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Bits and pieces from junior league



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Odds and ends from all over the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

. . . JASON PALMER is expected to start in goal Friday night for the Vernon Lakers when they take on the Penticton Knights, in the Peach City. If Palmer is between the pipes when the first puck is dropped, he will be the fifth netminder used by the Lakers in just eight league games.

JAKI TURUNAN, MARK TYSZKA, BARRY RYSZ and TIM WHALEY are the other goalies who have started for the Lakers. Whaley, who was recently traded to Chilliwack for future considerations, is the only one of the quintet who is not currently on Vernon's roster.

. . .SHAWN CYR of the Summerland Buckaroos has been suspended for the remainder of the season by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

Cyr received the stiff sentence for pushing a linesman during a BCJHL pre-season game.

. . .Former Vernon Laker TODD DEMCHUK was released this week by Portland Winter Hawks of the Western Hockey League.

Demchuk, who was traded to Juan de Fuca Whalers during the off-season, has reported to the Vancouver Island club. In return for Demchuk and three fringe players, the Lakers received MIKE BARKLEY, PHIL SOUKEROFF, DARREN NAYLOR, and JEFF DOBISH.

Barkley and Soukeroff have been standouts with the Lakers, Naylor is with Victoria Cougars of the WHL and Dobish was subsequently dealt to Abbotsford.

. . .Speaking of Naylor and Dobish, they may still wind up with the Lakers. Vernon General Manager MEL LIS said if Naylor doesn't stick with the Cougars, he will come to Vernon.

Dobish refused to report to Abbotsford and is not playing hockey. He has spoken with Lis about the possibility of another deal being completed that would give his rights back to the Lakers.

. . . Penticton Knights could have up to five former Vernon players in the line-up Friday when they host the Lakers.

Defenceman JASON FOX, who Lakers sent to Penticton last month in return for Tyszka; forward GREG GUEST, who spent the 1985-86 season in Vernon; forward TED POHL, who started the 1986-87 campaign with the Lakers; defenceman KRIS GANZERT, who the Lakers released last week; and goalie RYAN DENNIS, who played four games with Vernon last season; are all in Penticton.

...Vernon minor hockey graduate DOUG McINTYRE is with his third junior 'A' team of the season and the season is less than a month old.

McIntyre was released after a tryout with the Lakers, signed with Penticton, and was then traded to Prince George Spruce Kings, of the Peace Cariboo League, in exchange for Dennis.

. . .Although we haven't been able to confirm it, Vernon's WES ELLIOTT has probably earned himself in the BCJHL record book.

Last Tuesday night, at the Vernon Civic Arena, Elliott scored just three seconds after WAYNE KIRBYSON, of Salmon Arm had put the puck in the net. Elliott's shot from his own blue line, directly off the faceoff of centre ice, took a strange bounce and eluded Salmon Arm goalie JEFF SKOLESKI.

The BCJHL record for the fastest two consecutive goals by the same player is six seconds, set by BILL HAYNES of Kelowna in 1975, equalled by RUSS WILDERMAN of Langley later that year, and again equalled by CARL POESCHEK of Merritt in 1979. The 1986-87 edition of the BCJHL record book does not have a category for the fastest two goals scored by different players.

. . .From the files, on March 1, 1970, the Vernon Essos defeated the New Westminster Royals 6-3 to clinch first place in the BCJHL. Essos finished the regular season with 69 points, one more than Victoria. New Westminster managed only two wins in 48 games.

JACK MARSH and BILL OWENS scored two goals each for Vernon.

. . .Maine Black Bears of the National Collegiate Athletic Association have seven BCJHL graduates on their roster.

The seven include former Vernon players DAVE WENSLEY, SCOTT KING, BRUCE MAJOR, and CAMPBELL BLAIR.

The Black Bears are currently ranked second in the NCAA.