

HOLD OFF RALLY

Lakers fatten record with win over Shuswap

Dave Wensley notched a pair of goals Saturday night as Vernon Lakers edged hometown Shuswap Totems 7-6 in BCJHL action.

Totems, hot off a 6-4 victory over Penticton Knights, disappointed Lakers' coach Mike Enemark who was expecting a somewhat tougher contest from the Salmon Arm squad.

"We thought they'd come out flying after their win against Penticton," said Enemark.

Lakers had their hands full after a line-brawl early in the second period saw four Lakers ejected from the game including Gavin Shuya, Rob Kossan, Scott Young and Glen Kirk.

Despite the loss of players, the local club went ahead 4-3 after two periods and stretched that lead to 7-3 before a late rally almost pulled Totems onto even ground. Only a daring piece of tactical strategy saved the same for Lakers.

ILLEGAL STICK

Coach Enemark, following a pair of quick Totem's goals at 18:16 and 18:31, called a Shuswap player for an illegal stick. The call was good and Lakers enjoyed a man-advantage until the end of the contest.

"I wasn't going to use it (stick call) unless we had to and we had to," Enemark said.

Enemark also praised



DAVE WENSELY
... two goals

the work of new netminder Jim Young who came to Lakers via Revelstoke recently.

"He (Young) stopped VanGerwen on a break away late in the third period and that probably saved us," added Enemark.

Lakers also got goals from Regan Desroches, Ron Berezowski, Kirk, Bruce Majors, and Nick Kapicki while Kent Duncan, with two, Rick Munro, Jim Klenk, Tim Coughlin, and Theo Van Gerwen replied for Totems.

In other league games Saturday, Summerland



RON BEREZOWSKI
... part of trade

trounced Revelstoke 11-2, Burnaby defeated Abbotsford 6-5 in overtime and Richmond downed Nanaimo Clippers 6-4.

Sunday, Merritt Centennials stunned Summerland Buckaroos by scoring twice in the final 20 minutes to earn a 3-1 victory and break a seven-game losing streak.

In Revelstoke, Shuswap Totems edged Rangers 5-4.

In Merritt, the teams were scoreless going into the second period when Shawn Harrison scored the Bucks' lone goal of the game.

Brent Demerai replied

for Centennials and the second period ended 1-1.

In the final frame, Glen Robinson scored the game winner at 5:43 and Pat Ryan added the insurance goal.

PULLED GOALIE

In Revelstoke, Rangers pulled their goaltender with 90 seconds left to play and Vern Cota scored but Revelstoke couldn't notch the tying goal.

Meanwhile, Vernon Lakers have a slight layover until Friday night when they host Summerland. The following night, Lakers are in Summerland while Tuesday night the local club entertains Penticton Knights.

"We have to win at least two of those three games," said Enemark. "It's a must!"

MAKE TRADE

Lakers are still making changes in their roster with the latest maneuver being a trade with Merritt Centennials involving a two-for-one swap for Merritt's Pat Ryan. In exchange Lakers have sent centre Ron Berezowski and winger Rob Revell to Centennials.

According to Enemark, Ryan is a good playmaker and can score goals. "He could put us over the hump on power-plays," said Enemark.

"We're trading a lot but when you have a chance for a quality player you have to go for it."