

ENEMARK RESIGNS

At 22 years of age Mike Enemark has already come and gone as a junior hockey coach. Enemark officially resigned his position as head coach of Vernon Lakers this morning. He will be replaced by Don Moores, of Kamloops.

Enemark cited pressures from management, players and fans as his reasons for his resignation.

"I think it's best for the club," said Enemark during a press conference held this morning. "I haven't been able to give 100 per cent to the team because of the pressure on me."

Moores, 28, has no junior hockey coaching experience but has coached the Kamloops midget rep team for the past two years, forming the club into a provincial contender in the process. He will commute from Kamloops to Vernon in order to fulfill his position with Lakers.

Moores, who replaces Enemark effective immediately, has a wealth of playing experience. After graduating from major junior hockey with Kamloops Chiefs, Moores was drafted by Los Angeles Kings whom he played with briefly. However, the bulk of his playing days as a professional were spent between Forth Worth, of the Central Hockey League, and Muskegon, of the International League.

In lieu of a salary, Moores is to receive a stipend from Lakers' management for coaching the remainder of the season.

Moores won't exactly be picking up a faltering hockey club. Lakers, with a .500 winning percentage, are just two points out of second place and barring any major catastrophies in the future, the club is assured of a playoff berth.

Enemark, meanwhile, reflected a somewhat bitter attitude towards hockey fans in Vernon.

"I don't know what people expect of our hockey team," Enemark said. "We haven't been getting the fan support we need . . . we're playing .500 hockey after 21 games, 13 of those on the road, and that's a pretty good record. I rebuilt this team myself, got the players and made the trades . . . I think Vernon people are very fickle. Four years ago, Vernon was blown out of every game."

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FINAL GAME FOR COACH

Lakers blast Totems

Vernon Lakers' 12-3 victory over hometown Salmon Arm Totems, Sunday night, allowed coach Mike Enemark to exit the team in a blaze of glory.

Enemark resigned his position as head coach of Lakers effective as of this morning. He will be replaced by Don Moores, of Kamloops, who will assume coaching duties immediately.

Lakers' win Sunday, coupled with a 4-3 victory at Civic Arena, Friday night, sandwiched a 5-2 loss at the hands of visiting Penticton Knights, Saturday.

The win leaves Lakers with a .500 winning percentage after 21 games in the regular season... 13 of those on the road where Enemark coached his squad to a 5-7-1 record. The local club is two points back of Summerland Buckaroos in the battle for second place in the BCJHL Interior Division. Penticton leads the division by a healthy margin.

Nick Kapicki and Shannon Pohl paced Lakers with three goals each while winger Shawn Hartnell scored twice. Single goals came from defenceman Chris Saunders, centre Dave Milan, and wingers Frank Dutoff and Mike Vansickle.

"It's nice to see the offence going again," said Enemark who has posted a .653 winning percentage since taking over the position of head coach early last season. "We were on them for most of the first two periods but when we broke the tie in the second period we never looked back."

The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period and were deadlocked 3-3 midway through the second

period when Lakers put a flurry of goals by the Totems' netminder to take an 8-3 lead after 40 minutes.

"The effort the guys put out in the last three games really made me proud to say I coached them," said Enemark in retrospect of the weekend.

Saturday night, Lakers received an outstanding performance from goaltender Jim Young and played perhaps their best game of the season only to come out on the short end of a 5-2 score against Penticton. Young made 37 saves for Lakers who trailed 2-1 and 4-2 by periods.

Todd Brost scored twice for the high-flying Knights while Kapicki and Tony Christie had the goals for Vernon.

Lakers have a three-game home stand between now and the end of the month with Salmon Arm visiting Nov. 23; Summerland, Nov. 25; and Penticton, Nov. 30.



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Nanaimo wins tourney

PRAGUE (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers of the B.C. Junior Hockey League became the first team outside Czechoslovakia to win the Rue Pravo International hockey tournament Sunday with a convincing 11-3 win over Slavia Praha in the championship final.

Jamie Cayford had two goals for the Clippers, who advanced to the final after defeating defending champion Vitkovice 6-2 Saturday.

Singles came from Al Johnston, Dale Brisco, Jay Barner, Gord Simpson, Carey Coroy, Mitch Poulin, Al Chatlain, Garry Keremedschieff and Ron Sparks.