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Eagles nip Lakers

Langley Eagles edged Vernon Lakers 6-5 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Friday night, in Langley.

In other games Friday, Penticton Knights dumped Merritt Centennials 6-2 and Burnaby Bluehawks downed Kelowna Buckaroos 6-4.

Knights lead the Interior Division with 24 points, three more than Buckaroos. Lakers occupy third spot with 20 points, but have five games-in-hand on Kelowna.

Jim Dupuis and Paul Lelievre led the Langley attack with two goals each while Gary Lescisin and Richard Sloan added singles.

Brent Doucette was top sniper for Vernon with two goals. Glen Doucette, Nick Kapicki, and Stacy Wakabayashi added one apiece. Wakabayashi also collected two assists.

Eagles led 4-3 at the end of the first period and 6-3 after 40 minutes.

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence said the game could have gone either way. "The difference was the referee (Marty Taylor)," Lawrence said. "Langley only got three minor penalties ... and they deserved more than that. He (Taylor) didn't call a single cross-checking penalty and there was a lot of it going on."

Vernon took five of eight minors and defenceman Craig Iseke was assessed a five-minute major for high-sticking. With Iseke in the penalty box, during the second period, Dupuis and Lelievre scored for Eagles.

"Craig's stick was lifted, it went up and clipped a Langley player in the mouth," Lawrence said. "It cut their guy for seven stitches, but Iseke certainly had no intention of high-sticking him ... he didn't deserve a major."

Vernon goalie Matt Sekela kicked aside 28 shots while Glen Stone stopped 27 for Langley.

Lawrence said despite the loss, his club played well. He singled out Brent Doucette, Wakabayashi, and Rob Kossan, who had one assist, as standouts.

ON ISLAND

Lakers travel to Vancouver Island today to take on the Cowichan Valley Capitals. Rex Grant is expected to be between the pipes tonight for Vernon.

On Sunday afternoon, Esquimalt Buccaneers host Lakers.

Rob Cederberg scored twice and Ally Cook provided one goal and three assists to lead Penticton.

The Knights, who had 48-24 advantage in shots on goal, led 3-0 after the first period and 4-0 going into the third.



BRENT DOUCETTE
... scored twice

Derik Sheers scored three goals to lead the Bluehawks to their 6-4 home-ice win over Kelowna.

Kelowna led 2-1 at the end of the first period but Burnaby moved ahead 4-2 by the end of the second.

Burnaby now is 12-8 on the season while Kelowna is 10-11-1.

Scott Brower stopped 27 shots in the Kelowna net while Burnaby's Peter Saunders blocked 24.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ski season starts today

Silver Star Ski Area's 1982-83 season got under way today with the opening of the wee-tee. The wee-tee will be open daily, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Silver Star President John Gow said the mountain's other lifts will be in operation as soon as snow permits. Night skiing will begin when either the name lift

pay its bills during the players' strike. He said the team borrowed from the Commerce National Bank to meet its guaranteed rental fee on Arrowhead Stadium due Oct. 15. The Chiefs also have borrowed to pay operating expenses.