

LAKERS LEAD SERIES

Power-play provides punch

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They're the Vernon
Lakers, spelled with two
p's... two p's for power-
play!

Penticton Knights offered
Lakers 10 power-play
opportunities Sunday
night, at Civic Arena, dur-
ing the fifth game of this
best-of-seven BCJHL
quarter-final series.

Lakers were equal to the
task, converting six of the
opportunities into goals as
they doubled Knights 6-3 to
take a 3-2 lead in the series.

"The work we've been
doing on our power-play
has sure paid off," said
Lakers' Coach Murray
Lawrence about his club's
success in turning the
series around. "Having
(Nick) Kapicki back really
makes a difference."

If Lakers were awesome
with a man-advantage,
they really gave the near-
capacity crowd something
to cheer about with their
penalty-killing techniques.
Lakers were 100 per cent in
that department, stopping
Knights on five occasions.

"Hey, our penalty-killing
unit... what can I say...
they were great," said
Lawrence.

GOTTIRED

Penticton Coach Rick
Kozubuck had his own ver-
sion of the game. "As we
got more and more tired,
the lack of discipline showed
... we took more and
more penalties."

"They (Lakers) deserv-
ed to win, they played calm
and cool and took ad-
vantage of their chances."

Lakers notched three of



LAKERS' goaltender Matt Sekela
sprawls to deflect a shot by Pen-
tiction's Ian Kidd (7) as Vernon's

Rudy Poeschek (2) moves in to
clear him from the crease during
action at the Civic Arena, Sunday

night. Lakers doubled
Knights 6-3 to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-
seven series. Lakers' defence was

superb as
five times
scored six
attempts.

their power-play tallies
during the first period as
the local club jumped to a
3-0 lead and never looked
back.

Stacey Wakabayashi
opened the scoring at 3:37
when he took a long, lead
pass from defenceman
Gavin Shuya, broke down
the left wing and into the
clear. The speedy winger
beat Knights' Norm Foster
on the glove-side with a
booming wrist-shot.

Bobby Wensley increas-
ed the lead to two at 13:44

on a scramble in front of
the Penticton net. Taking a
pass from Wakabayashi in
the corner, Wensley faked
to his backhand to draw
Foster out of position
before sliding the puck
under his pads.

The kid-line of Kevin
Thorlakson, Greg Kowal
and Nick Kapicki clicked
for the third marker at
17:20, with Thorlakson do-
ing the honors and the
other two drawing assists.

Kapicki gave the puck to
Kowal in the corner, who

fed Thorlakson in the slot.

Knights got on the board
just one minute into the se-
cond period when Brett
Hull slammed a low drive
under Lakers' goaltender
Matt Sekela.

Lakers closed out the se-
cond period scoring with
Gord Simpson's tally at
15:29. Simpson took a pass
from Mike Enemark, mov-
ed up in the slot and de-
posited a high backhand
shot over Foster's
shoulder.

Knights opened the third

period scoring as well with
Marty Volcan slipping a
shot through Sekela's pads
at 1:36.

Shuya notched a pair of
goals to round out the Ver-
non scoring.

The first, at 5:44, came
off one of Shuya's patten-
ed, rifle-like wrist-shots
from the top of the circle
making the score 5-2.

The second, at 14:40,
beat Foster along the ice
from the point.

Knights' Rob Cederberg
closed the game's scoring

at 15:48 with a breakaway.
Sekela kicked aside 30
shots while Foster faced 52
Vernon drives.

Knights picked up 12 of
19 minor penalties and
each team was assessed
one misconduct penalty
after a brief pushing
match ended the first
period.

SWEPT SERIES

In other BCJHL playoff
action Sunday night,
Kelowna Buckaroos doubl-
ed Shuswap Totems 10-5 to
win that quarter-final

series 4-0. Kelowna will
meet the winner of the
Lakers-Knights series in the
division finals.

In New Westminster,
Royals defeated Nanaimo
Clippers 11-6 to take 3-2
lead in their quarter-final
series.

The next game in the
Lakers-Knights series will
take place in Penticton,
Tuesday night. The
seventh game, if
necessary, will be back in
Vernon, Thursday even-
ing.

Royals fifth in province

Vernon Royals defeated Centennial
Centuars, of Coquitlam, 43-41 Saturday
to capture fifth place at the B.C. High
School Girls' AA Basketball Cham-
pionships.

Meanwhile, Penticton Lakettes
downed Steveston Packers 48-34 to win
the battle for third spot and Salmon
Arm Jewels took fourth place in the
championship.

Kim Poland scored 18 points to lead
Cowan Thunderettes to a 49-42 win
over Abbotsford Panthers to capture
the title, with Panthers taking second.

"It was a good showing of strength
for the Okanagan," said Royals' Coach
Andy Gilbert.

However, there was a note of disap-
pointment for the Okanagan schools as
the championships in years to come
will allow only two berths from the
Okanagan Valley, instead of three.

"I guess they think the berths should
be represented by population," said
Gilbert. "The Okanagan has only

seven schools and three berths."

Lynn Zwarych led Royals' per-
formance with a 21-point effort, but
defensive action may have been
responsible for winning the game.

"They had a pair of real strong
guards who were good outside shooters
so we had to concentrate on nullifying
them," said Gilbert.

Wendy Vyvyan did a good job of
shutting down Brenda Biesbrecht
while Laura Vyvyan and Sally McCulla
teamed up to look after the other girl.

Royals had to play catch-up
throughout most of the contest, falling
behind 12-4 early in the game, trailing
26-20 at the half and falling behind by
six points in the third quarter as well.

Cowan's Poland was named to the
tournament's first all-star team while
other members of the squad included
Erin Carson, of Abbotsford; Denise
Dogterom, of Salmon Arm; Kerri
Webb, of Penticton; and Cheryl Mep-
pelink of Steveston.

Chilliwick shatters Vernon's cup dream

By DON KENDALL
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Suddenly it was over!

Vernon Cougars' dream
of winning the Coy Cup was
shattered Sunday, in the
Civic Arena, when
Chilliwick Royals edged
Cougars 6-5.

The win gave Royals a
2-1 victory in the best-of-
three, provincial in-
termediate hockey semi-
finals. Cougars won the
series opener 5-3, Friday,
before dropping two con-
secutive games, including
a 6-4 setback, Saturday.

STRONG TEAM

Cougars have been
building a contender for
five years and appeared to
have the talent, depth, and
experience to dethrone
B.C. champion Quesnel
Kangaroos. However, it
will be Chilliwick that
hosts the northern
representative in two
weeks.

Despite winning the
North Okanagan Hockey
League title, the loss to
Chilliwick makes the en-
tire season a waste, ac-
cording to Cougars' cap-
tain Dave Caldwell.

"Our goal was the Coy
Cup," he said. "The league
was just preparation for
the Coy Cup playoffs. I
don't know, maybe we
were looking too far ahead,



DAVE CALDOW
... a waste

past Chilliwick, to
Quesnel."

Royals led 3-2 after the
first period and threatened
to run away with the game
when they opened a 5-2
lead midway through the
second. Cougars battled
back to narrow the gap to
5-4, after two periods, and
tied the game at 6:05 of the
third period when George

Fargher's wrist shot beat
Chilliwick goalie Lee
Houim.

WINNING GOAL

However, just 48 seconds
later, Richard Kramp and
Allan McVey combined on
a two-on-one break, with
Kramp putting the winning
goal past Vernon net-
minder Ed Forslund.

Cougars pressed in the
final minutes, but were
unable to get a good scor-
ing opportunity despite a
three-minute powerplay.

Speedy Jim Cowden and
Howard Schlamb scored
two goals each for Royals
while Dan Threlfall and
Kramp added singles.

Gary Gilchrist, Mike
Burns, Lyle Brewer,
Fargher, and Caldwell
blinked the red light for
Vernon.

Forslund and Houim
both blocked 30 shots for
their clubs.

Caldow said, "Our
powerplay really hurt us
... we couldn't get
anything going."

TURNING POINT

Kramp said the turning
point for his club was a
team meeting, Saturday,
after losing the first game.
"We had a two-week
layoff prior to this series,"
Kramp said. "I don't think

we were really ready Fri-
day. The meeting helped
us get our goals straight in
our mind."

The Chilliwick coach
said his club was ready for
a physical series with Ver-
non. "We've played
Cougars before so we knew
what to expect," he said.
"Our game plan was to
check them tightly and
move the puck to open ice.
I guess it worked."

Vernon was without cen-
tre Terry Lowe, who has a
broken wrist, and defenceman Murray Bat-
ty, who was assessed a
match penalty in Satur-
day's game. Lowe's ability
to fire up his team was sad-
ly missed.

Juventus wins

ROME (Reuters) —
Juventus line up of World
Cup internationals con-
tinued to discover their
best form Sunday when
they thrashed Avellino 4-1
in the Italian Soccer
League. The win kept the
Turin side — who take 2-1
lead into their European
Cup quarter-final second
leg against champions
Aston Villa of England on
Wednesday — three points
behind Roma which won
2-1 away at lowly Pisa.

Two clubs eliminated from post-season play

Two teams were
eliminated from White
Valley Hockey League
playoffs after a
doubleheader, Sunday, in
Lumby.

Labatts Sabres knocked
out Fisher's Hardware 7-3
while Armstrong
eliminated Lumby Flying
Frenchmen 5-3.

Dave Popilchak led the
Sabres' attack with three
goals and an assist. Terry
Schaeffer, Gord Olsen,
Don Ulansky, and Dennis
O'Ferrall rounded out the
scoring for Labatts.

Randy Loski, Darcy
Anderson, and Derek
Smithson countered for
Fisher's Hardware.

Fishers led 3-2 at the end
of the first period, but trail-
ed 4-3 after 40 minutes.

In the other game, Mont
Martel and Lee Mallory
tallied twice for Arm-
strong while Ken Haller
added a single.

Jim Inglis, John Reusch,
and Dean Lacroix replied
for Flying Frenchmen.

On Saturday, National
Hotel Raiders dumped
Sabres 5-2 and Club 2929
doubled Lumby 6-3.

The double-knockout
playoffs continue Wednes-
day night. At 7 p.m.,
Sabres take on Armstrong;
and at 9 p.m., undefeated
Raiders clash with Club
2929.

Meanwhile, Don Baillie,
of Sabres, has been named
as the league's most
valuable player.

Other awards, announc-
ed over the weekend, in-
clude: best defenceman,

Luke Hildebrand, Sabres;
most improved player, Bill
Verhage, Lumby; most
congenial player, Wayne
Brown, 2929; best goalie,

Colin Vigdal, 2929; top
scorer, Terry Schaeffer,
Sabres; and most sport-
smenlike team, Fisher's
Hardware.

Juveniles capture valley title



Vernon Coca-Cola
Juvenile Reps doubled
Penticton 8-4, Saturday,
in the Civic Arena, to capture
the Okanagan-Mainline
League championship.

Vernon was presented
with the John McCulloch
Memorial Trophy,
emblematic of juvenile
supremacy in the valley.
McCulloch was a Vernon
businessman and long-
time hockey supporter.

Vernon, which finished
second during the regular
season, behind Penticton,
swept the best-of-three
series in two games. The
local club now travels to
Prince George for the pro-
vincial semi-finals.

Coke Coach Ernie Kowal
said, "I think we wanted to
win a little more than they
did. We got a great effort
... from everyone."

The teams were tied 1-1
at the end of the first
period and Vernon held a
5-3 lead after 40 minutes.

Dave Ducharme's goal
narrowed the gap to 5-4,
early in the third period.
However, Vernon captain
Kelly Rosehill scored his
first of two goals, at 8:16,
to restore Vernon's two-
goal cushion.

Bill Bishop, Kevin Savit-
sky, and Rosehill scored
twice for the winners while
Shane Koski and Rick Hur-
ries added singles.
Rosehill also had two
assists.

Blaine Rahler, Bryant
Perrier, Pat Nugent, and
Ducharme replied for Pen-
tiction.

Kowal said he may call
up two or three midge-
reps for the Prince George
series, which is tentatively
scheduled to get under way
Friday.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1978

Martine Lesieur, of
Trois Rivieres, Que.,
raced down a 45-gate
women's giant slalom
course 2.5 seconds
faster than her competi-
tion to take the first of
two races in the Pontiac
Cup final at Silver Star
Mountain.

PENTICTON JUVENILE goalie Dean
Garnett comes way out of his net to
block a shot by Vernon's Rob York during

playoff action, Saturday, in the Civic
Arena. York and his team-mates cap-
tured the Okanagan-Mainline champion-

ship by defeating Penticton 8-4 to sweep
their final series in two straight games.

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