

Bucks visit Lakers tonight

Vernon Lakers have spent the early portion of this season going through a great deal of trials, tribulations, personnel changes and a good number of goaltenders.

Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark may finally have arrived at a suitable combination of the latter with the arrival of Jim Young to join regular starter Shawn Oswald.

"I think we've got the best one-two goaltending duo in the Interior and possibly in the league," said Enemark of his present tandem between the pipes. "If you look at our last couple of games, a lot of our goals against came on late penalties. Our goals against will come down. There aren't going to be any more bad goals go in and when you cut that out the average should come down."

While that aspect of the game may be improving, Lakers' offensive power is presently one of the best in the league with an average of eight goals per game.

"I'm pleased with our goals for," Enemark said. "They've made up for our goals against. With any kind of power-play we can take advantage of another team's mistakes and improve our standing."

Both offensive and defensive maneuvers will play a major part of Lakers' game tonight, at Civic Arena, when the first game of a home-and-home series between Vernon and Summerland Buckaroos takes place.

Bucks will entertain Lakers in Summerland Saturday night.

The two teams have met just once this season and Lakers came out on the short end of a 4-3 score. However, Lakers' coaching staff and management unanimous-

ly agreed it was the best game they had played yet this season.

Meanwhile, the matchups between these clubs are double important for each as Bucks trail second place Lakers by two points.

"Each game is a four-pointer and those are the games you have to win," said Enemark. "This weekend is very important . . . it could make or break us. If we win the first game tonight it will give us the confidence to win in Summerland. They (Summerland) have a big ice surface there and that helps our club."

Meanwhile, Lakers are healthy following a week-long layoff, during which time Enemark put his charges through a furious pace at practice. The only doubtful starter for tonight's contest is veteran Gord Simpson who has a bad groin pull he suffered in Salmon Arm last weekend.

Oswald will get the nod to start in net while Young will likely see action in Summerland, Saturday night. Enemark plans to alternate his goaltenders.

Game time tonight is 8 p.m.

In other BCJHL action Thursday night, Shuswap Totems pummelled Merritt Centennials 11-3 in Merritt. On the Coast, Langley Eagles doubled Burnaby Blue Hawks 8-4 to remain the league's only undefeated team.

In Merritt, Albert Anthony, Henry Reimer, Rob Klenk and Dwight Boss all had two goals for the winners. Paul Tory, Theo Van Gerwen and Kevin Tapeuter added singles.

Brent Demerais tapped in two goals for the Centennials while Pat Ryan notched a single.

Shuswap is now in fourth place in the Interior

Division while Merritt occupies the cellar.

Joe West scored three goals and added four assists for Langley while Oscar Pozzola and Pat Barnes had two goals each and Harvey Biluk had a single.

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Hiking Canoeing Cycling O

By BOB

It was new and unexplored into last Sunday. They went to a 1,561 metre height south of Sugarloaf, and it proved to be a new experience, the steep rock face for them in the time available. **ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT**

On the map, it had all the makings of an interesting outing, a walk through the area denoted as being fairly straight up the mountain, about on a par with Elmer's Peak. Still takes the cake for absolute beauty.

At midday, the ground was too hot to put the hikers anywhere, so after looking at the map, it was decided to go in the spring, it would be a good idea to go in the grassy areas and the mountain was equally productive. Some of the best was up there too.

A way will be found up the mountain, no mean task without a good map; there's a rise of 300 metres.

WILDLIFE

There was an extraordinary bear, signs, fresh too, but no deer would have delighted in the distance maybe. Grackles, these birds seem to place themselves in personal camouflage and humans are virtually on to them. **WEATHER PERFECT**

It was sunshine and clear and when the open glades of the countryside were the Tuktakamin, 20 kilometres away. This height, 1770 metres, has been more or less taken over by substantial telecommunications but from far off, the mountain was as impressive as it did before the war. **NEWCOMERS**

There were some blistering conditions on this hike, but they said