

Williams Lake nips Lakers 3-2

Coach Murray Lawrence and the entire Vernon Lakers Hockey Club had lots of time to scratch their heads and do some soul-searching returning from an exhibition match-up with Williams Lake Mustangs, of the Peace-Cariboo Junior Hockey League.

The Peace-Cariboo League has been generally considered a weak sister to the BCJHL, but Friday night the Mustangs surprised the Lakers with a narrow 3-2 victory, in Williams Lake.

Mustangs notched the winner with 12 seconds remaining. Stacey Wakabayashi and Greg Kowal replied for the Lakers.

Lakers, currently in a 12-day layoff period, were using the exhibition match as a method of staying sharp and trying out some new talent.

KNIGHTS LOSE

In BCJHL action Friday, Burnaby Bluehawks edged Penticton Knights 5-4 in Burnaby to hand the Knights their fifth loss of the season.

Jim Hochstetter led the Bluehawks with a two-goal performance while Mark Verigin had two goals for the Knights who trailed 4-2 after one period and 5-3 after two frames.

Burnaby goaltender Dale Stachoski made 47



GREG KOWAL
... scored once

saves while Penticton's Mike Jeffrey stopped 33 shots on goal.

Knights currently lead the Interior Division, eight

points ahead of second place Vernon.

In other BCJHL action, Cliff Ronning scored three goals in the third period to turn his team's fortunes around and give the visiting New Westminster Royals a 7-6 win over Langley Eagles.

Royals was down 5-2 going into the third, but Ronning's goals coupled with the winning marker by Pat Barnes, turned the tide. The winner came with 51 seconds remaining.

Gary Lescisin and Harvey Biluk led the Langley attack with two goals each.

33 SAVES

Rick Wills and Glen Stone combined for 33 saves in the Langley nets while Dave Roach and Rob Bechner kicked aside 35 for New Westminster.

League action resumes tonight when Revelstoke meets Shuswap, Merritt plays host to Kelowna, Penticton travels to Abbotsford, and Langley skates at Cowichan Valley.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Midgets lose in Lethbridge