

Lakers dump Rockets

Rob Kossan scored three goals to lead Vernon Lakers to a 5-3 win over Revelstoke Rockets in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Thursday, in Revelstoke.

The victory pushed Lakers over the .500 mark (5-4) for the first time this season.

Last place Revelstoke tried to use goon tactics against Vernon and the strategy backfired. With the score tied 3-3 midway through the third period, Rockets ran into a series of penalties which resulted in two powerplay goals by Kossan.

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence said, "Rockets tried to goon us in the third period and we responded by playing hockey. Any time the opposition wants to give us a powerplay, we'll take it."

Glen Doucette and Mike Enemark rounded out the scoring for Vernon. Gavin Shuya and Doucette added two assists.

Darren Cota, with two



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... scored three

goals, and Tom Roy replied for Revelstoke. Roy was released, by Lakers, after training camp.

Lakers' netminder Bob

Moll made 29 saves while Randy Kirby and Jim Young combined to kick out 40 shots for Rockets. Kirby was given a game misconduct in the third period.

Rockets were assessed 19 of 33 minor infractions, three of four majors, one misconduct, and two match penalties.

Despite the victory, Lawrence said his club didn't play that well. "We were flat, particularly in the first two periods," he said. The victory could prove costly for Lakes. Defenceman Craig Iseke suffered a knee injury, in a collision, and may have a torn cartilage. "We won't know much about Craig's injury until he sees the doctor today," Lawrence said.

IN KELOWNA

Lakers travel to Kelowna, tonight, for a crucial game with the Buckaroos. Vernon visits Shuswap Totems, Saturday in Salmon Arm, and hosts Merritt Centennials, Sunday night.



MURRAY LAWRENCE
... goon tactics

Penticton leads the Interior Division with 18 points, followed by Kelowna 16, Shuswap 12, Vernon 10, Merritt 4, and Revelstoke 2. However,

Lakers have six games-in-hand on the Bucks and two on the Totems.

Lawrence said, "I'll be disappointed if we don't come out of the four games this weekend with at least three wins."

ESQUIMALT WINS

In Thursday's only other BCJHL game, Esquimalt Buccaneers got two goals from Carey Coroy and outstanding goaltending from Karl Landry to defeat Cowichan Capitals 4-3.

In Esquimalt, the Capitals jumped into a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Brian Burley and Dean Heyes.

Coroy's pair and singles from Randy Taylor and Darrel Pederson in the second period gave Esquimalt a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame, where Landry blocked 15 shots and was beaten only by Cowichan's Brent McMillan.

Landry stopped 32 shots in the game, while Daryl Raugh made 28 saves for the Capitals.