

Lakers rally to defeat Totems

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Vernon Lakers were forced to haul out their heavy guns in order to earn their first two points of the BCJHL season, Tuesday night, at Civic Arena.

Lakers scored four

times in the third period, three of those in a 50-second flurry, to break a 7-7 tie and skate off with an 11-7 season opening win over Shuswap Totems.

Except for the pair of points Lakers earned from the outing, Vernon Coach Chuck Tapp could find lit-

tle to be thankful for, especially in the defensive department.

"I'm a little dissatisfied, especially with all the goals against us," said Tapp. "Kelly (Muir) was a little shaky at the start but he came around... I was afraid pulling him

would shake his confidence this early in the season."

Muir faced 37 shots from Shuswap snipers, who have a bit more seasoning under their belts and showed it at times.

"They were moving the puck a lot better than us,"

Tapp said. "Maybe they were more game-ready than us... they don't have the goal scorers we do though."

Lakers fell behind 3-2 after the first period and trailed 6-3 at the midway point of the second period before netting four

straight goals and a 7-6 lead after two full frames.

"When the defence began moving the puck things started happening," said Tapp.

Totems opened the scoring just 25 seconds into the game when centre Carey Fisher redirected a centering pass during a delayed-penalty call on Lakers.

Ron Berezowski, with his first of two for the evening, got Lakers on the board at 8:28 when captain Bob Wensley hit the winger with a breaking pass at centre ice. Berezowski let go a blistering slapshot just inside the blueline which caught the inside of the post.

Totems' Russ London re-established Shuswap's lead at 14:45 when he scooped in a loose puck during a goal-mouth scramble.

Rookie sensation Bruce Major gave the Vernon fans their price of admission with the prettiest goal of the game to move the two teams into a 2-2 draw.

Major picked up the puck in his own end, rushed the length of the ice, neatly walking through three Totem defenders in the process, and tucked the puck into the net after totally undressing Shuswap goaltender Glen Ferguson.

Totems restored their lead with a power-play tally during a two-man ad-

vantage situation at 17:59. Lakers went down 4-2 or another power-play goal by Shuswap just one minute into the second stanza but winger Rot Kossan narrowed the gap to 4-3 at 2:46 when he redirected a perfect centering pass from Major.

Totems stretched their lead to 6-3 with a pair of goals at 5:21 and 7:40 before Lakers' goal-scoring power came sharply into focus.

Three consecutive power-play tallies by defenceman Gavin Shuya, Major and winger Glen Kirk, drew the two teams on an even keel once more while veteran winger Greg Kowal put Lakers in front for the first time at 18:45 of the period.

More than eight minutes of scoreless hockey went by in the third period before Shuswap's Paul Tory tied the game at 7-7.

However, Berezowski, who popped in Wensley's rebound to put the local squad out in front for good at 11:47. That touched off a three-goal barrage by Lakers in just 50 seconds.

At 12:16, Wensley finally hit paydirt with a rifle-like blast from the top of the circle while at 12:37, Kirk notched his second tally when he flipped in a rebound.

Centre Tom Kurucz rounded out the scoring at 19:01 when he cleaned up on yet another rebound.



VERNON LAKERS' forward Greg Kowal outraces Shuswap defenceman Murray McDonald for a loose puck during the B.C. Junior Hockey League

season opener, Tuesday, at the Civic Arena. Kowal scored once to help Lakers defeat Totems 11-7. Shuswap led 6-3 midway through the second period

before Vernon battled back. Lakers return to the ice Friday, when Revelstoke Rangers are in town.

(Daily News Photo)

Summer hockey school an enormous success

Vernon Summer Hockey School wrapped up another highly successful three weeks of sessions recently with the quality of its program highly rated by parents and participants alike.

Most of the activities took place in Priest Valley arena but a number of dryland training programs and swim sessions also took place in Priest Valley gymnasium and recreation complex pool.

The on-ice program consisted of two 90-minute sessions per day, emphasizing fundamentals of the game with passing, shooting, puck control, checking and power-skating drills.

An evaluation of all players was done using the CAHA (Canadian Amateur Hockey Association) on-ice skill test in five areas: forward, backward and agility skating, puck control, and endurance. Individual times were recorded with comments from instructors indicating areas which need work.

Goaltenders also participated with a special test on their agility in the net area.

Off-ice programs, also geared for development of the total hockey player, included special games, akin to hockey, which stimulated participation by all students. By keeping the dryland program interesting and competitive, these

activities have been rated excellent by the vast majority of students and watchful parents.

One of the highlights of the dryland program is the Canda fitness testing which included the flexed arm hang, shuttle run, speed sit ups, standing long jump, 50-metre run and endurance run.

Depending on results, each participant had a chance to win either the award of excellence or a gold, silver or bronze crest.

The school would not have been a success if not for the dedicated and hard working staff including director Tom Williamson, Dan Galbraith, Kenny Holland, and Marty Stein.

Nick Kapicki was in his first season with the school having gone through the local minor hockey system. Kapicki was able to relate well with all the students and was an outstanding player whenever he was on the ice.

Off-ice instructors were Bob Shannon and Bryan Krog.

Total registration for the 1983 summer school was 270 students which is the maximum acceptable.

Dates have already been set for the 1984 summer hockey school and applicants can now register for one, two or all three weeks by contacting Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District.