

INJURIES DEplete LINE-UP

Knights blank Lakers

If Murray Lawrence, coach of Vernon Lakers, could pick one word to sum up his team's 7-0 loss to Penticton Knights Friday night in Summerland, it would probably be "ouch"!

Not only would that word describe the hurt of such a loss, but it pretty much sums up the present state of the Vernon Junior Team. With seven regular players out of the lineup, it was only through fortitude that the Lakers managed to stay in the game until the third period.

It was during this period that Knights outscored Lakers 5-0 and outshot the local club 25-1.

"We didn't have anything left in the third period ... injuries have really killed us," said Lawrence.

Lakers will again face the Knights, Sunday night, at the Civic Arena.

"We'll just have to regroup and get them back on Sunday," added Lawrence, on an optimistic note.

LOST KOSSAN

In addition to the injured players out of the lineup prior to Friday's game, Lakers lost Rob Kossan in the first period with a twisted knee, while Kevin Thorlakson retired in the second stanza after a brief encounter with Knights' Dan Gerarden.

Lakers trailed Penticton 2-0 after two periods and but for the outstanding work of Rex Grant in net, the score would have hit double figures. Grant faced 61 Penticton drives in all.



REX GRANT
... busy night

"Rex (Grant) played just super, if not for him the score would have been far worse," said Lawrence.

The Knights' victory leave them in a second-place tie with Kelowna Buckaroos, one point behind Lakers.

Kelly Para led the winners with three goals while Scott Campbell, Brett Hull, Derrick Ruppel and Chris Obst added the others. Norm Foster, tested only 23 times by Vernon forwards, received the shutout. He received a little help as Lakers hit three goalposts in the second period.

TIE GAME

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Cliff Ronning scored four power-play

goals for New Westminster as the Royals and Burnaby Blue Hawks battled to a 7-7 draw. Richmond Sockeyes pulled to within one point of Langley Eagles with a 6-2 decision over Langley.

Royals had ample opportunity to put the game away but failed to capitalize on their power-play opportunities. Meanwhile, Burnaby scored four times with the man advantage, getting three goals from Todd Semeniuk.

Ken Kinney was sharp in kicking out 46 shots for Bluehawks, playing their first game under new coach Ted Cotter, replacing Cam Kerr, who resigned for personal reasons.

Dave Moree hed the Sockeyes' attack with a pair of goals.