

Slumping Lakers host Bucks tonight

Vernon Lakers host Summerland Buckaroos in the second game of a home-and-home series with the reigning Interior Division champs.

Lakers lost 8-6 to the Bucks, Saturday night, in Summerland and are currently on a three-game losing streak.

However, Lakers' coach Mike Enemark feels all that is going to come to an abrupt halt tonight at Civic Arena.

"It would be nice to have a good crowd," said Enemark. "We're going to break out of this slump and we're going to do it in fine style."

Enemark and the Lakers will be competing against the Canadian-USA Olympic hockey game scheduled in prime time on television tonight.

In order to get back on the winning track Enemark insists his

Lakers will have to play their positions better and also play with more intensity and enthusiasm. At the same time, he's hoping a new line combination will add some entertainment for the fans.

Lakers recently signed a new player, formerly with Armstrong, of the White Valley Hockey League.

The player is 20-year-old Lamont Martel, whom Enemark plans to ice along with Shannon Pohl and Ron Berezowski.

"He's a big, tough kid," said Enemark. "We're not looking for him to score goals, he'll provide some good hitting and give us a little more strength."

Along with tough-as-iron Pohl and the infamous Berezowski, who is noted throughout the league for his ability to unnerve other teams, Lakers should have an advantage

in aggressive situations with that trio.

Martel was third highest scorer in the highly competitive White Valley loop with 21 goals, in 15 games, so he can also score goals if the situation arises.

Lakers need a victory tonight in order to stay within striking distance of Penticton Knights. Knights have pulled away from Lakers lately with a string of impressive victories, which combined with the current Vernon slump, has placed the Penticton squad eight points ahead of lakers in the Interior Division. However, lakers also have two games in hand on Knights.

Lakers also lead Summerland by a healthy 16-point margin and so have second place all but sewn up at this point.