

## VERNON 7, KELOWNA 4

## Kossan leads Lakers to win



ROB KOSSAN'S point shot goes past Kelowna Buckaroos' goalie Matt Sekela during B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Sunday,

at the Civic Arena. Kossan scored four goals and added two assists to lead Lakers to a 7-4 win over Buckaroos. Waiting for

a rebound in front of the net is Vernon centre Glen Doucette. (Daily News Photo)

Rob Kossan proved to Kelowna Buckaroos, 510 fans, and three National Hockey League scouts, Sunday, why he is considered one of the best centres in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Kossan scored four goals and added two assists to lead Vernon Lakers to a 7-4 win over the first place Buckaroos, at the Civic Arena.

The victory improves Vernon's record to 3-4.

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence said it was Kossan's best game since he joined the club last season. "Rob has played some great games for us, but none better than this one," Lawrence said.

The 18-year-old Kamloops native now has 14 points in seven games.

Vernon scored four unanswered goals in the third period to erase a 4-3 deficit.

## SCORED TWICE

Gavin Shuya scored two goals for Lakers while Glen Doucette added a single.

Shawn Pettyjohn, Shawn Herrigan, Paul Cullen, and Tony Savarin replied for Buckaroos, who have lost three times in nine outings.

Kelowna netminder Matt Sekela made 42 saves while Bob Moll kicked out 27 shots for Lakers.

In addition to Kossan, defenceman Mike Enemark and Shuya were also standouts for Lakers. Enemark, who set up two goals, has eight points since joining the club five games ago.

The interested spectators included scouts from Washington Capitals, Detroit Red Wings, and Vancouver Canucks (George Wood).

Lawrence said the victory could be a turning point for his club.

"For some reason, we've been having trouble in the second period," Lawrence said. "I knew when we stayed with Kelowna in the second, we had a good chance to beat them because we always play well in the third. Maybe we're ready to put together three good periods now."

## SIMPSON OUT

Vernon was without centre Gord Simpson, who was sitting out a one-game suspension for fighting. Newcomer Andre Rissling, who got into a fight late in the game Sunday, will be suspended for Lakers' next outing, Oct. 22, against Burnaby Bluehawks.

Lawrence said he hopes to line-up at

least one exhibition game during the team's 11-day break.

Vernon has two defencemen in town for trials this week. Ed Palachuk, who was the final cut of Kamloops Oilers; and Bryant Perrier, final player released by Penticton Knights; are expected to practice with Lakers tonight.

## PENTICTON WINS

In other action Sunday, Mark Verigan and Rick Boh scored two goals each to lead defending champion Penticton to a 7-4 decision over Merritt Centennials.

In other games, New Westminster downed Richmond Sockeyes 6-1 and Esquimalt Legion trounced Revelstoke Rockets 10-2.

On Saturday, Shuswap Totems edged Kelowna 4-3, Cowichan Capitals blitzed Revelstoke 13-3, Abbotsford Flyers squeaked out a 5-4 overtime win over Richmond and Penticton easily downed Merritt 8-1.

In Merritt Sunday, the visiting Knights also got singles from Kelly Para, Bruce Baker and Ally Cook. Tim O'Toole, Pat Ryan, Garth Savilow and Conner Raesler replied for the Centennials.

In New Westminster, Larry Cahan scored two goals to pace the Royals over Richmond.

Grant Popowich, Trevor Koenig, Mike Nottingham and Geoff Harrigan added singles for the Royals, who led 2-0 after one period and 5-1 at the end of the second. Derek Waters picked up the lone Richmond marker.

In his first BCJHL game, Kerry Corroy from Alberta, scored three goals to lead Esquimalt past the visiting Rockets. Len Evans added two goals for the Legion.

In Salmon Arm Saturday, Cal Franson, Albert Anthony, Brad Van Gooor and Tim Coglin each scored for Shuswap, while Fred Bower, Tony Savarin and Anzo Caccavo replied for the Bucks.

In Duncan, Brian Burley scored three goals to lead Cowichan to its win. Brent McMillan, Randy Wells, Dean Heyes and Shawn Nagurney scored two each for the Capitals.

Brian Sweeney scored three goals and Darren Stewart added a single for Revelstoke.

In Abbotsford, Dwight Mathieson scored his second goal of the game at 3:06 of overtime to lead the Flyers to their win over the Sockeyes.

## Cougars awarded