Goalie on trial with junior club

Vernon Lakers were idle over the weekend, however, Head Coach Murray Lawrence wasn't inactive.

Lawrence brought in 6'5" goalie Rex Grant, from Mission, on a trial.

Grant played last year with the Chilliwack junior B team and started this season with Abbotsford Flyers, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

"Grant has good credentials so we thought we'd take a look at him," Lawrence said. "We don't play for a few days so we'll have an opportunity to watch him in practice."

Vernon has been alternating two netminders, Rob Imbeau and Bob Moll, this season.

Lakers take on Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, in an exhibition game, Thursday. On Friday, Vernon hosts Burnaby Bluehawks.

In BCJHL action Sunday, Cliff Rowning scored 51 seconds into overtime as New Westminster Royals edged Abbotsford 5-4.

In other league action Sunday, Esquimalt Buccaneers beat Kelowna Buckaroos 5-4 and Langley Eagles took a 6-2 decision over Merritt Centennials. In Saturday games, Penticton Knights trounced Merritt 10-1, Langley beat Revelstoke Rockets 7-2, Abbotsford took a 7-5 decision over Burnaby Bluehawks and Cowichan Capitals defeated Kelowna 7-6.

In New Westminster on Sunday, Dave Phipps, Geoff Harrigan, Larry Cahan and John Hemmerling added the other goals for the Royals, who have seven wins and one loss this season.

The Flyers, who are 6-2 on the season, received goals from Calvin Boyle, Richard Holfeld, Bill Shibicky and Colin Lundrigan.

Rob Beckner made 16 saves for the Royals, while Scott Bradley and Glen Stone combined to make 29 for Abbotsford.

In Esquimalt, Dale Briscoe scored the winning goal for the Buccaneers with 21 seconds left in the third period. Scott Shofftaal led the Kelowna attack with two goals.

Esquimalt now is 8-3 on the season.

In Merritt, Paul Lelivre scored two goals to lead Langley to victory. The game was scoreless after one period, but Langley moved to a 4-2 advantage after two frames.

Langley netminder Ed Jones made 42 saves, while Kory Brown stopped 31 shots on the Merritt net.

In the Merritt-Penticton match Saturday, Kelly Para scored four goals, including three on the power play. Penticton held period leads of 1-0 and 6-1. Harvey Makortoff scored the lone Merritt goal to ruin the shutout bid by Mike Jeffrey.

In Revelstoke, Lelivre of Langley had three power-play goals.

Brown leads Raiders' attack

National Hotel Raiders got a two-goal performance from Graydon Brown to edge Labatt's Sabres 5-3 in White Valley Hockey League action, Saturday, in Lumby.

Other Raiders' goal scorers were Harvey Dodds, Neil Herzog and Rick Horsley, with the game winner. Dave Fish had two assists.

Scoring for Sabres were Don Bailey, Wayne Maurice and Dave Popilchak.

Raiders were assessed 14 minor penalties while Sabres received 11. Both clubs play their second games of the season, Wednesday. Raiders take on Fisher's Hardware, at 7 p.m., and Sabres play Lumby Flying Frenchmen, at 9 p.m.