



Lakers' forwards, Glen Kirk, above, and Dave Wensley, right, were a big part of Lakers' scoring power over the weekend against

Revelstoke. Despite scoring 20 goals in two games, however, Lakers only picked up one of two possible wins from Rangers who rebounded from

an 11-5 pounding Saturday night to stun Lakers with a 10-9 upset on Sunday.

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LOSE 10-9 SUNDAY

Lakers split two with Revelstoke

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Inconsistency is following Vernon Lakers like a dark cloud over their heads these days.

Lakers followed up a brilliant 11-5 decision over the hometown Revelstoke Rangers Saturday night with a shabby 10-9 defeat at the hands of the same Rangers Sunday evening in Vernon.

It's not often a team scores 20 goals in two games and wins only one of those encounters.

The big turn-around in styles between the two games had coach Mike Enemark, among other people, totally baffled.

"They (Lakers) played so good on Saturday night ... and then tonight (Sunday)," said Enemark shaking his head. "I just don't know."

The only logical explanation was a defensive letdown and that was the area Enemark put his finger on.

"The whole defensive system was shaky," he said. "Everyone has got a job to do out there and we just didn't do it."

"We're still not used to playing our positions and that'll come with time," said Enemark on a more positive note. "That one is over and it's time to start thinking about the next one."

Vernon opened the scoring Sunday night with Bob Wensley's power-play tally, one of eight that were scored that night, but Revelstoke roared back with four straight goals and took a 4-2 lead to the dressing room after 20 minutes.

A wide open second period saw 11 goals scored but Rangers held a slim 9-8 lead after 40 minutes before the two clubs traded goals in the final period which more closely resembled a BCJHL game than the first two.

When the smoke had cleared, Glen Kirk and Dave Wensley had scored twice in a losing effort while Nick Kapicki, Carlo Calfa, and brothers Scott and Alan Young scored the remainder of Vernon's goals.

Ron Bonora led the Revelstoke attack with three goals while Randy Taves and Mike Dickerman added two goals apiece. Singles came off the sticks of Vernon Kinley, Steve Young and Guy

Phillips.

Saturday night, Dave Wensley did a number on Rangers as he scored four times and set up two more for a big six-point outing.

Other goals came from Scott Young and newcomer Rob Revell who notched two each, Alan Young, Nick Kapicki, and Rob Kossan.

Vern Kinley, Mike Bafaro, Taves, Dickerman, and Jeff Doerr replied for Revelstoke.

Sunday night, Lakers' goaltenders Kelly Muir and Shawn Oswald faced 49 drives while Scott Plack kicked aside 51 shots by Vernon's offense.

In other BCJHL games Sunday, Shuswap Totems earned their first victory of the season with a convincing 13-4 win over Merritt Centennials while on the coast Cowichan Valley Capitals beat Burnaby Blue Hawks 7-5.

Saturday, Penticton Knights thrashed Merritt 14-5, Summerland Buckaroos downed Shuswap 8-5, Langley Eagles beat Nanaimo Clippers 5-4, and Abbotsford Flyers defeated Richmond Sockeyes 6-4.

In Salmon Arm, the Totems completely dominated the Centennials, holding Merritt scoreless in the first and third periods. Shuswap got two goals each from Rob Klenk, Brian Pascall, Darren Servatius and Mike Robertson. Totem's netminder Greg Hubert stopped 30 shots while Jeff Wiltshire combined with Gerald Forbes to make 39 saves for Merritt.

Saturday in Merritt, Brent Hull scored four goals to pace Penticton. Ian Kidd and Mike Barzal each scored three for Knights who were ahead 5-1 at the end of the first period and 9-4 after two.

There is just one game in the Interior Division tonight with Shuswap visiting Summerland. On the coast Langley is at Abbotsford while Richmond plays host to Cowichan.

Lakers, meanwhile, will host Merritt Centennials at Civic Arena Friday night but there will be some changes in the club prior to that outing according to Enemark.

"We're going to be making quite a few changes after Saturday's game," he said.

WORLD SERIES

Orioles-Phillies series gets underway tonight

BALTIMORE (AP) — All aboard for the Amtrak World Series — Baltimore vs. Philadelphia, two cities separated by 160 kilometres or so of railway track, duelling in baseball's World Series.

The Phillies, champions of the National League, send 19-game winner John Denny against Scott McGregor, 18-7 for the American League champion Orioles, in the opening game tonight (CTV, 8:30 p.m. EDT).

Denny, who enjoyed a spectacular recovery from a 6-13 season last year, became the ace of the Phillies' staff — no small accomplishment on a team that includes 300-game winner Steve Carlton. His 2.37 earned-run average was second best in the NL and he is a strong candidate for the Cy Young Award.

"I never had such a consistent year like I had this year," said Denny. "(Pitching coach) Claude Osten noticed a problem in my delivery and we corrected it in spring training."

"I worked harder than I ever have before. I strengthened my arm and body coming off a sore shoulder from the year before."

McGregor was a vital pitcher for the Orioles, especially after injuries deprived the club of two former Cy Young winners, Jim Palmer and Mike Flanagan, for much of the season.

PLATOON PLAYERS

This is a matchup of two teams depending heavily on platoon lineups. Both managers, Joe

Altobelli of the Orioles and Paul Owens of the Phillies, believe in using all their players, and the series could turn into a chess game before it's over.

For example, Baltimore's left-field platoon of John Lowenstein (15 home runs, 60 runs batted in) and Gary Roenicke (19-64) combined for 34 homers and 124 RBI. Few full-time left fielders in baseball had better numbers.

Young John Shelby and veteran Al Bumby share centre field for the Orioles and catcher Joe Nolan and right fielder Jim Dwyer see plenty of action, spelling regulars Rick Dempsey and Dan Ford.

The everyday players are first baseman Eddie Murray (.306, 33 homers, 111 RBI), second baseman Rich Dauer (.235, 5-41), shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. (.318, 27-102), who played every inning of every game, and third baseman Todd Cruz (.199, 10-48).

For the Phillies, major-league home run leader Mike Schmidt (.255, 40-109) at third base, catcher Bo Diaz (.236, 15-64) and shortstop Ivan DeJesus (.254, 4-45) were the only everyday regulars in the run to the pennant.

Owens used a rotating outfield with Joe Lefebvre and Sixto Lezcano, a pair of in-season acquisitions, sharing right field and the cleanup spot in the lineup. Greg Gross, Von Hayes and Bob Dernier took turns dividing playing time with Garry Maddox in centre and Gary Matthews, who was the playoff MVP, in left.

The policy disturbed some of the veterans.

"But it worked," said Pete Rose, 42, who found himself on the bench for the first time in his career. "I guess you can't argue with success."

Rose, 10 hits short of 4,000 for his Hall of Fame career, will be at first base and Joe Morgan, 40, who had a sizzling September after a disappointing summer, will be at second for the Phillies. Rose (.245) and Morgan (.230) suffered through the poorest seasons of their careers.

Because the World Series is played without the AL's designated-hitter rule in alternating years, Baltimore will have to go without its full-time DH, Ken Singleton, an important part of the Oriole offense this season.

Instead of Singleton, who hit .276 with 18 home runs and 85 RBI, Baltimore will have to send its pitchers to bat.

Altobelli, who took the Orioles to the title in his first year on the job, had considered using Singleton in right field, a position he played before elbow problems turned him into a fulltime DH. But the Baltimore skipper decided it would be unfair to ask a man who has not been in the field for so long to suddenly pick up a glove in the World Series.

So the Orioles will stick with their right-field platoon of Dwyer and Ford with Singleton in the dugout, available for pinch-hitting duty. Dwyer starts tonight against the right-handed Denny.

Baltimore's pitching