

Lakers may acquire veteran junior stars

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Although his position was made official only last week, Mike Enemark, former all-star defenceman with Vernon Lakers, has already plunged into his new job as assistant coach of the club, with both feet.

Most of what he set out to do, contact prospective players for training camp, was done prior to his position becoming official, but since then Enemark has made progress in other areas related to his job.

One of these areas has to do with promotion and public relations.

Handling the sale and promotion of season tickets is his prime concern, at present, though both himself and his father, Carl, who is co-owner of the club, are happy with the sales thus far.

"Sales have been going really well," said the

younger Enemark. "There are 400 numbered seats this season and it's helping to sell tickets for us. Some people have been reluctant to purchase season tickets until now because there was no assured seating arrangements."

The foremost area of his work to present, however, has been in scouting and arranging player tryouts and Enemark has certainly done his homework in this area. Rookie camp opens Thursday in the Civic Arena.

For instance, Lakers may acquire the services of Derek Ruppel, formerly the captain of Penticton Knights.

According to Enemark, Ruppel has a tryout with Kamloops Oilers, of the Western Hockey League, but if things don't work out he'll be skating in a Lakers' jersey this season.

"There's a good chance we'll get him (Ruppel)," said Enemark. "We're pretty excited about that."

"He (Ruppel) knows we want to win it all this year and he's prepared to help us if he has the chance to."

Another possibility is Enzo Caccavo, formerly of Kelowna Buckaroos. According to Enemark, Caccavo is unhappy with Kelowna's move to Summerland this season and his only other possibility is a trade that would see him go to Salmon Arm... another uninteresting prospect for Caccavo. If things are worked out to everyone's advantage, the result could see the big centre in a Lakers' uniform as well.

And, speaking of uniforms, Enemark is pleased with the new look Lakers will be sporting this season.

Lakers will don the colors of Edmonton Oilers this season but will employ the "Cooperall" equipment. In addition the entire team will sport matching gloves and helmets to make the transition complete.



MIKE ENEMARK
... plunges in

Another change, hopefully for the better according to Enemark, will be a decision to go with aluminum shaft hockey sticks this season. Enemark sees this decision, a costly one initially, as a real money-saver in the long run since only the blades are breakable.

His specific duties with the club, naturally, will lie with the defensive aspects of the game.

"I'll be working mainly on the defensive aspects of the game but it's hard to say what else right now," said Enemark. "When the season starts I'll know my full role a lot better."

"I'm really looking forward to the experience."

Just to stay in the game is nice... the whole idea originally came from Murray (Lawrence) before he left the team last spring."

On the negative side of things there are two basic differences between this season and last in Enemark's eyes.

Firstly, there's the changes in scheduling.

"We're disappointed with the decision not to have an interlocking schedule with the Coastal Division," he said. "On the one hand they feel more games within your own division will result in better rivalries which in turn will draw more fans. On the other hand, teams like New Westminster or Abbotsford coming to town always get a good crowd out."

Another area of discontent is with the affiliation system, or lack of it, but that is of a minor concern for Enemark and the team.

"Lakers aren't affiliated with any tier one clubs this season but we have a couple of contacts in Alberta and they can provide us with whatever we need," Enemark said.

The experiment as a junior hockey coach will last just one season for Enemark as the young man will be attending UBC next year on an athletic scholarship. In September, Enemark will attend Okanagan College for the second year.

Spallumcheen ladies' draw

NO. 1 TEE

8 a.m., Maureen McDonald; Joyce Jensen; Pat Burgess.
8:06 a.m., Helen Fogtman; Greta Maundrell; Kay Moryson.
8:12 a.m., Shirley White; Rita Guidi; Mary McCallan.
8:18 a.m., Robin Scott; Marge Bennett; Marj McCusker.
8:24 a.m., Kay Reid; Petie Kaulback; Mary Wilkinson.
8:30 a.m., Verna Nelson; Lois Weixl; Anne Pineault.
8:36 a.m., Bert Young; Jean August; Colleen Schier.
8:42 a.m., Mary Burgess; Doreen Elliott; Ethel Thompson.
8:48 a.m., Ruth Caley; Lenore Hey.

NO. 10 TEE

8 a.m., Betty Griffin; Faye de

Wilde; Marion Sheare.

8:06 a.m., Rose Marie von Pentz; Shirley McDonald; Vera Jensen.
8:12 a.m., Rae Banner; Grace Hadland; Kay Coleman.
8:18 a.m., Diane Simms; Jean Thomas; Irene Ricketts.
8:24 a.m., Nell Daisley; Marcia Giguere; Irene Bliss.
8:30 a.m., Grace Myhill; Marg Hamilton; Norma Rees.
8:36 a.m., Mary Huggins; Mildred Good; Wynn Oliver.
8:42 a.m., Babs McKay; Sally Allanson.

Pin Round No. 9, Trophy Day.

Last week's winners: Throw-out-two: Jo Anne Bradley and Norma Rees tied 53 net. Putting: Jean August.

Next week: Second Ladies Closed Tournament.

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