

VERNON OUTSKATED

Knights edge Lakers

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Penticton Knights scored three times in the third period and hung on to beat Vernon Lakers 5-4 in BCJHL action Sunday night, at the Civic arena.

The normally fast-skating Vernon club let the Knights swarm all over the ice in the third period, checking was limited to stick-swiping on Lakers' behalf.

"We brushed-off too much," said Lakers' Coach Murray Lawrence. "We didn't make them pay the price... they had lots of room to skate and they

don't even have a good skating club."

Three power play goals in the first period told the story in that frame. Lakers had the first two and the third came from Knights' Dan Gerarden on a poorly-

timed line change by Lakers' Gavin Shuya.

Leaving the ice just as the Knights began a two-on-one rush, Shuya's sudden absence left only a winded Mike Enemark to try and defend Matt

Sekela. Gerarden side-stepped Enemark and lifted a high back-hand over Sekela at 18:11.

Enemark opened the scoring at 6:13 when his shot along the ice from the top of the faceoff circle beat Knights' goaltender Mike Jeffrey on the stick-side of the net.

Lakers took a 2-0 lead at 9:06 when Kevin Thorlakson banged in a rebound off Shuya's hard drive from the point.

Despite the 2-1 lead it was a bad period for Lakers as they trailed 16-9 in the shooting department and allowed the Knights to set the skating pace of the game.

Bob Wensley gave the local club their two-goal lead again at 4:51 of the second frame. Wensley and Dan Baker worked a good give-and-go play into Knights' zone, Baker dropped a pass just after crossing the blueline, and Wensley's hard slap-shot cleanly beat Jeffrey.

Knights closed the scoring in the second with a controversial goal while enjoying a man advantage.

With the net off it's mouting and three bodies inside it, one of which was not Vernon goalie Matt Sekela, referees allowed a goal by Steve Charboneau. An identical goal by Lakers was disallowed in the third, therefore the call turned out to be inconsistent.

Brett Hull pulled Penticton on to even ground just 54 seconds into the third period, then a pair of back-to-back goals just 58 seconds apart gave the

Knights all the firepower they needed to win the game. The first, at 8:44 came off the stick of Ian Kidd, while the next was the second marker of the night for Charboneau.

Lakers stormed back with the lat goal of the game just 16 seconds after Charboneau's tally. Todd Ewen, playing his first game in several weeks, combined with Baker for the goal.

The Lakers' loss leaves them a point behind both Penticton and Kelowna Buckaroos in the battle for first place. With both Vernon and Kelowna having a game in hand on Knights, Tuesday's game at the Civic Arena, against Buckaroos, is doubly important for Lakers.

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The club was still without the services of four forwards Sunday night. NICK KAPICKI will not see action again this season while centre RON BEREZOWSKI will be another week healing from his knee injury. ROB KOSSAN took the opening face-off before retiring with his sore knee and he, along with GORD SIMPSON, who has a broken finger, should be in the lineup Tuesday night.

In other BCJHL action on the weekend, New Westminster Royals downed Langley Eagles 6-4, Nanaimo beat Cowichan 7-5, Merritt Centennials defeated Shuswap Totems 3-1.

Saturday, Kelowna trounced the Knights 10-4 while Shuswap clobbered Revelstoke Rockets 10-4 as well.

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