LAKERS REDUCE ROSTER

Pohl returns to Vernon

The Vernon Lakers hope to have rugged winger Trevor Pohl in the line-up this weekend when they travel to the Lower Mainland for three games against Coast Division rivals.

Pohl was released by the Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Hockey League, last weekend and practiced with the Lakers on Monday night.

Pohl starred with the Lakers during the 1985-86 season. Last year, along with his twin brother, Troy, Pohl joined the Portland Winter Hawks of the WHL. After more than a season with the Winter Hawks, he was dealt to Medicine Hat for, future considerations, in November. Under the terms of the trade, if the Tigers released him, his playing rights reverted back to Portland . . . which causes a problem for the Lakers.

"Portland wants Trevor to go back there, but he wants to stay in Vernon," said Lakers' General Manager Mel Lis. "And we would certainly like him to remain here."

Pohl confirmed he wants to play with the Lakers. "But, I can't play here unless Portland releases me," he said. "And they told me they want me to come back there."

Ironically, it is a wrist injury to Troy Pohl that has rekindled the Winter Hawks' interest in Trevor. Troy will be sidelined for about a month, which leaves Portland with room for a 20-year-old player on its roster.

"But, what happens when Troy is ready to play again," Trevor said. "As soon as he returns, I don't have a job."

Trevor Pohl has distinguished himself as one of the toughest players in junior hockey and is also a talented winger. He scored 24 goals during the 1985-86 campaign in Vernon.

"I had seven points in eight or nine games with Medicine Hat," Trevor said. "I was playing pretty well but they decided they wanted to play their young guys."

Lis said he has been in contact with Portland several times during the past 24 hours and hopes to have the situation resolved by tonight.

"We have left a spot on our roster for Trevor," Lis said.

The Lakers released three players Monday to reduce their roster to 20, one below the BCJHL limit.

Winger Barry Lightfoot, who has seen limited duty with the Lakers, was sent to the Salmon Arm Tigers of the BCJHL for future considerations; goalie Scott Austin, who joined the Lakers last week after getting cut by the Kelowna Packers, has been loaned to Trail, of the Kootenay International Junior 'B' League; and forward Kevin Harder was sent to Vernon's junior B affiliate, the Columbia Valley Rockies.

"Kevin will really strengthen our farm team and he will still be available to us if we run into injury problems," Lis said.

Vernon starts its three-game road trip Friday night, in Abbotsford. The junket concludes with games in Richmond and Delta.

Eagles sweep weekend twinbill

The Sicamous Eagles moved into first place in the Monashee Hockey League with a pair of wins in weekend action.

Last Friday, the Eagles doubled the Lumby Flying Frenchmen 8-4 while Saturday night in Revelstoke, the Sicamous while Dan DeJager scored twice for the Merchants.

In Lumby, Lamont Martel scored three times and set up two others for the Buccaneers while Merv Haller had a goal and four assists. Shane Gach had a goal and a pair of helpers for

BCJHL

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Delta	28	9	1	239	136	57
Richmond	24	13	1	235	158	49
Juan De Fuca	19	18	1	186	168	39
Nanaimo	17	17	2	180	182	36
Chilliwack	16	19	0	167	238	32
Abbotsford	13	27	1	200	255	27

Interior Division

Vernon	29	9	0	268	142	58
Kelowna	20	15	2	183	162	42
Merritt	19	18	0	208	216	38
Penticton	17	19	0	195	179	34
Salmon Arm	12	25	1	177	220	25
Summerland	6	31	1	153	335	13

SCORING

Coastal

	G	A	Pts	Pim
Holmes, D	47	49	96	48
MacDonald, D	38	44	82	38
Van Sickle, JDF	48	33	81	87
Butterworth, C	32	43	75	10
Clarke, R	32	32	64	198
Zulinick, JDF	23	41	64	16
McDonald, A	26	37	63	12
Biagioni, D	16	46	62	237
Methorst, A	33	28	61	89
Moore, A	29	29	58	22

Interior

Steer, V	39	47	86	12
Biller, M	46	37	83	185
Drake, V	21	57	78	24
Rushton, M	20	41	61	53
Greyeyes, V	23	36	59	65
McGowan, M	15	43	58	38
Barkley, V	33	23	56	72
Hilditch, P	17	38	55	60
Bianchini, K	23	31	54	90
Alger, V	25	28	53	130