HARTNELL TRADED TO ABBOTSFORD

Lakers swap for winger, rearguard

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Vernon Lakers General Manager Mel Lis announced today that the B.C. Junior Hockey League club has made a number of trades, one of which included three-year rear-guard Sean Hartnell.

In exchange for three players, Lakers will receive two. One is a winger and one a defenceman.



SEAN HARTNELL

In exchange they'll give up Hartnell along with newcomer Jeff Kental and little-used goaltender Ryan Dennis. Dennis likely wouldn't have seen much action with the Vernon club in the future since the acquisition of Jason Palmer from Langley Eagles two weeks ago.

Dennis is being traded to Prince George Spruce Kings of the Peace-Cariboo Junior Hockey League in exchange for winger Lonnie Ferguson. Lis didn't disclose any information on Ferguson however.

Dennis came to Lakers from Salmon Arm Blazers by way of Kamloops Blazers of the WHL where he was trying to earn a regular spot in pre-season. He had played sporadically in relief of Daryl Dickens. Dickens is now in the back-up position to Palmer.

Meanwhile, Hartnell and Kental were exchanged for Ian Alger, and Wes Elliot. Alger is a left winger while Elliott, a Vernon native, plays defence. Elliot has been in the league for the past three seasons having broken in with Revelstoke Rangers in the 1984-85 season. He was a product of Vernon Minor Hockey system and is currently 19 years of age.

Hartnell also broke into the BCJHL in the 1984-85 season with Richmond Sockeyes. He was traded to Vernon that same season while brother Stacy came a short while later. Hartnell, who played sporadically for two seasons, was one of the steadier performers on the blueline for Vernon this season and added experience to the club as well.

Kental, another refugee from Salmon Arm Blazers, had played only in brief stints with Lakers this season and had accumulated only a handful of points.

Lakers are in action tonight at 8 p.m. when they host Prince George Spruce Kings of the PCJHL in an exhibition matchup.

BCJHL

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Richmond	20	6	0	173	100	40
Delta	15	11	0	148	128	30
Nanaimo	14	11	1	143	132	29
Langley	12	10	1	112	127	25

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Abbotsford	11	15	0	124	154	22	
Juan De Fuca	7	18	0	102	132	14	
Interior Division							
Kelowna	22	2	1	198	84	45	
Penticton	18	8	3	152	121	39	
Vernon	14	11	1	194	134	29	
Merritt	3	22	0	75	178	6	
Summerland	1	23	1	87	218	3	