

THREE GAMES IN THREE DAYS

Lakers host Revelstoke

Vernon Lakers host Revelstoke Rockets in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight at 8 p.m.

Lakers need at least two victories, in three weekend outings, to keep pace with the high-flying Kelowna Buckaroos. Buckaroos lead the Interior Division with 42 points, six more than Vernon.

Lakers host Abbotsford Flyers, Saturday, and travel to Salmon Arm, Sunday, to tangle with the Totems.

"We can't afford to fall too far behind Kelowna or we'll never catch them" said Vernon Coach Murray Lawrence.

ROCKETS WON

The last time Lakers and Rockets met, Revelstoke won 4-3. The game, in Revelstoke, was marred by a brawl which resulted in five players from each team receiving one-game suspensions. Vernon protested the outcome on the basis of poor officiating, lack of security, and Revelstoke's goon tactics. BCJHL has not yet ruled on the protest.

"I hope that doesn't happen again,"

Lawrence said. "Our club wants to play hockey . . . we're not interested in that other garbage."

MAY PLAY

Lakers will be at full strength, with possibly one exception. Centre Glen Doubette, who has been sidelined six weeks with a separated shoulder, is listed as a doubtful starter. He practiced this week, but may stay in the stands for another few days.

In BCJHL action Thursday, Shuswap Totems doubled Richmond Sockeyes 4-2 and Revelstoke dumped Merritt Centennials, also 4-2.

In Richmond, Tim Coghlin, Ken Prentice, Rob Klenk and Brian Fuller had the Totems' goals, while Mike Moree and Jeff James replied for the Sockeyes.

The Sockeyes had a 2-1 lead after one period, but Salmon Arm moved ahead to take a 3-2 advantage after 40 minutes.

Salmon Arm's Troy Hankin, who was selected to the Interior division's all-star team, made 41 saves. Richmond goalie Randy Beres, who will be netminding in his division's all-star contingent, stopped 20 shots on goal.

The Sockeyes are in fifth spot in their division, while Salmon Arm is in third place in the Interior division.

In the Merritt contest, Terry Heddle, Dan De-jager, Mike Bafard and Harvey Bougerolle had the Revelstoke goals, while Fritz Maier and Jeff Reitsma scored for Merritt.

Revelstoke led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after two frames.

Goaltender Roy Drohobycki stopped 40 shots for Revelstoke, while Merritt netminder Kory Brown made 37 saves.

Meanwhile, Kelowna Coach Wayne Naka has filled the Interior Division All-star roster with six pick-ups. Added to the team are winger Fred Bower of Kelowna; defenceman Scott Campbell of Penticton; defenceman Jeff Reitsma and centre Tim O'Toole of Merritt; and wingers Louis Gagnon and Terry Heddle of Revelstoke.

Gavin Shuya, Mike Enemark, Gord Simpson, and Rob Kossan will represent Lakers on the Interior team, which will take on the Coast All-stars, Jan. 20, in Kelowna.