

ROOKIES WILL PLAY

Vernon Lakers will use a line-up loaded with rookies for their B.C. Junior Hockey League pre-season opener against Salmon Arm Blazers, Saturday night, in Enderby.

Lakers' Head Coach Don Moores told the Daily News he expects to rest many of the 11 veterans in training camp.

"We know what the veterans can do," Moores said, "we want to take a look at the rookies. As far as I'm concerned, exhibition games are for evaluating talent, not winning."

One rookie who is expected to see some duty Saturday is right winger Brian Lofroth, who arrived in camp on Thursday. Lofroth starred with Prince George Midget Reps during the 1984-85 season. His older brother, Shawn, was a standout on the Lakers' defence last year. Shawn is recovering from a broken wrist and will be sidelined at least two more weeks.

The younger Lofroth is 5'10" and stocky. "We've had some good reports on Brian," Moores said. "We'll see what he can do."

The same two clubs clash in an exhibition game next Wednesday night, also in Enderby.