

Wensley ends drought with big game winner

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Dave Wensley's goal-scoring drought came to an abrupt halt Sunday night in Salmon Arm.

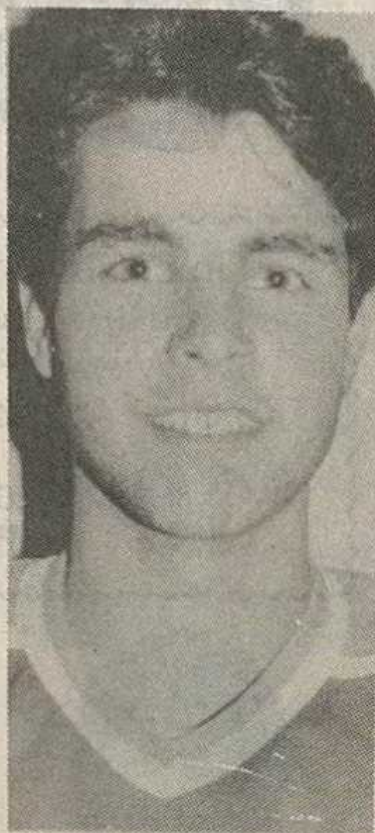
The younger Wensley converted Rob Kossan's pass into the slot into the game winning total at 4:51 of overtime to give Vernon Lakers a 7-6 victory over the hometown Totems.

The goal by Wensley, his first of two for the night were his first two of the young season though the talented centre has set up many goals previously.

"It was a pretty goal," said Lakers' coach Mike Enemark who chalked up his second straight victory has head coach and led Lakers to their first road victory of the season. "Kossan put the puck on Dave's (Wensley) stick in the slot and it was in."

Though happy with the two points, Enemark wasn't content with the type of play he received from his charges noting that they were playing the style of hockey Totems wanted them to.

"We didn't play as well



DAVE WENSLEY
... winning goal

as on Friday," said Enemark. "We weren't skating as much but long as you get the two points that's what matters."

Enemark did praise his team for their restraint in the penalty department and for their big effort in

the overtime period.

"They (Totems) came out and really were physical... our guys took maybe one retaliatory penalty... I thought we did well to stay out of the penalty box," said Enemark.

"We controlled the play and outplayed them badly in overtime... we should have had four more goals," he added.

Captain Dave Wensley also contributed a two goal performance to the Lakers' cause while three-year veteran Gord Simpson returned to form after a three game absence with a goal as well.

"Gord (Simpson) played real well for his first game back," said Enemark. "He stayed out of the penalty box and skated real well."

Bruce Major continued his goal-scoring pace with a single while other Lakers' marksman was Regan Desroches.

The Totems hot doubles from Albert Anthony, and brothers Jim and Robbie Klenk.

Vernon held period

leads of 3-2 and 4-3 and outshot Shuswap 43-39. Shawn Oswald tended nets for Lakers.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night, Nanaimo Clippers doubled Abbotsford Flyers 8-4, Summerland beat Merritt 9-7. On Saturday, Merritt beat Salmon Arm 5-3 while Summerland trounced Revelstoke Rangers 16-4.

Lakers get their first real test on the road Tuesday night when they travel to Penticton to meet the as-yet undefeated Knights.

Coach Enemark feels his team will do well if they can play their own style of hockey and stay out of the penalty box. He also plans to work on some other areas in practice prior to Tuesday's game.

"We're going to work on our breakouts and our power-plays," said Enemark. "We're going to get back to our style of play also."

Lakers' next home game is this Friday when they play a return engagement with Shuswap Totems.