

55 HOPEFULS ON ICE

Vernon Lakers open camp

Under the scrutinizing eyes of their three-man coaching staff, almost 60 hopefuls took to the ice at Priest Valley arena Wednesday evening as Vernon Lakers junior hockey training camp got officially underway.

While Mike Enemark, former Lakers' coach, along with Jim Young, graduated goaltender, Tony Christie and Greg Kowal, graduated players, put the young players through their paces, Head Coach Don

Moore along with assistant coaches Dave Caldwell and Murray Batty watched closely from the sidelines.

While Moores and Caldwell are familiar faces in the coaching positions, having guided the club

through the majority of last season, Batty is a newcomer to the team. A long-time Vernon resident, Batty has a lengthy history of playing with Vernon teams and will be looking after the defensive portion of the club ac-

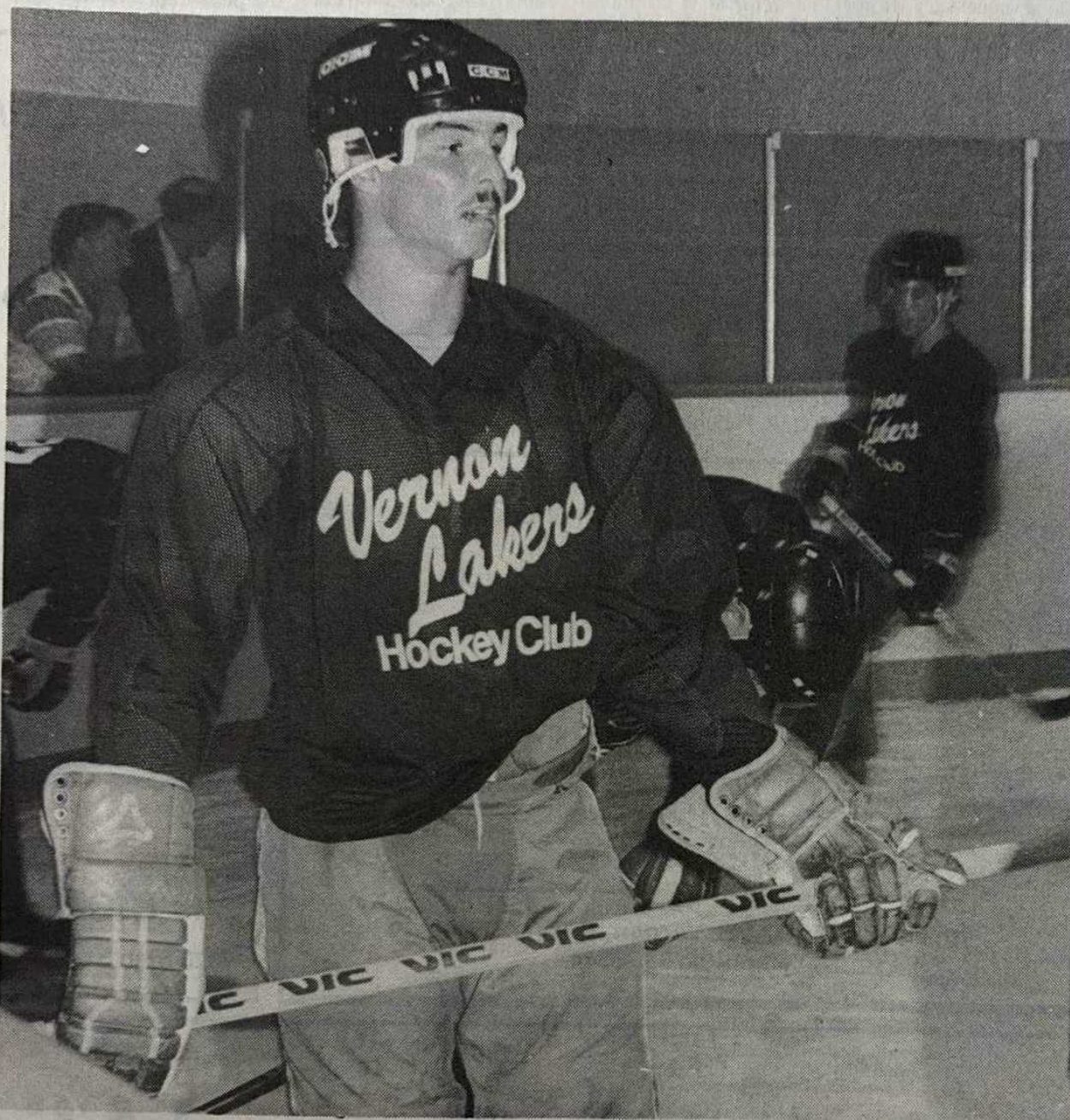
cording to Moores.

"I think Murray (Batty) will help us out," suggested the Vernon coach. "He'll be looking after defensive practices and Dave (Caldow) will be looking after forwards...I'll sort of be looking after the whole thing."

Because of the number of players in camp, the event was carried out in two shifts Wednesday night and will continue in such a fashion for some time yet. Moores indicated that nobody will be trimmed from the roster until everyone has had an opportunity to get their legs back.

"We're not going to make any moves until Sunday," explained Moores. "We want to give all the new kids a chance to get over nerves and so on...sometimes kids don't look good for a few days and others that looked good at the start aren't so hot after a few days."

A number of the more experienced players expected to be in camp were absent Wednesday, most notably defenceman Sean Lofroth who suffered a broken wrist over the course of the summer and will likely not see any kind of action for at least a month according to team General Manager Carl Enemark. Another veteran player, Al Young also suffered an arm injury during summer and will also miss most of this season's training camp.



Vernon Lakers Junior Hockey Club opened training camp at Priest Valley arena Wednesday night with 55 players, split into two sessions, taking

to the ice in hopes of gaining a berth with the local club. Sean Hartnell, above, a sophomore player with Lakers, paused between drills

to observe a play near the blueline. Hartnell, along with twin brother Stacy are among more than a dozen returning players from last years' team.

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