

HANKIN BLOCKS 67 SHOTS

Totems' goalie stymies Lakers



SHUSWAP goalie Troy Hankin comes out of his net to cut down the angle during Friday's BCJHL game at the Civic Arena. Hankin made 67 saves, including 28 in the

second period, to lead his team to a 3-2 win over Vernon Lakers. Keeping Vernon forward Gord Simpson away from their netminder are Shuswap defencemen

Rick Munro (5) and Darren Bentley. Lakers are in Penticton, tonight, to battle the first place Knights.

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Shuswap Totems were playing without their two top defencemen, Joe Blodeau and Brian Fuller, but the only defence the team needed Friday night was between the pipes.

Totems defeated Vernon Lakers 3-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, in the Civic Arena, solely on the standout goaltending of Troy Hankin.

Hankin dazzled the 700 fans on hand by stopping 67 shots, 28 of those coming in the second period. At the other end, Bob Moll stopped a mere 16 shots for Lakers.

Hankin foiled Lakers' snipers with a red hot glove hand and nerves of steel when he robbed Mike Enemark of a sure goal late in the third period which would have tied the game.

IN ALONE

"When Enemark walked in on him I thought that was it," said Totems' Head Coach Terry Shykora.

Enemark faked a shot from the point, found an opening, and tried to deke Hankin, but to no avail.

The win by Totems leaves the teams tied for third place, with 16 points, however, Vernon still have a game-in-hand. Lakers face another tough test tonight when they travel to Penticton to take on the Knights. On Sunday, Penticton is in Vernon, at 7 p.m.

Totems opened scoring on a goal by Rick Munro, which carried the teams into the dressing room after one period.

In the second, Todd Ewen tied the game at 1-1 after much hard work around Hankin. However, just over three minutes later, Rob Klenk gave Totems the lead again and the period ended 2-1.

Dave Terhune extended that lead to 3-1 early in the third, but a blast from the point by Gavin Shuya narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 13:31 left to play in the game.

STUPID PLAYS

From that point, it looked as though Totems were content to leave things up to Hankin as he continued to make save after save.

"Our guys were leaving their checks, making stupid plays and leaving Troy wide open for a good shot," said Shykora. "Our defence was very, very weak tonight, no question about that."

Lakers' Head Coach Murray Lawrence summed things up in two words, "frustration supreme."

If that kid isn't an all-star then I don't know what's happening," said Lawrence. "We outplayed them so badly I can't believe the final result."

As evidenced by the shots on goal, Lakers held the majority of the play, but again the scene switches back to Hankin.

"He was unbelievable and that's all there was to it," said Lawrence. "I don't see how anyone could play any better than what he (Hankin) played tonight."

It was the second time in as many home games, Lakers have foiled by the goaltender. Last Sunday against Merritt Centennials, Kory Brown almost single handedly defeated Lakers 4-2.

"Our guys played one hell of a game tonight, I really feel for them right now," said Lawrence. "They really deserved to win that one."

Lakers had two new players in the lineup, Stacy Wakabayashi and Ed Palachuk.

With the talent Lakers already have assembled, plus Palachuk and Wakabayashi, Shykora said he feels lucky to take two points out of Vernon's home rink.

"I really believe that Vernon has the team to beat," said Shykora. "Once they stop bringing players in and settle down with the same team, they'll be very tough."

IN PENTICTON

Lakers will have to be tough when they travel into Penticton for the start of the back-to-back series.

"If we play against Penticton like we did tonight, then we'll do alright," said Lawrence. "We sort of feel now that we have our backs against the wall."

Totems also have a two tough games, at home. They take on Kelowna Buckaroos tonight, then Sunday host Abbotsford Flyers.

In other games Friday, Penticton blasted Revelstoke Rockets 9-2, Abbotsford downed Kelowna 7-3, New Westminster Royals beat Burnaby Blue Hawks 7-5, Esquimalt Buccaneers edged Cowichan Valley Capitals 5-4 in overtime, and Richmond Sockeyes defeated Langley Eagles 5-3.

FLYERS TRAILED

Bill Shibicky got three goals for the Flyers, who trailed 2-1 after the first period but tied it 3-3 after two before outscoring Kelowna 4-0 in the third.

Ralph Vos and Dwight Mathiasen scored two goals each to round out the scoring for Abbotsford. Kelowna got two goals from Rod Schluter and one from Tony Savarin.

Mike Hallett led league-leading New Westminster Royals with two goals as they downed the Blue Hawks 7-5 in a hard-hitting game in Burnaby.

Don Friesen got three goals, all on power plays, for the Blue Hawks.

Burnaby served 49 minutes in penalties while the Royals notched a whopping 74 minutes, including two fighting penalties.

In Duncan, the Buccaneers led until midway through the third period, then had to play catch-up hockey for their 5-4 overtime win over Cowichan Valley Capitals.

Esquimalt led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 3-2 at the end of the second before Andy Armbruster tied the game at 13:43 of the third period.

OVERTIME FORCED

Shawn Nagurny scored 61 seconds later to give the Capitals a lead until Dale Brisco scored at 17:18 to force sudden-death overtime.

Randy Horswill scored the winner for Esquimalt at 3:04 of the overtime period. It was his second goal of the night.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cougars host lowly Coyotes

First place Vernon Cougars host Princeton Coyotes in North Okanagan Hockey League action, Sunday at 2 p.m., in the Civic Arena. Cougars will be missing five players due to suspensions. Coyotes, who joined the NOHL this season, are winless in 10 outings.

McEnroe to score a five-set victory in the first match of a \$350,000 tennis tournament Friday night. Lendl won the match 7-5, 6-2, 1-6, 4-6, 6-1. Bjorn Borg of Sweden, the five-times Wimbledon champion, downed American Vitas Gerulaitis 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 in another match.

Course planned

Registrations are now being accepted for a level one trampoline safety certification course. The clinic is scheduled Dec. 4 and 5, from 12:30 to 5 p.m., in the Dogwood Gymnasium, at the Vernon Recreation Complex. Cost is \$25, including a manual. Instructor will be Aaron Johnston. For further information, or to register, contact the Boy's and Girl's Club, at the Centennial Building, in the recreation complex.

Soccer playoffs

Okanagan Valley Soccer League semi-finals begin today, in Kelowna, with Le Club Capri taking on Kelowna Zodiacs and Kamloops Furturn meeting Kelowna Kickers. Winners advance to Sunday's final, also in Kelowna.

In Armstrong

Armstrong Sports Shop hosts Labatt's Sabres in White Valley Hockey League action, Sunday, at 8 p.m.

Semi-finals

Labatt Men's Flag Foot-



TIRES DONATED

Kal Tire Manager Dave Demerais, left, presented two new snow tires to Vernon Kokanee Swim Club Coach Tom Bryce this week. The tires were mounted on the club's van, which is used to transport

swimmers to out-of-town events. Kokanees have a large contingent competing at a meet in Prince George this weekend.

(Daily News Photo)

Vernon squad in football final

Vernon pee wees (McDonalds) football team is hoping Kelowna Raiders' dominance over them will be overcome this weekend.

Vernon and Raiders meet for the pee wee football championship in the Okanagan, Sunday morning, in Kelowna. So far, Raiders have had the upper hand, defeating pee wees on two occasions, 44-12 and 44-40.

Vernon advanced to the final game by defeating Kelowna

"Usually hard practices takes some wind out of their sails."

Walsh said his club isn't nervous yet, but come game time expects a few of his players to have the jitters.

"We're playing a team we haven't beat yet, plus the game is being televised, but we'll be okay."

The key to success over Raiders is to stop their sweep play, something Walsh has worked out.

"We're playing a 2-4-2

weekend and has carried the bulk of the running load for the team all year.

By now Raiders should know of Marcellus' running prowess, but Walsh said he's not concerned if Raiders choose to zero in on the powerful back.

"Hopefully they will key on him," said Walsh. "We have two other fine running backs we can give the ball to. Besides Marcellus probably wouldn't mind, he's like a locomotive out there anyway."