

VERNON winger Stacey Hartnell is in a four-way tie for eighth place in the Interior Division scoring race. The veteran forward has 22 points, including 11 goals. (Don Weixl Photo)

Lakers looking at new players

Vernon Lakers may have two new faces in the line-up this weekend when they play three games, in three days.

Lakers start their busy weekend Friday night, in Kelowna, against the league-leading Packers. Merritt Warriors entertain Lakers, Saturday night, and Vernon hosts Summerland Buckaroos, Sunday.

Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare announced today that the club has acquired the services of 195-pound defenceman Lorne Cummins, from Kamloops. Cummins, 19, played with Merritt during the 1984-85 season.

"Cummins has been playing rec. hockey in Kamloops for the past year," Gare said. "I understand he is a pretty fair skater and a physical hockey player. We'll take a look at him in practice tonight and if he is in good shape, we might use him this weekend."

The other newcomer is forward Todd Demchuk, who is expected to arrive in Vernon, Friday. Demchuk, a left winger, was acquired in a recent trade with Nanaimo Clippers. Lakers sent forward Greg Leaky to the Clippers.

"If Demchuk arrives Friday, he'll get some action this weekend," Gare said.

Meanwhile, statistics released this week by the B.C. Junior Hockey League show Lakers have four players among the Interior Division's top 10 scorers.

Campbell Blair is Vernon's top scorer, and fifth overall, with 28 points, in 13 games.

The statistics are:

INTERIOR DIVISION

PLAYER, TEAM	G	A	Pts	Pim
Kevin Taillefer, Kelowna Packers	17	22	39	50
John DePourcq, Penticton Knights	20	18	38	4
Kerry Russell, Kelowna Packers	13	18	31	49
Brent Mowery, Kelowna Packers	11	20	31	20
Campbell Blair, Vernon Lakers	9	19	28	66
Jackson Penney, Penticton Knights	12	14	26	6
Mike Barzal, Penticton Knights	8	17	25	42
Stacey Hartnell, Vernon Lakers	11	11	22	37
Ed Tuckwood, Vernon Lakers	11	11	22	125
Craig Bedard, Vernon Lakers	10	12	22	32
Kelly Hurd, Kelowna Packers	6	16	22	44