

ENEMARK GETS HIS MAN

Moores to coach Lakers

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While Vancouver Canucks may be experiencing difficulties in securing a head coach for the 1985-86 season, thankfully the same cannot be said for Vernon Lakers, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Lakers' General Manager Carl Enemark and Don Moores, of Kamloops, recently reached an agreement whereupon Moores will serve as head coach of the club again for the coming season.

Moores, who was a midget coach before his tenure with Lakers last year, took over the reigns of the club from Mike Enemark who had seen the team through to a 10-10-1 start and a .500 winning percentage.

Under Moores, Lakers finished in second place in the BCJHL

Interior Division, behind Penticton Knights, who went on to the national final with Orillia, Ont. Lakers' record was well above the .500 mark at the end of the regular season. They were ousted by Merritt Centennials, in seven games, during the BCJHL quarter-finals.

However, the job done by Moores and the attitude he managed to instill in the team made him the first choice for the coaching position this season for Enemark.

"We're very pleased to have him (Moores) back," confirmed Enemark. "I just didn't know if he was too keen on all that travel . . . I thought he did a good job and I've heard no negative comments about him."

Moores, meanwhile, agreed that the travel between the two centres (Kamloops and Vernon) didn't hamper his coaching ability last season, nor alter his desire to return to the position.

"I didn't find it that tough last season to commute," said Moores. "I'm looking forward to it. We have a good nucleus of players so I think we'll start off well and go from there."

Enemark concurred with Moores' analysis of the team's strength for the upcoming season.

"He's very high on the players we've got coming back," Enemark said. "Don has talked to them all and so far he's only had one who was doubtful."

In the meantime, the big story of the BCJHL this season will likely be at the annual league meeting scheduled for this weekend. Kelowna is presently looking for a junior A franchise following the move by Wings from that city late last month. It is possible that the Revelstoke franchise, originally planning to move to Bellingham, Wash., will take up residence in that city. According to Enemark the league has also received application from Chilliwak to bring a franchise to that centre.