

Lakers look for split on tough Coast swing

Vernon Lakers, first Interior Division team to venture into the unfamiliar and supposedly hostile environment of the Coast Division this season, will be hoping to earn at least a split of the four games they play in four nights.

In blazing the trail for future road trips by Interior squads, Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark is optimistic that his club could earn better than a split. Enemark hopes that by doing so Lakers will explode the pre-supposed myth that Coast Division teams are superior to those in the Interior.

"I look at how some teams are doing down there (Coast Division) and it tells me that they aren't that good," said Enemark, who has coached his junior squad into second place in the Interior Division after six games of the BCJHL season.

Enemark's assumptions have some facts to back him up. Richmond Raiders' coach Wayne Tulloch was just recently fired from his position which more or less confirmed Enemark's reports that all is not well with the high-flying Richmond Club.

"This is what leads me to believe Richmond isn't a happy hockey team," explained Enemark. "From what I've heard about Richmond, there is a lot of unhappy players because of all the attention and ice time Bruce (Major) has been getting. They do have a lot of good experienced hockey players though."

Major, in his second BCJHL season following a year with lakers, shares top spot in goal scoring with teammate and Vernon native Henry Reimer. Between the two players they have accounted for

the bulk of Richmond's scoring.

Enemark isn't overly confident about his team's chances for success on the Coast, just that they need not be intimidated by early reports of their strength. Considering Nanaimo Clippers, originally considered to be the class of the Coast loop, were defeated twice by Penticton and Summerland, it is reasonable to assume Enemark's beliefs are well-founded.

However, the Vernon coach has left room for preparation because he knows it will take a lot of hard work and discipline to forge points on this highly concentrated but brief road trip.

"It's gonna be tough," offered Enemark. "Burnaby has a lot of former tier one cuts such as Rick Bofano and Paul Ginetti plus they have Ron Boyd in goal."

Boyd, to refresh some memories, turned in a shutout performance for Lakers early last season in the one game he played for the local club before an injury sidelined him for the season and he was released.

"The games I'm concerned about are the first two," added Enemark. "Burnaby and Langley."

"They both have big ice surfaces and good teams."

"Langley has Derrek Ruppel playing for them and a lot of people feel they have the best team on the Coast. Abbotsford will be tough too."

In the meantime, Lakers signed three players to junior cards while at least one other player may be signed pending a look at his abilities.

Signed are defenceman Chris Saunders, who was formerly on a juvenile card; Jeff Lord, a goaltender, who was part

compensation for a trade made with Salmon Arm Totems; and Mike Vansickles, acquired from Richmond.

Enemark feels Vansickles, who spent the season with Prince George, of the PCJHL last season, will score some goals for his club.

"We're going to give him a chance on the Coast this weekend," Enemark said. "I need a goal-scorer."

Another player, Dave McLennon, was recently cut from New Westminster Bruins of the Western Junior League but Enemark is approaching his new player with a note of caution.

"I want to see how he plays first before we sign him," Enemark said.

PLAY SWEETLY

The Harlem Globetrotters basketball team's theme song is Sweet Georgia Brown.

Fulton runners dominate event

Clarence Fulton won three of four divisions in a high school cross-country meet Wednesday, in Salmon Arm.

The hilly course produced some surprises, particularly in the girls' divisions.

Fulton's Julie Cawkell ran to victory in the senior girls' class. She finished the 2.5 mile course in 19 minutes, 20 seconds.

Tami Lane, also from Fulton, won the junior girls' race in 19:54. Fulton's Marnie Lett, who won the first two races of

the season, finished well off the pace.

Salmon Arm's Zeba Crook captured his third consecutive senior boys' title while Warren Desjarlais, of Lumby's Charles Bloom, won the junior boys' event.

The team results were:
JUNIOR GIRLS: Fulton 23, VSS 30, Charles Bloom 88.

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40, Charles Bloom 40, Kalamalka 53.

SENIOR GIRLS: Fulton 8, W. L. Seaton 18, Charles Bloom 45.

SENIOR BOYS: VSS 12, Salmon Arm 13, Seaton 34, Bloom 42, Fulton 48.

VSS will host a meet next Wednesday. The valley junior finals are scheduled in Lumby, Oct. 27.

Panthers host volleyball tourney

Flyers return to BCJHL

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. (CP) — Abbotsford Flyers, expelled from the B.C. Junior Hockey League for non-payment of their league assessments, are back in the league with a new owner.

The league's board of governors decided Wednesday to award the team to Jim Butterworth, a Delta, B.C. businessman.

The Flyers formerly were owned by John McFaul and his partners.

The two games Flyers missed while in financial limbo will be rescheduled and the team will continue to play out of Abbotsford's MSA Arena.