LAKERS HOST BUCKS

Dennis starts in goal against Summerland

Vernon Lakers will have a new goaltender between the pipes tonight when they host Summerland Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Ryan Dennis, who starred for the now-defunct Shuswap Totems during the 1985-86 season, will be in goal tonight. Dennis, 17, was released by Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League, Sunday. He arrived in Vernon late-Monday.

"We're going to give Ryan a good look," said Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare.

Veteran Darryl Dickens, 20, will back-up Dennis. To make room on the roster for Dennis, Lakers released Vernon minor hockey product Randy Zemlak. Zemlak is expected to play with Vernon Juvenile Reps.

Another goalie on the Vernon roster, Pete Repoole, is in Vancouver for a few days on personal business.

Meanwhile, Gare said he doesn't expect an easy game tonight, despite Summerland's dismal record. Buckaroos lost all three pre-season games, including a 13-4 shellacking in Vernon. The Bucks are also winless in two league games.

"I'm sure they'll be much better than the last time they were here," Gare said. "They've picked up some new players and they gave Langley all it could handle."

Langley Eagles, who won three games on an Interior road swing last weekend, edged Buckaroos 7-6 in overtime.

Lakers continue their home stand Friday night when they entertain Nanaimo Clippers.