

SUFFER KEY INJURIES

Lakers trounce Chiefs



VERNON LAKERS Larry Wiberg runs into Cariboo College Chiefs goaltender Mike Morrill during a scramble in front of

Chiefs net during second period action between Lakers and Chiefs. Lakers even-

tually won the game, 8-3, Friday night at the Civic Arena. (Daily News Photo)

Normally what Vernon Lakers went through would be worth two points, but not this time.

Lakers defeated Cariboo College Chiefs, 8-3, Friday night at the Civic Arena in an exhibition encounter. The exhibition means no two points in the standings, but it did mean two injuries for two key Lakers performers.

Glen Doucette suffered a separated shoulder in the first period after taking a cross-check at the opposition's blueline. Then in the second, on an end-to-end rush, Mike Enemark was slashed across the knee, forcing him to leave the game.

Cariboo is a much improved hockey club from a year ago, but have continued with its chippy style of play.

"A game like that doesn't do anybody any good," said Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence. "They were crazy trying the rough stuff, I had to hold our guys back all night."

In B.C. Junior Hockey League play last night, Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Merritt Centennials, 6-3; Penticton Knights came from behind to defeat New Westminster Royals 7-6; Esquimalt Buccaneers beat Burnaby Bluehaws 8-3 and Abbotsford Flyers downed Langley Eagles 11-6.

The game couldn't have been scheduled for a worse part of the season for Lakers, coming off a three-game Coastal roadtrip last weekend; playing host to Penticton, Tuesday; travelling to Merritt, Thursday; then taking on Cariboo last night. On top of that, Vernon has to start preparing for Revelstoke Rockets who will be in town Sunday for a 7 p.m. start.

"We didn't need this game, Sunday's a big game for us, we could have used the rest," said Lawrence.

The teams played to a 3-3 tie at the end of the first with Lakers taking a 5-3 lead at the end of the second. Shawn Oswald blocked 26 shots for Vernon while Mike Morrill stopped 31 shots by Lakers.

Lakers were paced by the two-goal performance of Nick Kapicki, while singles went to Greg Kowal, Enemark, Ken MacKenzie, Stacey Wakabayashi, Ron Berezowski and Don Rintala.

Rob Kossan also collected three assists for Lakers. Rob Pedersen scored twice for Chiefs while Rick Woldum had a single in the losing cause.

The game did serve some purpose for Lakers, giving newcomer Kevin Aiden a chance to play, plus Lawrence used several different line combinations.

"We did a little moving around, but we had to do something to keep the guys interested," said Lawrence.

Assistant Coach Chuck Tapp said if the club ever does run into several injuries, then he knows where his boys can play.

"We had to see what the guys could do in unfamiliar positions," said Tapp. "But for them (Cariboo) coming in here and trying good tactics ruined the whole game."

Whatever the benefit, Lawrence said he's still upset with Cariboo and would rather have not played the game.

"Let's put it this way, the game was no benefit to us and from an entertainment stand point it left a little to be desired."

Lakers were also missing two regulars from the lineup; team captain Gord Simpson suffered stretch knee ligaments against Merritt and Peter Oliphant has a broken bone in his hand. Simpson is expected to play against Revelstoke, but Oliphant is a doubtful starter, along with Doucette and Enemark.

After the Revelstoke game, Lakers will have a chance to recover when they enjoy a 12-day layoff.

Bombers could use second half drive

WINNIPEG (CP) — It might be wise for Winnipeg Blue Bombers to save some of their energy for the second half when they meet Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League Western Division final Sunday.

Under the direction of quarterback Dieter Brock, the Bombers had a habit of scoring in the first and second quarters during regular-season play, then wilting in the second half. It often took fine efforts by the defence to enable the Bombers to escape defeat.

in the final 15 minutes.

If the Bombers follow that pattern against the Eskimos, it could be a long second half for the Winnipeg defence. Edmonton collected 544 points this season, second-best in CFL history behind its own record of 576 set last year.

Winnipeg will be looking to wide receiver James Murphy to improve its second-half offence. Murphy, who replaced Ricky Martin in the semifinal game, is the 10th wide receiver the Bombers have employed this season since the loss of

Royals undefeated

Vernon Royals are well on their way to capturing the Okanagan Valley High School Girls' AA volleyball championships after breezing through four matches, Friday, in Kelowna.

Royals are defending B.C. champions and must win the valley

and Kamloops High, 15-13 and 15-10.

This morning Royals face Penticton followed by a match against North Kamloops.

Royals' Coach Shannon McCreight said her team is moving up the ladder and expects the games against Penticton and NorKam to be