TAKES FOUR FROM ROOKIE CAMP

Gare looking for goalie

One forward stood out during the rookie-camp inter-squad game Friday night but Head Coach Ernie Gare is more interested in finding replacement goaltenders than in finding new forward prospects at this stage.

Consequently Gare invited four goaltenders, along with seven skaters, to Vernon Lakers' main training camp which opens Tuesday evening at 6:45 p.m. at Priest Valley arena.

Gare chose just 11 players from among almost 100 hopefuls which swelled Lakers' rookie training camp last week at Priest Valley arena. Among the players who will check into the main camp Tuesday are forwards Duance Dennis and Jason Kemila, both of Vernon, and defenceman Tom Arkell, also a Vernon native.

Four goaltenders will swell the number of puckstoppers in the main camp to seven next week. The four include Gord Daley of Westsyde, Travis Piercy of Swift Current, Jaret Bougoyne of Calgary, and Barry Rysz of Dawson Creek. Only Rysz has past junior A experience, having been with Dawson Creek Kokiaks of the Peace Cariboo Junior Hockey League last season.

Meanwhile, forward Greg Parnell of Prince George was one of the few players to dominate the game Friday night at team Blue doubled team White 6-3. Parnell scored twice and added three assists for the winners.

Duane Dennis, an outstanding performer in the Vernon Molson Pro-Am Hockey League recently, didn't play in Friday's inter-squad game but was simply told to show up at the main camp next week.

Arkell joins Brad Smith of Prince George, as the only two defencemen to make main camp from the rookie school. Also among the forwards chosen were Perry Neufeld of Lethbridge, and Jeff MacDonald of Spokane who join Dennis, Parnell and Kemila.

At 145 lbs., Kemila is somewhat slight for the rough grinding of junior A but Gare feels the local youngster deserves a fair shake at making the Vernon club.

"He's small but he played very well," said Gare. "We'll take a good look at him."

More than 40 prospects will check into camp next week and Gare and his coaching staff will break them into two groups for easier management.