

Mick and Webb in training camp

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Vernon Lakers training camp roster grew to 31 players, Wednesday, with the return of two former Vernon minor hockey stars.

Troy Mick and Derek Webb, who played with Vernon Midget Reps last season, were on the ice for Lakers' practice at the Priest Valley Arena.

Mick, who split the 1984-85 season between the midgets and Lakers, had been trying out with Spokane Chiefs, of the Western Hockey League. However, the slick forward was hobbled by a charleyhorse and was unable to skate with the Chiefs.

Webb, a 6-2" forward, attended New Westminster Bruins rookie camp.

Lakers' Coach Don Moores was elated to have Mick on the ice and feels Webb could also land a spot with the junior club.

"We're happy to have Troy back," Moores said. "He figures in our plans for this season."

"I understand Derek had a good training camp with Bruins and will certainly get a good look from us."

The sophomore coach is satisfied with the talent he has at camp, but admits he needs help at a



DEREK WEBB
... big forward

couple positions.

"We're hoping to improve in some areas," Moores said. "But, we've still got some time."

Frank Romeo, who came to Lakers last season from Revelstoke, is the club's number one goalie, according to Moores. Other netminders on the roster include Blu Smith of Vernon, Dan Seiter of Prince George, and Terry Forsyth of Mission.

"Romeo is number one until someone beats him out," Moores said.

However, Moores didn't deny he is looking for an experienced 19 or 20 year old netminder. "We'll

take a look at anyone who we feel can help us," he said.

Four defencemen who could change Vernon's blueline corps from adequate to outstanding are not yet in town. Shawn Lofroth is recovering from a broken wrist and is expected to join the club this week; Chris Saunders is also recovering from a broken wrist and skin graft and should be ready in about three weeks; and Daryl Weinberger is trying out with Calgary Wranglers, of the Western Hockey League.

Vernon minor hockey graduate Jay Stark, who is trying out with Spokane, may also end up with Lakers if he doesn't stick with the Chiefs. Stark played with Revelstoke (now Abbotsford) during the 1984-85 BCJHL season.

Moores said, "With Lofroth and Saunders it is a waiting game until they are healthy. We'll be talking to Calgary about Weinberger today or tomorrow and we won't do anything about acquiring Stark's rights until we find out if he is going to stay with Spokane."

Lakers practice tonight and Friday before travelling to Enderby for an exhibition game Saturday night against Salmon Arm.