

Knights dump Lakers

Penticton Knights continued their dominance of Vernon Lakers with a 8-5 victory in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Friday night, in Penticton.

Vernon has not defeated the defending provincial champions since the 1978-79 season.

Lakers took a 2-1 lead after the first period and increased that margin early in the second period when Peter Oliphant beat Knights' netminder Norm Foster. However, Penticton came fighting back with six unanswered goals to take a 7-3 lead after 40 minutes.

Steve Charboneau led the Knights' attack with three goals while Rich Boh added a pair. Singles went to Derek Ruppel, Mark Verigin, and Ally Cook. Cook also collected three assists.

Mike Enemark and Gavin Shuya were the offensive leaders for Lakers with a goal and two assists. Nick Kapicki, Larry Wiberg, and Oliphant rounded out the Vernon scoring.

Enemark has now scored four goals, in four games, since joining Lakers.

Vernon netminder Rob Imbeau stopped 36 shots, including 16 in the second period. At the other end,

Foster turned away 33 shots.

Referee Brent Deleeuw handed out 146 penalty minutes, including 81 to Knights. Vernon's Gord Simpson and Penticton's Mark Verigin were ejected after a third period altercation.

Vernon now has two wins and four losses, in six outings.

Lakers go from the frying pan into the fire Sunday, at 7 p.m., when they host first place Kelowna Buckaroos.

Buckaroos improved their record to 6-1 with a 9-1 romp over Merritt Centennials, Friday.

Kelowna Coach Wayne Naka said his club is starting to play like it should be after coasting in a few games.

"I think the first couple games of the season we got a few goals and everybody folded their tents," Naka said. "Now we're stressing that they have to be grinding it out no matter what the score."

Enzo Caccavo scored three goals for Kelowna while Simon Wheeldon added a pair.

John Tent scored for Centennials midway through the third period to ruin the shutout bid of Mike Taylor, who stopped 21 shots for Buckaroos.

In other games, New Westminster Royals edged Langley Eagles 9-8 in overtime and Burnaby Blue Hawks dumped Revelstoke Rockets 9-4.

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In Langley, Cliff Ronning scored on a power-play at 4:12 of overtime to give the Royals the win over the Eagles. Langley's Rob

Ware had forced the overtime with a goal 17 seconds from the end of regulation time.

Mike Nottingham led the Royals attack with three goals. Harvey Biluk and Gord Young each scored twice for the Eagles.

In Burnaby, linemates Derik Sheers and Earl Graham each scored three

goals for the Blue Hawks, who held period leads of 3-2 and 6-2 against the Rockets.

Tonight, Merritt is at Penticton, Kelowna is at Salmon Arm to face Shuswap Totems, Richmond Sockeyes visit Abbotsford to play the Flyers and Cowichan Capitals play host to Revelstoke.

Cougars on road for doubleheader

Vernon Cougars are on the road for two North Okanagan Hockey League games this weekend.

Cougars travel to Princeton to meet the winless Coyotes tonight, then Sunday, Kelowna Packers entertain the defending champions.

Vernon and Kelowna are currently tied for first place, but Packers have a game-in-hand.

Despite his club's 15-2 win over Princeton last week, Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson doesn't think his players will be over-confident against the Coyotes.

"We learned our lesson first game of the season against Oliver," Swanson said. "You won't see us taking a team lightly again."

In the season opener, Oliver overcame an 8-1 deficit to edge Cougars 9-8.

The Vernon coach said his club is looking forward to its first meeting with Packers.

"Kelowna has a good hockey club," Swanson said. "I think, with their new personnel, Packers are probably three-to-four goals better than last season. We're expecting a hard-fought game in Kelowna."

League scoring champion Terry Lowe will be on the ice for the first time this season. He missed one game with an injury and was then handed a two-game suspension for yelling at a referee from the stands.

Swanson said he expects to start Charlie Briskham in goal tonight, with Ed Forslund getting the nod against Packers.

Vernon's next home game is Oct. 16 against Oliver.