RYSZ SENT HOME

Lakers suspend goalie

The Vernon Lakers have suspended rookie goaltender Barry Rysz.

Lakers' General Manager Mel Lis said today that Rysz was sent home to Dawson Creek earlier this week. "He has been suspended, indefinitely, for personal reasons," Lis said. "I don't want to elaborate any more than that."

Rysz came to the Lakers last summer, as a free agent, after spending one season with the Dawson Creek Kodiaks, of the Peace Cariboo Junior 'A' Hockey League.

The dimunitive netminder combined with Glen Fry to give Vernon the Forslund Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the lowest goals against average in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Rysz was relegated to a back-up role in the BC-JHL playoffs and appeared in only one of the Lakers' 13 post-season outings.

Lis said, "It was a move we didn't want to make . . . particularly at this time of the year. But, we had no choice."

The Lakers have applied to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association for permission to use a replacement goalie for their upcoming provincial final series against either the Prince George Spruce Kings or the Grande Prairie North Stars.

Prince George currently leads their best-of-seven series 3-1.

Terry Skarbo of Fruitvale, who is the BCAHA's junior 'A' director, is expected to make a ruling on the eligibility of substitute netminder this weekend.

"We have told him (Skarbo) who we would like to use and now the decision is up to him," Lis said.

The best-of-three provincial championship gets under way April 8 at the home of the Peace Cariboo League champion.

Kings in control of series

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Logan Lampert scored three goals Wednesday night to lift the Prince George Spruce Kings to an 8-6 victory over the Grande Prairie North Stars and a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven Peace Cariboo Junior Hockey League playoff final series.

The next game is here tonight.

The North Stars led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 4-3 at the end of the second, but the Spruce Kings scored four consecutive goals in the third period to take a 7-4 lead.

Grande Prairie pulled to within one with a pair of goals just nine seconds apart late in the game, but Doug MacIntyre scored an insurance goal for the Kings with less than three minutes to play.

Lampert, the PCJHL's leading goal scorer this season, put the Kings in front to stay at the 9:14 of the third with his second goal of the game. His final goal came on a breakaway at 9:46.

Mike Legg scored two goals for Prince George. Stewart Malgunas, Doug MacIntyre and John King had the others.

The winner of the series faces the Vernon Lakers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League for the B.C. Tier Two championship.