They made it!

19 TAKEN TO MAIN CAMP

A total of 19 players survived.

Vernon Lakers Head Coach Ernie Gare saw something in 19 of 68 players who attended the Lakers rookie camp last week and he has decided to bring them all to the main camp.



ERNIE GARE

Main Camp begins tonight at 8:15 at the Priest Valley Arena.

About 40 players will be involved in the main camp. Goalies invited include Darren Miracle, Brian Langlot, Randy McGrew and Ryan Austin. Of the four, only Austin has previous junior "A" experience. He suited up for a few games with the Kelowna Packers prior to being cut last year.

Two local products are among a group of six rearguards who made strong enough impressions on coach Gare to earn a further look at main camp. Vernon boys Jim Anderson and Ryan Loxam will be joined by Matt Pasco, Andrew Prentice, Trevor Lund and Curtis Lund trying to earn a spot this winter on the Laker blueline.

Trying out for the squad at forward will be rookies Jeff Adams, Lorne Kanigan, Tim Holden, Aaron Asp, Dave Oliver, Brian McDonald, Randy Muise, and Jim Inkster. The lone Vernon forward making it out of rookie camp is Scott Kowalski.

I was happy with what I saw at rookie camp," said coach Gare. "There were a couple of kids out there who could possibly make our team and that's really all you're hoping for from rookie camp. We'll have 40 guys in main camp and we'll split them into two shifts."

The Lakers have only three days to prepare for exhibition action. Friday the Lakers begin pre-season play in Kelowna. The same two teams meet Saturday night at Vernon's Civic Arena. Sunday sees Vernon in Enderby for an exhibition tilt against Salmon Arm.