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Vernon trades Fox for Penticton goalie

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Vernon Lakers appear to have solved their goaltending problems.

Lakers traded sophmore defenceman Jason Fox to the Penticton Knights, Tuesday, in exchange for netminder Mark Tyszka.



JASON FOX

Tyszka's 3.20 goals-against average was the second lowest in the B.C. Junior Hockey League last season, behind Dusty Imoo, who starred with Kelowna Packers. The 18-year-old goaltender stopped 90 per cent of the shots directed his way, in 17 games, with the Knights.

Lakers' General Manager Mel Lis predicts Tyszka will be one of the top netminders in the BCJHL this season. "We hated to lose Fox, but we had to give up a good player to get a goalie of Tyszka's ability."

Fox, 18, collected 17 points in his rookie season with the Lakers. The 18-year-old defenceman was upset about the trade, but said he will report to Penticton.

Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare said Tyszka may see some action tonight, in Rutland, when Vernon takes on Kelowna Packers in a pre-season game. "He (Tyszka) looked very sharp last Friday in Penticton," Gare said. "I'm surprised the Knights were willing to give him up."

Lakers defeated Penticton 8-2 last Friday, however, Tyszka surrendered just one goal in 20 minutes.

Vernon has signed only one goalie, Barry Rysz, who played with Dawson Creek Capitals of the Peace Cariboo Junior 'A' League last year. But, another netminder arrived in town Tuesday night for a tryout.

Daryl Michayluk, 20, was released by the Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League, this week. Michayluk spent three seasons in the Saskatchewan Junior 'A' League with Swift Current, Humboldt, and Lloydminster.

He started the 1986-87 season with Prince Albert Raiders, of the WHL, but was injured and finished the year with Lloydminster.

Lis said, "We'll give him a good look. He comes highly-recommended by Kamloops."