

ASSISTANT COACH NAMED

Lakers prepare for camp

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Vernon Lakers President and General Manager Carl Enemark had a pleasant task Tuesday.

Enemark named his son, Mike, as assistant coach of the B.C. Junior Hockey League team. The younger Enemark will work in conjunction with Head Coach Chuck Tapp and also handle the team's public relations.

Mike, 21, was named to the BCJHL Interior Division all-star team last year as a defenceman with Lakers. The previous year, he was an all-star with Quesnel, in the Peace Cariboo Junior League.

Lakers expect about 100 players including about 10 veterans, at training camp. The rookie camp opens Sept. 1, in Vernon Civic Arena, with the main



MIKE ENEMARK
... gets post

camp scheduled to get under way Sept. 6.

Lakers expect Bob Wensley, Gord Simpson, Ken McKenzie, Greg Kowal, Nick Kapicki, and

Kevin Thorlakson to be among the returnees.

Four other players will attend Western Hockey League camps, but will return to Vernon if they do not land berths in the tier one loop. Gavin Shuya and Stacey Wakabayashi, Kamloops Oilers; Todd Ewen and Ron Berezowski, New Westminster Bruins; would be welcomed back to Lakers, according to Enemark.

Shuya, the top defenceman in the BCJHL last season, would be the prime acquisition for Lakers.

"Gavin is good enough to play in the WHL, but he is a 20-year-old so I doubt if he'll make it," Enemark said.

There is also a remote possibility goaltender Rex Grant will return to Vernon. He has been offered a



GAVIN SHUYA
... in Kamloops

tryout with Seattle Breakers, of the WHL.

Enemark said, "From what we understand, Rex has an excellent chance of sticking with the Breakers.

If not, we'd be happy to have him back."

However, Lakers are not putting all their eggs in Grant's basket.

Shawn Oswald, who started his junior career in Vernon two years ago, will attend training camp. He saw duty with Kamloops Oilers and Lakers last year.

Enemark said, "Right now, we've got nine goalies coming to camp... some good ones."

One of the top prospects is Mike McNally, who played junior 'B' last season with Grand Forks.

"If I had to say what our strong point will be, I would say defence," Enemark said. "With Shuya and McKenzie returning and Jim Specht, we've got a solid nucleus."

Specht, 20, was named top defenceman in the PCJL last season with



TODD EWEN
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Dawson Creek. Another rearguard expected to earn a spot on the roster is Chris Saunders, a graduate of the Vernon Midget Reps who saw con-

siderable duty with Lakers in last year's playoffs.

Forwards with impressive credentials include: Dave Wensley, who spent part of the 1982-83 season with Richmond, of the BCJHL; Jim Wilson, Pacific Coast Juvenile Hockey League scoring champion last year; and Everett Rose, rookie of the year in the PJHL in 1982-83.

Vernon's first exhibition game is Sept. 8, in Enderby, against Shuswap Totems. On Sept. 17, Lakers host Merritt Centennials and the following night, they have a return match in Merritt.

The regular season gets under way Sept. 20 with Vernon hosting Shuswap Totems.

Season tickets are now available at Al's Esso Service and Lake Country Sports.