Scott enjoys a great start

If all freshmen players had the immediate impact of Kevin Scott, then Northern Michigan Wildcats would be a major contender for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association title and possibly even contenders for an NCAA championship.



KEVIN SCOTT

In eight games, Scott has scored three times and added three assists for eight points while helping Wildcats to a 4-4 record and a team road record more recently.

Wildcats swept a pair of games from hometown Colorado College Tigers last weekend, winning 5-2 and 4-1.

"It was the first road sweep for Northern Michigan since we joined the WCHA two and a half years ago," explained Tony Tollefson, assistant sports information director for Northern Michigan University.

Scott, an eighth-round draft choice of Detroit Red Wings last June, spent the 1986-87 season with the Vernon Lakers, during which he scored 53 regular season goals. More remarkable than his goal total, however, was the fact that he scored 34 goals and came from virtually nowhere to win the BCJHL scoring race during the last 20 regular season games.

The slick centre was custom-made for United States college hockey with his speed and finesse around the goalmouth and he has made the transition from Junior A hockey to NCAA hockey very nicely.

"We're very happy with Kevin for a freshman," said Tollefson. "He won some critical face-offs for us even though he didn't get any points last weekend."

Wildcats may find, with the addition of Scott to their lineup, that building a team with former BCJHL graduates is the thing to do. University of Maine, for instance, has seven BCJHL grads in its lineup and has gone from obscurity to a second-place NCAA ranking in just two years.

Wildcats have three other BCJHL grads along with Scott. All three are former Penticton Knights: U.S. native Rod Poindexter, Tony Savarin and goaltender Mike Jeffrey.

Wildcats will meet Maine Black Bears this season, travelling to Orono, Me, Nov. 29 for a league encounter.

Lakers host Tigers

The Vernon Lakers have an opportunity to move into sole possession of first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division when they host the Salmon Arm Tigers tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Kelowna Packers currently lead the division with 21 points, one more than Vernon and the Merritt Centennials.

Statistics released by the BCJHL today show Vernon rookies Jamie Steer and Greg Parnell are among the top 10 scorers in the Interior. Steer and Parnell rank third and eighth with 32 and 27 points, respectively. And the slick linemates seldom get their club into penalty trouble.

On only two occasions, in 15 games, has either player been assessed a minor penalty. Steer, a strong candidate for the league's most gentlemanly player award, has spent only four minutes in the sin bin.

Parnell's 30 penalty minutes consist of two, 10-minute misconducts and two fighting majors.

Vernon Head Coach Ernie Gare said Steer and Parnell don't take any lazy penalties. "They both work hard when they're on the ice," Gare said. "They skate hard when they backcheck . . . they don't take the bad penalties like hooking or tripping."

Meanwhile, the BCJHL has handed Vernon centre Kevin Harder a three-game suspension. Harder received a match penalty in last Saturday's 10-5 win over the Merritt Centennials.

Defenceman Darcy Martini, who has bronchitis, is listed as a doubtful starter for tonight's game.

VERNON SCORING

PLAYER	G	A	PTS	PIM
Steer	15	17	32	4
Parnell	9	18	27	30
Alger	12	10	22	54
Greyeyes	10	12	22	29
Soukoroff	5	17	22	51
Drake	3	19	22	6
Barkley	9	7	16	51
Biafore	6	9	15	103
Paller	6	8	14	22
Elliott	2	11	13	82
Martini	6	6	12	55
Hendry	6	5	11	56
Jackson	6	5	11	12
Harder	3	5	8	10
Lightfoot	2	4	6	21
Dennis	2	2	4	27
Markin	2	1	3	2
Chase	0	2	2	98

Buccaneers edge Flying Frenchmen

Ross Hornell scored 16 seconds into overtime to give the Enderby Buccaneers a 7-6 win over the Lumby Flying Frenchmen in Monashee Hockey League action, last Saturday, in Lumby.

The victory gives the second place Buccaneers eight points, four less than first place Revelstoke. Lumby is winless in six outings.

Kevin Porteous and Neil Adams scored two goals each for Enderby while Merv Haller and Curt DeBoer added singles. Quentin Bruns picked up three assists.

Kevin McMullen tallied three times while Shane Gauch scored once and picked up three assists for the Flying Frenchmen. Fred Ogloff and Ray Deuley rounded out the Lumby scoring.

Enderby took 12 of 23 minor penalties.

League play resumes Saturday night when Enderby hosts Revelstoke and Lumby entertains Sicamous, at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, Sicamous travels to Revelstoke.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER 1982

Vernon Blues stretched their unbeaten streak to six games with a 4-0 win over Salmon Arm Golds in Okanagan-Mainline High School Soccer League action. Blues and Westsyde Whundas are tied for first place in the loop with 11 points. That tie could be broken when Vernon hosts Westsyde.

The popularity of men's basketball in the North Okanagan appears to be growing. There could be up to 12 teams in Vernon this year, double the number that competed during the 1981-82 season. Paul Quesnel, of the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department said there is a lot of interest.

Thomas arrested

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Chicago Blackhawks left wing Steve Thomas was arrested late Sunday night and charged with public lewdness after it was alleged the former Toronto Maple Leaf urinated on a back wall of the Buffalo police headquarters, police reported.

KENDALLS KORNER

Vernon copies successful formula



by Don Kendall

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For more than a decade, Penticton Knights were considered the class of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

The Knights were perennial contenders and capped their rise to the top by winning the Centennial Cup, emblematic of Canadian tier two junior hockey supremacy, in 1986.

There was no secret to Penticton's success. The owners and management worked diligently to build working relationships with universities south of the border. When recruiting players in the off-season, the Knights' coaching staff could promise prospects they would be scouted extensively, by the U.S. colleges. With dozens of players attending American schools, on scholarships, the Knights could proudly point to their record and lure the best young players in the Western Canada to Penticton.

The players who used the Knights as a stepping stone to the National Hockey League, include: Brett Hull, Calgary Flames; Joe Murphy, Detroit Red Wings; Glenn Anderson, Edmonton Oilers; Ray Ferraro, Hartford Whalers; Ian Kidd, free agent signed by Vancouver Canucks; and Andy Moog, who left the Oilers this season to join the Canadian Olympic Team.

Fortunately for hockey fans in the North Okanagan, Penticton did not patent its pattern for success. The Vernon Lakers have done an excellent job of attracting college scouts to the Civic Arena . . . and are now reaping the benefits.

Five members of the 1986-87 edition of the Lakers obtained scholarships. And if the comments of scouts are any indication, up to eight players on the current Vernon roster may be playing hockey at the college level next winter.

Forwards Mike Barkley, obtained from Juan de Fuca Whalers in an off-season trade, and Jamie Steer, who played midget hockey in Calgary last year, have the scouts drooling. Barkley visited Michigan Tech last week and is scheduled to travel to Maine later this month. Steer has attracted the attention of at least six schools.

Defenceman Phil Soukoroff was called one of the 'best defencemen in Western Canada,' by University of Wisconsin Badgers' assistant coach Peter Johnson, who was in Vernon last month.

Winger Dane Jackson, after a slow start with the Lakers, has also drawn praise from scouts. Forward Mark Greyeyes and defenceman Wes Elliott received some enquiries last spring and should hear from more schools as the season progresses.

It is great for Vernon hockey fans who have an opportunity to watch these players before they move on to bigger and better things.

And it is a compliment to the club's management which has been able to attract top-notch prospects and the college scouts to Vernon.

In a few years, we should be watching some former Lakers on Hockey Night In Canada.

BCJHL

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Delta	15	1	0	110	52	30
Richmond	10	6	1	118	79	21
Nanaimo	8	6	1	81	69	17
Juan De Fuca	6	7	1	75	73	13
Chilliwack	6	10	0	79	114	12
Abbotsford	3	12	1	78	109	7

Interior Division

Kelowna	10	6	1	78	68	21
Vernon	10	5	0	104	65	20
Merritt	10	7	0	95	109	20
Penticton	9	6	0	89	66	18
Salmon Arm	3	13	1	82	105	7
Summerland	2	13	0	55	135	4

SCORING

Coastal

	G	A	Pts	Pim
Holmes, D	22	30	52	23
Desjardines, R	20	24	44	78
MacDonald, D	18	20	38	24
Butterworth, C	15	22	37	2
Van Sickle, JDF	20	11	31	29
Biagioni, D	6	25	31	126
Lawrence, C	5	26	31	24
Clarke, R	15	15	30	118
Bobbit, R	13	17	30	55
Zulinick, JDF	10	19	29	4

Interior

Biller, M	22	21	43	79
Schwartz, SA	15	20	35	86
Steer, V	15	17	32	4
Rushton, M	9	23	32	4
Hilditch, P	10	20	30	25
Figliomeni, SA	8	22	30	24
Head, SA	14	13	27	66
Parnell, V	9	18	27	30
Heschuk, P	7	20	27	35
McGowan, M	8	18	26	16
Bianchini, K	8	18	26	43

GOALTENDING

Coastal

	MP	GA	Avg
Dickson, D	788	39	2.97
Sutherland, N	353	20	3.40
Palmer, R	475	31	3.78
Dafoe, JDF	536	38	4.25
Jones, N	495	39	4.73

Interior

Casey, K	572	31	3.25
Fry, V	573	36	3.76
Loewen, P	602	47	4.68
Rysz, V	277	23	4.98
Dennis, SA	300	26	5.20