

KENDALL'S KORNER

Lakers impressive



One game doesn't make a season, but anyone who watched Vernon Lakers demolish Revelstoke Rockets 14-3 last Sunday afternoon had to be impressed.

It has been more than five years since Vernon recorded such a resounding victory. It was just 12 months ago that Rockets, and every other team in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division, was beating Lakers by similar scores.

When Gord MacBeth agreed to coach Lakers this year, he inherited one of the worst teams in BCJHL history. The club won only eight games during the entire 1980-81 campaign.

"I knew the team had all kinds of problems last season," MacBeth said. "What we had to do was forget about the past and start from scratch."

PRESSURE ON COACH

Like any new coach, MacBeth had to establish his authority with the players, while attempting to impress the management and build a winning hockey team. The pressure was particularly tough due to the team's dismal performance in past years.

"I knew we had to win some games in a hurry," MacBeth said. "If we lost our first four or five games, people would write us off before we had a chance to get started."

With the arrival of new, unproven players every day, the coach had pressure reducing his roster during the pre-season. Then when he did make his cuts, which included several local prospects, the second guesses had a field day.

"I was lucky," MacBeth said. "The executive gave me complete control of player personnel. Before I released some kids, I asked for advice from other people, but the final decision was always mine... that is the way it has to be."

WON SEVEN GAMES

Lakers have won 7 and lost 11 games to date. However, that figure is deceiving because six of the 11 setbacks have been against the awesome Penikese Knights. Lakers have a 7-6 record against the Knights in the Interior.

MacBeth said, "I lost to Penikese 8-3 and we played very well. If we had gotten good goaltending, the score would have been 3-3 or 4-3. We'll beat the Knights. It might not be next time, but it won't be longer until we surprise them."

Lakers don't have many weak spots. Winger Ron Ford is expected back within two weeks and will help. At the time of his shoulder injury, Ford was leading the team in scoring.

The defenseman Paul Cloutier was recently called up by the parent Kamloops Oilers. Cloutier, or another rearguard, will be reassigned to Vernon this week.

"I'd still like to find an experienced goalie and maybe another defenceman," MacBeth said, "but overall, I'm happy with the personnel we have. We've come a long way in less than two months."

It takes time to mold 20 young men into a hockey team, but if players Lakers are on the right track.



CARLING O'KEEFE representative Bob Burgess tossed up the ball Monday to officially open the Major Men's Basketball League season.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1978

Both the Vernon Senior Secondary School Boys AA and Girls volleyball teams took top honors at the Okanagan Valley Senior High School Championships on Thursday. Playing in Vernon, the VSSS boys' team, the VSSS B.C. champs, captured their second straight victory in a seven team tournament. The girls won an eight team event at Rutland.

PIN POINTS

OCTOBER 28
THURSDAY MATINEE
Women's High Single: Title Wreck, 2nd; High Triple: Elsie Lussman, 67; High Average: Val Wiebe 195.
Team High Single: VIP's +126;
high triple: Kees +128.

TEAM STANDINGS
Cameo... 297
Krygen... 261
Del's Belles... 247
Ally Oops... 243
Blue Stars... 234
Jat Set... 213
Ding Bats... 212

OCTOBER 29
THURSDAY COFFEE
Women's High Single: Vicki Waples 279; High Triple: Carol Morrison 707; High Average: Delores Team high single: Pink Panthers +234; high triple: Pink Panthers +234.

TEAM STANDINGS
199 Club, Carol Morrison 271
Silver Stars... 269
Patches... 214
Men's High... 211

OCT 30
GYM DANDY CLUB
Women's High Single: Timmy Lowey, 191; High Double: Timmy Lowey, 336; High Average: Fallow 195.
Men's High Single: Tom Wide, 311; High Double: Tom Wide, 355; High Average: Pat Koon 195.
Bowlers of the Week
Men's: Elsie Lussman, 70 pins over avg.
Men's: Ralph Matarok and George Wilson, 87 pins over avg.

OCT 31
TOP FIFTEEN
Women's High Single: Grace Rutten, 525; High Triple: Grace Rutten, 525; High Average: Arthur Nelson, 180.
Men's High Single: Ian Money, 277; High Triple: Larry Hopper 675; High Average: Nasir Kasam, 198.
Team High Single: Slip Shots +187; High Triple: Slip Shots +277.

TEAM STANDINGS
Alley Cats... 2130
Slip Shots... 2079
Quads... 2037
Gunslingers... 1976
Ice Breakers... 195

YBC BANTAMS
Women's High Single: Shirley Cavanaugh, 179; High Triple: Shirley

Two teams tied for league lead

Five players hit double figures to lead Sun Valley Athletics past Trophy Gallery, 55-48, in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action Monday, at Priest Valley Gymnasium.

In other games, National Hotel whipped Wheelhouse Drywall 61-49 and Armstrong tipped Burren Construction 70-66.

TEAMS TIED
Sun Valley and National Hotel are tied for the league lead with four points, two more than Armstrong and Express.

Morris Vardabasso led Athletics with 19 points while Rene Doloski and Matt Trimble added 18 apiece.

Kelly Olson replied with 29 points for Trophy Gallery while Clint Kanestier and Ed Waterhouse sunk 15.

Sun Valley led 38-30 at half-time. In the second-half, Trophy Gallery battled back to tie the game 62-62, but Athletics then reeled off 14 consecutive points to put the game out of reach.

The contest between Armstrong and Express

followed a similar pattern. Armstrong led 40-34 at half-time. Express took a 66-45 lead late in the game, and Armstrong came back with five consecutive points in the dying seconds.

LED ARMSTRONG
Tony Wolcott led the Cheese City attack with 18 points while Duncan McDonald and Mike McKay dropped 11 each.

Greg Schroeder countered with 16 for Express while Jack Robinson and Rick Wilson added 12 apiece.

In the other game, at VSSS, National Hotel trailed early, but led 28-21 by half-time.

SCORED 31
Bob Martindale was the offensive leader for National with 21 points while Mike Kakesunk 20, including 18 in the second-half. Dave Charlton added eight points for the Hotelmen.

Mike DePuyffer, with 10 points, and Eric Parker, with nine, were the top scorers for Wheelhouse Drywall.

Vernon suffers setback

Kamloops edged Vernon Coca-Cola 8-5 in Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile Hockey League action Sunday, in Kamloops.

The loss halted Vernon's win streak at four games.

Len Beauchamp, with two goals, Vince Cavalier, Jim Linell, Darren Plack, and Rick Lowrey provided the offence for Kamloops.

SCORED TWO
Greg Kowal replied with two goals for Vernon while Nick Kapicki, Kevin Artchelle, and Mel Reimer notched singles.

Kamloops led 3-1 at the end of the first period, but trailed 4-3 after 40 minutes.

The local squad took 28 of 50 penalty minutes.

Vernon Manager Roger Schwing said, "We were awful. We were terrible and only lost by one goal. We'll thump them next time."

Vernon returns to the ice Saturday when it hosts Enders.

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TOP JET TEAM

A Lumby team captured top honors in a recent jet bowling tournament, in Kelowna. With Coach Gail Summers, from left: Gary Wilala, Jodie Hval, Sherylee Goultie, Tanya Frouser, and Gerry Schunter. Another

Lumby team, coached by Cerry van der Wilk, placed third. Members of the third-place team were: Marco van der Wilk, Warren Ritso, Chris Muter, Patricia Pringle, and Tracy Taylor. (Alleyne Tull Photo)

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