Vernon player among three who plan to play in Alaska



MARK GREYEYES is one of three players from Western Canada who will join the University of Alaska-Anchorage next season. The other two players are both members of the Calgary Canucks who eliminated the Lakers from the Western Canada Junior A semi-final round last month.
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Three players who participated in the recent Western Canada junior 'A' semi-finals, in Vernon, have accepted hockey scholarships from the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Mark Greyeyes of the Vernon Lakers, along with centre Dean Larson and defenceman Tim Kollman of the Calgary Canucks, will join the NCAA team in September.

Two former Lakers starred with Anchorage during the 1987-88 season.

Doug Spooner, a BCJHL all-star with the Lakers, was recently named as Alaska's rookie of the year. And speedy defenceman Shawn Lafroth joined Anchorage in 1986 after spending two years with the Lakers.

Bowling Green Gossip

Vernon Lawn Bowling Club finalized its committees for 1988 at a general meeting, April 30th and is now set for a busy season, beginning with club play-offs, to compete with other zone clubs to represent the zone at the Seniors' Summer Games, June 14-16 at Vernon.

Mixed fours, men's doubles and ladies' doubles will be competed for.

General play will commence May 15th with players to be at the green by 1:45 p.m. Play starts at 2 p.m. The official opening is scheduled for June 19th.

Other opening include: May 15, Penticton; Kamloops May 22; Kelowna, June 12. Kamloops has two clubs, the second will open July 3; Armstrong, July 10; Merritt, July 17th.

Coaching classes are being conducted by Harley and Betty Webb, John Sherwood and Alex Konasewich for new members also for high school students interested in learning the skills of bowling. Bowls are available.

Committee chairmen include Bob Parkes, greens; building Les Maddex; club play, Jack Gordon; house committee, Margaret Macatee; archives, Irvine Fralick; membership, Laura Paget; press and publicity, Eleanore McGillivray and Laura Paget.

Armstrong will host the Interior Lawn Bowling Spring Tournament June 4th. Summer competition is at Kamloops, June 24-28 and the fall tournament will be played in Penticton, August 27-28.

We are looking forward to hosting bowlers from Red Deer, Alberta, who are on a tour of the Okanagan, and will be in Vernon May 26th.

Anchorage to make bid

An Anchorage group will make a formal application to join the B.C. Junior Hockey League at the league's summer meetings, June 17-19, in Nanaimo.

The team, which would join the Coastal Division and participate in interlocking games with the Interior Division, intends to pay for teams' flights to and from Anchorage, out of Seattle.

Tim Gorski, a spokesman for the Anchorage group, said the club's preliminary budget is between $225,000 and $250,000.

Anchorage would need the votes of eight of the 12 BCJHL teams to be admitted.

Vernon Lakers' General Manager Mel Lis said he doesn't know if he will support the application from Alaska.

"I'll have to think that one over . . . carefully," Lis said. "It would add a new wrinkle to the league, but it would also add a lot of travelling."

A rumor is circulating that Anchorage would remain in the BCJHL for just one season and then apply for a Western Hockey League franchise. If that report is true, Lis will oppose the application.

"They would have to make a commitment to us for more than one season," Lis said. "We're not interested in admitting a team for one year."