

Lakers protest loss to Rockets

Vernon Lakers have officially protested a game played last Thursday, in Revelstoke, when they dropped a 4-3 decision to the last-place Rockets.

The game was marred by a series of fights and finally a brawl, late in the third period.

Lakers' president Ray Williment has sent letters of appeal to BCJHL President Fred Page and Vice-president Walt Harris.

"This garbage has to stop," he said. "People want to see hockey, not brawls."

Williment told the Daily News his protest covered three areas. "We were upset with the officiating, good tactics of the Revelstoke team, and arena security."

At one stage, a security officer threw a garbage can on the ice to protest a referee's call.

"With the holidays, I don't expect to receive an answer from the league for about a week," Williment said.

FIVE SUSPENDED

The brawl resulted in five Lakers being ejected from the game and they will serve automatic one-game suspensions, Sunday, when Vernon visits Kelowna Buckaroos.

Bucks currently lead the Interior Division with 40 points, two more than Penticton Knights and four ahead of Lakers.

Vernon will be without Gavin Shuya, Dan Baker, Rudy Poeschek, Nick Kapicki, and Todd Ewen.

To compound Lakers' problems, Mike Enemark and Glen Coucette are injured. Enemark suffered a knee injury last week and it was feared he would require immediate surgery. However, doctors have decided not to operate until after the season and Enemark is listed as a doubtful starter for Sunday's game.

Doucette will be sidelined another week to 10 days with a separated shoulder.

JUVENILES HELP

Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence said he hopes to get some player help from the Vernon Juvenile Reps. "I'm down to two or three defencemen . . . we're going to need some juveniles," Lawrence said.

TOP 10 SCORERS

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Shuya	29	14	33	47	72
Kossan	31	19	25	44	47
Enemark	28	17	21	38	10
Kapicki	30	13	22	35	30
Wakabayashi	17	17	17	34	2
Simpson	25	12	21	33	69
B. Doucette	31	9	12	21	16
G. Doucette	20	9	11	20	53
Berezowski	25	8	11	19	125
Ewen	27	8	7	15	116

GOALIE AVERAGES

GOALIE	MP	Saves	GA	AVG.
Grant	486	285	31	3.83
Sekela	240	149	17	4.25
Oswald	414	194	31	4.49

Buckaroos lead Interior Division

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — It was billed as a battle for first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division, and Wednesday's game between Penticton Knights and Kelowna Buckaroos proved to be just that.

The Buckaroos won 8-4 in a game that featured 211 minutes in penalties and a bench-clearing brawl in the third period.

Don Barber scored three goals and Simon Wheeldon added a pair for the winners, who scored four unanswered goals in the second period to take command of the game and a 5-3 lead into the final period.

The win was the seventh consecutive for the Buckaroos and gives them 40 points, two ahead of the Knights.

"The team has really come together," said Kelowna coach Wayne Naka, who won the right to guide the Interior club in the BCJHL all-star game. "The credit really goes to them. Over the last month we've made great strides."

Rod Schluter, Dale Reimer and Marcel Raby also scored for Kelowna. Brett Hull, with two goals, Scott Campbell and Steve Charbonneau replied for Penticton, which was outshot 43-34.

Penticton was assessed 109 of the 211 penalty minutes and the Knights were the first club off the bench in the third-period brawl.

"I seriously question what's going on behind the Penticton bench," said Naka. "Surely you're not going to get back in the game sending guys off the bench. I'm thoroughly disgusted with what happened in that period."

In tonight's only game, Langley is at Burnaby.