

Red hot Lakers win big on road

Vernon Lakers kept their strangle-hold on first place in the BCJHL Interior Division with a 5-3 victory over the hometown Burnaby Bluehawks Friday night.

The win, Lakers second in as many nights on the road, keeps them one point ahead of Penticton Knights who stayed on their heels with a 12-0 trouncing of the visiting Langley Eagles.

Lakers, who left this

morning for Vernon, will skate against the Eagles tonight at 8 p.m. in the Civic arena.

The victory, though coveted at this stage of the tight season, was a costly one for Lakers who have had more than their share of injuries to contend with this season. Ken Fenton, a right winger with the club, was taken off the ice in Langley suffering from a

broken leg and will not see action again this season.

Eagles took a 2-1 first period lead but the two teams were tied 2-2 after two periods. Eagles out-shot Lakers 49-43.

Dan Baker led the local club with a two-goal performance while centre Ron Berezowski marked his return to the Laker lineup with a single goal. Other Laker markers came of the sticks of Stacey Wakabayashi and defenceman Mike Enemark.

Jim Comeau, Mark Nonis and Earl Graham scored for Burnaby.

After a scoreless first period, the hometown Knights erupted for eight second period goals and added four more tallies in the third stanza to down Burnaby.

Dan Gerarden led the Knights with a three-goal performance while Darryl and Rick Boh both scored twice. Single goals were scored by Derrick Ruppel, Mark Verigin, Rob Cederberg, Marty Vulcan and Scott Campbell.

The Knights victory was marred when Ian Kidd was handed a match penalty for spearing in the last minute of play.

The final stretch this week is of great importance and will decide the leader of the Interior division. Both Penticton and Vernon have three games remaining, though Kelowna Buckaroos, five points off the Lakers' pace, have four games remaining and can't be seriously discounted.

Lakers face Langley tonight then entertain New Westminster Royals next Friday and face Kelowna Saturday in their final match-up of the regular season.

The first place team will play Salmon Arm Shuswap Totems in the opening round of the playoffs while the second and third place clubs would battle each other.

Series resumes Cougars in lead

place Sunday in Oliver as well, while game five, if necessary, will take place back in Vernon.

Previously Cougars handed Bighorns defeats of 8-6 last Saturday and 6-3 last Sunday to take a two

games to none lead in the series.

While the opening game was a close fought encounter, game two was a penalty-filled affair with a brawl erupting at the 6 minute mark of the third period and resulting in 12 players being ejected from the game.

Cougars will have their hands full tonight as they face the Bighorns in a jam-packed Oliver arena.

Cougars will be without the services of at least one of their star forwards as Ernie Gare sits out a one game suspension. Gare received his suspension as a result of an altercation in the dying minutes of last Sunday's game.

Also in that game, Cougars lost the services of their starting lineup, Terry Lowe, Dave Caldow, and Gary Gilchrist when they were ejected following the third period brawl.

Whether or not the local club can sweep the series in four straight games will hinge on tonight's performance. Cougars will have to effectively defend against Bighorn players such as Blair Chapman, a former junior hockey star with Saskatoon Blades, and Gord McKay, who stung the Cougars for a pair of goals last Sunday.

Masters Swim meet

Masters Club swimmers par-
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