding 1984-85 season with Vernon Juvenile Reps, he joined Lakers last year. He saw only limited duty during the 1985-86 campaign, but had expected to be a regular on the Vernon blue line corps this season.

"Tony was very disappointed," Julius said. "He really wanted to play for the Lakers. He spent a lot of time on the bench last year and never complained. He thought he'd finally get his chance this season."

Julius Toth plans to give up his job as a volunteer doorman for the Lakers. "I've worked for the Lakers for four years, but if they are going to treat Tony like this, I don't want to be involved any more," he said. "It looks like they don't want any local players on this team."

Vernon Head Coach Ernie Gare defended trading Toth by saying he had to do what he felt was in the team's best interests. "We didn't like giving up Tony, but we owed compensation to Summerland and we didn't feel he was going to be able to play regularly for us."

Toth, 18, may play with Vernon Juvenile Reps and if he does, he could still wear a Lakers' uniform some time this season. "If Tony stays in Vernon and plays juvenile, we can call him up later in the year as an affiliated player," Gare said.

Vernon has four local minor hockey graduates on its 24-man roster.

Meanwhile, the B.C. Junior Hockey League regular season opens Friday night when Lakers host Merritt Warriors. On Saturday, Portland Winter Hawks, of the Western Hockey League, visit Vernon for an exhibition game.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Glinsbockel leads Molsons to victory

Gord Glinsbockel scored two goals to lead Kal Hotel Molsons to a 4-2 win over Brass Rail Selects in Okanagan Spring Brewery Fall Soccer League action, Wednesday, at MacDonald Park. Phil Fanfani and Chris Reeves added singles for Molsons. Frank Kelly and J.C. Buratti replied for Selects. In another game, Longhorn Leghorns and National Hotel Carlings battled to a 1-1 deadlock. Rob Parkyn was the marksman for Leghorns. Dean Lacroix countered for Carlings.

Patrick retires

QUEBEC (CP) — Right winger Steve Patrick surprised the Quebec

NBA application

TORONTO (CP) — A second group of investors has announced its inten-