

Power-play sparks Lakers to victory over Buckaroos

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Every positive adjective in the English language could be used to describe Vernon Lakers' power-play Friday night, but the word awesome sums it up very nicely.

Lakers stung visiting Summerland Buckaroos for four man-advantage markers en route to a well-deserved 7-4 victory and a firm hold on second place in BCJHL Interior Division.

Three of Lakers' four power-play tallies came in the third period as the local club broke open a 4-4 tie with a flurry of goals and a generous helping of good old fashioned hard work.

"Our power-play worked very well tonight," said a jubilant Lakers' coach Mike Enemark. "They took their time and threw it around . . . they didn't lose their cool."

Enemark was equally as happy with the defensive play of his charges as they held the fast-skating Summerland crew to just 27 shots on goaltender Shawn Oswald and killed several late Buckaroos' power-plays to preserve the win.

"We only allowed them 27 shots on goal so I was very happy with our defensive play," Enemark said.

Another point Enemark thought worth mentioning about his rapidly improving club was their expanded concentration span.

"We played well in the third period . . . it was probably our best third period this year . . . we did get breaks on penalties but we still worked hard."

Veteran forward Gord Simpson took care of the brunt of offensive duties for Lakers. The feisty centre scored three goals and set up a fourth by defenceman Ken MacKenzie.

Bucks opened the scoring with the only goal of the first period. Rookie Kelly Evin took advantage of a defensive lapse and found himself alone in the slot with the puck.

Lakers tied the game at 6:08 of the second frame when Scott Young flipped in a loose puck on a goalmouth scramble.

Buckaroos took the lead just 48 seconds later when Marcel Raby scored his first of two for the night.



VERNON LAKERS' forward Scott Young pulls away from a Summerland Buckaroos' defender during B.C. Junior

Hockey League action, Friday, at the Civic Arena. Young scored once to help Lakers dump the Buckaroos 7-4 and

maintain their hold on second place. The same two clubs clash tonight, in Summerland. (Daily News Photo)

Tony Christie put Lakers back on even terms at 7:36 and the two teams traded power-play goals to end the period. Bucks' goal came first at 13:59 by Raby while Simpson notched his first of the night at 14:30.

The teams retired after 40 minutes tied 3-3.

Vernon took the lead for the first time at 1:36 of the third stanza with MacKenzie's marker on a man-advantage situation.

Buckaroos tied the game for the last time with a short-handed effort, compliments of Lakers' Glen Kirk who learned the

hard lesson of a soft pass at the blueline. Shawn Harrison picked off the pass and scored on a breakaway.

Gavin Shuya put Vernon ahead for good at 5:57 with his patented bullet from the point that cleanly beat Buckaroos' goaltender Dean Garnett.

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Simpson closed the scoring with a pair of goals at 8:07 and 11:25. The first was a gift on a two-man advantage as Simpson received a pass and had the whole net to shoot at. The second was a splendid last-minute effort that

came just as he was being knocked to the ice by a Buckaroos' defender.

The victory was most timely for Lakers who face Buckaroos again this evening in Summerland.

"Now we know we can beat them (Buckaroos) so we've got a lot more con-

fidence going into their barn," Enemark said. "I think we showed we're a better hockey club."

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Penticton Knights edged Revelstoke Rangers 6-5 in overtime and Langley nipped Cowichan Capitals 6-5.

Wrestling centre may close

REGINA (CP) — The national training centre for Canada's wrestling team may be forced to close because only a handful of good amateur wrestlers are willing to make their home in Regina.

Jim Humphrey, national team coach, said there's a need for a national training centre, especially with the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles less than a year off.