

In the team competition, was third.

Lakers' win Carnival Cup

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Vernon Lakers have won their first piece of trophyware, albeit an insignificant one, but a trophy just the same.

Laker goaltender Rex Grant had an outstanding night in net, turning aside 41 drives, as the local squad blanked Salmon Arm Shuswap Totems 4-0 to win the Carnival Cup during an exhibition game between the two clubs Tuesday night at the Civic arena.

"It wasn't an easy game," said Grant of his second shutout this season. "That was a harder shutout than the last one," he added, referring to Lakers' 3-0 win over Revelstoke Rockets last month.

Not an easy win about sums it up, considering the Lakers were without the services of eight regular starters, including all-star defenceman Mike Enemark, centre Gord Simpson, and forwards Bob Wensley, Ron Berezowski, Todd Ewen, Nick Kapicki, Dan Baker, and Glen Doucette.

Coach Murray Lawrence filled the large holes with four juvenile players and three midgets. Needless to say, they got the job done.

However, it was Lakers' veteran players who accounted for the team's scoring power, while their remaining defence and Grant's outstanding performance were all they needed to win the game. The victory proved the club's depth of talent.

Brent Doucette opened the scoring at 19:09 of the first period, on a give-and-go play between himself and Ken Fenton. Fenton took the original shot at Shuswap goaltender Troy Hankin, and Doucette was right there to flip in the rebound.

Lakers led 1-0 after 20 minutes.

Gavin Shuya strengthened the Laker lead just two minutes and thirty seconds into the second frame when his unassisted hard shot from the blue-line beat Hankin along the ice.

Fenton added a goal just two minutes later when his shot from the point beat Hankin who was well screened by Laker bodies on a power-play situation.

Lakers went to their dressing room with a 3-0 lead.

Greg Kowal closed out the scoring with his power-play tally at 11:54 of the third stanza.

On a goal-mouth scramble, Kowal lifted the puck over the sprawling Totems' goaltender.

Lakers outshot Shuswap 46-41.

In regular BCJHL action Tuesday night, Abbotsford Flyers dumped Merritt 5-1, Richmond Sockeyes upended New Westminster 5-3, and Kelowna Buckaroos tripled Langley Eagles 6-2.

Five different players scored for Flyers, Richard Holfeld, Kevin Poirier, Ralph Vos, Bill Shibicky, and Colin Lundrigan. Pat Ryan spoiled Ken Buker's shutout bid when he scored with less than six minutes remaining.

Buckaroos got goals from Scott Shofstall, Simon Wheeldon, Enzo Caccavo, Brent Harrison, Jeff Armitage, and Shawn Pettyjohn. Darcy Allison and Harvey Biluk replied for Langley.

Brooke Odenvald scored three times for Richmond while Bill Adams and Mike Marcetta had singles. Dave Dupas, with two, and Dave Phipps replied for New Westminster.