

Lakers name associate coach

Vernon Lakers' Head Coach Mike Enemark has announced the appointment of Ron Morneau as associate coach for the 1984-85 B.C. Junior Hockey League season.

Morneau, 26, moved to Vernon five years ago from Nanaimo, where he played minor hockey. His playing career, as a goalie, was cut short due to a back injury.

He has previous coaching experience in minor hockey, at the bantam and midget levels, and minor soccer.

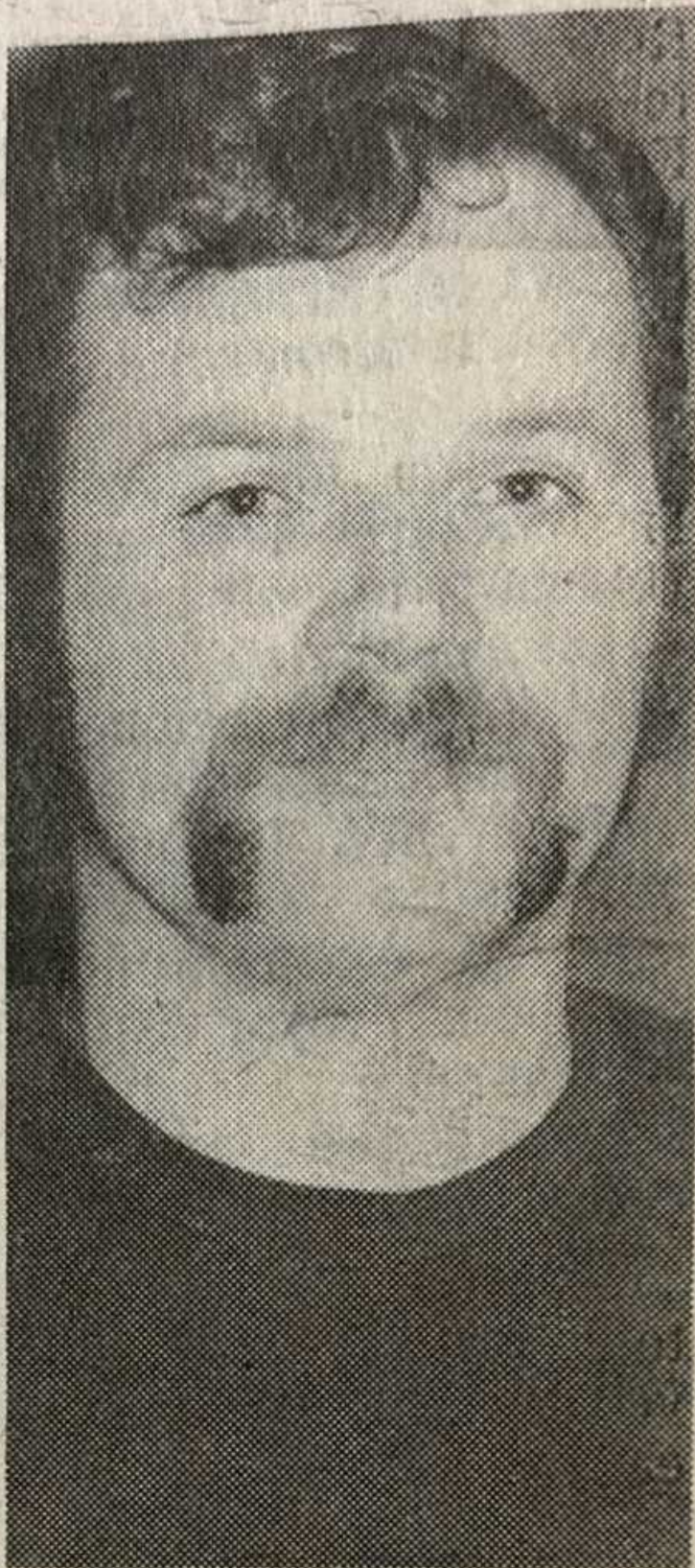
Enemark feels the addition of Morneau will be a big plus for the team.

"He has the same philosophies as I do," Enemark said "He likes the discipline style of game."

Because of his experience as a goalie, Enemark said Morneau will spend a lot of time with the goalies and devencemen. However, his duties have not yet been clearly defined.

Morneau said the appointment is a dream come true for him. "I'm looking forward to working with the Lakers for the challenge and experience," he said. "I feel it is an honor to be asked to work with the junior team."

Morneau said he has



RON MORNEAU
... from Nanaimo

usually experienced success with the minor teams he has coached.

"Lakers have had trouble in the playoffs for the last couple years," he said. "Maybe I can help turn that around."

Morneau's most recent involvement in hockey was in the 1982-83 season when he coached a Vernon midget house league team.

He is employed as an autobody man.