

BUCKS HOST LAKERS

Enemark ready to play

Vernon Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence received a belated Christmas present Thursday.

Lawrence learned at practice that defenceman Mike Enemark will be ready to play Sunday when Lakers travel to Kelowna, to battle the Buckaroos.

Enemark suffered a knee injury last week and was expected to be sidelined for two months. However, doctors postponed surgery and gave the 20-year-old rearguard the green light to play.

Lawrence said, "Mike took part in the drills and scrimmaged Thursday night . . . he'll be ready for Sunday."

Enemark's presence is essential with the absence of six regulars. Gavin Shuya, Dan Baker, Rudy Poeschek, Nick Kapicki, and Todd Ewen are serving one-game suspen-

sions are being ejected from last Thursday's game against Revelstoke; and Glen Doucette is still recovering from a shoulder separation.

"We've got a lot of holes to fill," Lawrence said, "but I still think we can give Kelowna a battle."

Newcomer Kelly Kozak will get his first start against the Bucks. Kozak, a defenceman, is just 16 years old. "Kozak impressed me in practice with the way he handles the puck and uses his head," Lawrence said. "He'll be alright."

Defencemen Keith Chase and Chris Saunders have been called up from the Vernon Midget Reps for the game. Lakers also plan to use two or three members of the Vernon Juvenile Reps to fill the line-up.