

KENDALL'S KORNER

Lowe follows dad's footsteps



In the early-1970's, Odie Lowe coached Vernon to two B.C. junior hockey championships. Now, more than a decade later, Odie's son, Terry, has an opportunity to help Vernon win its first provincial title since his dad guided the team to victory.

Vernon Lakers' Head Coach Mike Enemark announced Monday that Terry has been named assistant coach. Lowe, now 25, has been working with the Lakers for about two weeks.

Terry was exposed to junior hockey at an early age ... he started skating with his dad's team at age 9. He starred in the Vernon minor hockey ranks before spending three seasons with Taber Golden Suns, of the Alberta Junior 'A' Hockey League. He came home for his final year of junior hockey, 1978, when he set a team record for scoring with 168 points and was named most valuable player in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

TEAM RECORD

Since graduating from junior, he has toiled with Vernon

Cougars Intermediate Team.

"I'm looking forward to coaching," Terry said. "I look at it as a challenge. I've always helped out with kids and taught at hockey schools."

Enemark said having Lowe at his side will permit him to spend more time with the defencemen while Terry helps the forwards. But, more importantly, it will give the rookie head coach another person to discuss strategy with. Until now, General manager Carl Enemark (Mike's father) has been advising him.

INEXPERIENCED

"With my inexperience, having Terry around will make my job a lot easier," Mike said. "He gives me another opinion to consider. And of course, if I get sick or am unable to be at a game for any reason, Terry will be available."

Lowe's primary duties include analyzing the opposition and picking out Vernon's mistakes. However, his tenure as an assistant coach may be brief. Mike Enemark has made it clear he plans to return to the ice next

year, as a player, in the European pro ranks or at a U.S. college. After making the Interior Division all-star team last year, Enemark, 21, took a year off to rest his wonky knees.

"I really want to play next year," he said. "University of North Dakota is interested in me ... they've called me twice. If that doesn't work out, I'd like to try playing in Europe."

REPLACEMENT

And with Enemark gone next season, Lowe appears to be the logical replacement. "We've thought about that," Mike said. "If I do leave, Terry would be familiar with the team's operation and ready to step in."

The coach's job is clear cut ... keep the Lakers motivated and performing as a unit. Both Enemark and Lowe agree the talent is there, now all they have to do is take advantage of it. Terry has fond memories of the days when his dad's Vernon Essos were the class of the BCJHL ... and he wants to relive those happy days.

Wensley leads Lakers' scoring

Vernon Lakers' centre Dave Wensley continues to lead the local club, Interior Division, and BC-JHL in individual scoring statistics coming up to the midway point of the regular season.

Wensley has scored 28 goals and added 41 assists for 69 points, in 27 games, and leads Penticton's Brett Hull by a slim margin in the scoring race.

Meanwhile, blueliner Ken MacKenzie shares honors with Wensley as top playmaker on Lakers with his 41 assists. Mackenzie has also scored nine goals and currently is second in team scoring with 50 points.

Wensley's total so far is just nine points shy of Stacy Wakabayashi's 78-

point total last season which was tops on the club.

Wensley also leads the team in the plus/minus department with a plus-30 rating.

Third place on the team scoring list is currently held down by third-year veteran Rob Kossan who is well on his way to his

most prolific season ever. Kossan has 20 goals and 29 assists for 49 points.

Meanwhile, Bob Wensley is currently in fourth spot with 45 points based on 25 goals and 20 assists. The older Wensley has missed several games lately however due to illness and a rash of minor injuries.

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim	+/-
D. Wensley	27	28	41	69	32	+30
MacKenzie	28	9	41	50	34	+16
Kossan	28	20	29	49	26	+25
B. Wensley	23	25	20	45	113	+25
Shuya	21	12	27	39	71	+24
S. Young	20	14	22	36	81	+18
Kirk	27	13	19	32	22	+19
Major	27	12	18	30	19	+11
Kapicki	23	12	21	33	62	+13
A. Young	27	11	13	24	64	+16
Berezowski	21	7	14	21	51	+13
Kowal	21	8	11	19	21	+9
Christie	29	3	5	8	41	+20
Cotie	20	1	6	7	75	+10
Saunders	24	1	2	3	61	+15
J. Young	11	0	1	1	6	0
Boyd	2	0	0	0	0	0