

Rangers in town for season opener

Vernon Lakers host Revelstoke Rangers in the B.C. Junior Hockey League season opener tonight at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Lakers suffered through a dismal exhibition season with one tie and five losses, in six outings. However, Vernon Coach Mike Enemark said it will be a different club on the ice tonight.

"If we play, like I know we can, we'll win tonight," Enemark said. "We have to play 60 minutes of hockey . . . not one or two good periods."

Lakers signed four new players Thursday and Enemark said he expects all four to play tonight.

Three of the newcomers, forwards Shawn Boone and Jody Trainer, along with defenceman Kevin

Smythe, had been at the training camp of Prince Albert Raiders, of the Western Hockey League. All three are from the Lower Mainland area.

The fourth new arrival, defenceman Sean Hartnell, was one of two players acquired from Richmond Sockeyes, Wednesday, in a trade for forward Bruce Major. Hartnell played with Kamloops Midget Reps last season.

Enemark said, "We don't have any superstars like last year so we have to get a solid effort from all 19 players. We can't afford to have one or two guys not doing their job."

Jim Young, one of only three returnees in the Vernon line-up, will start in goal for Lakers.

Revelstoke, under the guidance of former

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence, will have three Vernon 16-year-olds in its line-up. Derek Webb, Jay Stark, and Wes Elliott have earned jobs with the Rangers, who are expected to challenge Pen-ticton Knights for first place in the BCJHL Interior Division.

After tonight's encounter, Lakers get less than 48 hours rest before tackling Salmon Arm Totems, Sunday, in Salmon Arm.

