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Junior hockey owner hopes to sell franchise

Vernon Lakers Junior 'A' Hockey Team is for sale.

Carl Enemark, president and owner of the B.C. Junior Hockey League club, confirmed Tuesday that he wants to sell the team.

"I've had enough," Enemark said. "We had a very frustrating and disappointing season. The team is for sale."

Lakers have been eliminated in the opening round of the BCJHL playoffs for four consecutive seasons. However, off-ice problems frustrated Enemark as much as his club's inability to win key games.

"I didn't get much local support," he said. "It is tough to get excited about something when you know you are go-

ing to lose money."

After averaging about 700 fans per game in the 1984-85 season, Vernon's home attendance plummeted to 400-450 fans last season.

Enemark said, "I had some problems that I should have dealt with earlier in the season. I waited too long to make a coaching change. It just didn't work having (Don) Moores coaching the team while living in Kamloops."

Moores was fired, by Enemark, with eight games remaining in the regular season. He cited poor personnel decisions and lack of discipline as the main reasons for dismissing his coach.

"He (Moores) made too many bad decision," he said. "We lost (Troy) Mick and that kid could have scored 50 goals for us. Then he cut (Frank) Dutoff and that really made me mad."

At least three groups have expressed interest in purchasing the club, but Enemark said he isn't yet close to making a deal. "If I don't sell, I may operate the team for another season," he said.

"Some players have come to me this week and asked what is going to happen. All I can tell them is that there will be a team here next season, but I don't know if I will be the owner."

Muckle leads Vernon runners

Fourteen members of the Vernon Pacers Running Club have picked up points for their team in recent Tiger Series Road Races.

Heidi Muckle was the top point getter for Pacers with first place finishes, in the senior women's category, at the Kamloops 10 km Spring Run-off, Kelowna Apple Classic Half-Marathon, and Barriere 10 km Road Race.

Brian Steele recorded first and second place finishes in the men's open class while Jim Tidball picked up a pair of second place finishes, in the senior men's class, at Kamloops and

Barriere.

Joe Eder was second in the senior men's category at Kelowna.

In Barriere, other Pacers who placed were: Brent Purin, first, junior boys; Bob Woodman, first, junior men's open; Marty Asleson, second, junior men's open; Juanita Purin, second, senior women's open; and Sharon O'Dornan, second, junior women's open.

Also gaining Tiger Series points for top 10 finishes were Tom Reed, Lorne Siemens, Al Hossie, Dave Todd, and Bill Delaney.