

## **JUNIOR HOCKEY TONIGHT**

# **Lakers clash with Centennials**

Vernon Lakers host Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

The second-place lakers have 16 points more than the lowly Centennials, who have been beaten several times by 10-12 goals this season. However, Merritt has given the Lakers trouble.

"They seem to get fired up for us," said Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark. "They don't play like a last-place team against us."

### **LACKLUSTRE**

On the other hand, Vernon has been lacklustre against the Cents. "We hear somebody (Penticton Knights) beat them 17-3 and it is tough for us to get mentally prepared. We can't go into this game overconfident because we need the two points."

Lakers travel to Revelstoke, Saturday, and Enemark said it is imperative his club win both weekend games.

"To keep pace with Penticton and Summerland,

we need two wins this weekend," he said. "We can't afford to drop points against Merritt or Revelstoke."

Lakers are 100 per cent healthy, with the exception of a few bumps and bruises. Scott Young is scheduled to start in goal tonight, with Shawn Oswald expected to play in Revelstoke.

### **BURNABY WINS**

In the lone BCJHL game Thursday, Rick Dietrich scored twice to pace Burnaby Bluehawks to a 5-3 win over Abbotsford Flyers.

Don Phillips, Ron Duval and Chris Humber added singles for the winners, who led 1-0 after one period and were tied 1-1 after 40 minutes.

Randy Douville had two goals for the Flyers, while Eric Furland added a single.

Burnaby goaltender Paul Anaka made 48 saves, while Abbotsford's Bob Romano stopped 22 shots on goal.

Burnaby is in fourth spot in the league's Coastal Division with five wins and 10 losses, while Abbotsford is fifth with a 4-10 record.

# **Racquet club will re-open**

Village Racquetball centre could be re-opened for business as early as February, according to Manager Gregg Caufield.

The centre sustained an estimated \$400,000 damage in an early-morning fire, Thursday.

Caufield said all eight courts are damaged beyond repair. However, the centre was covered by insurance and construc-

the walls are structurally safe.

"If we can use the present walls, we could be open in three-to-four months," Caufield said. "But, if we can't use the walls, we'll have to start from scratch and construction will take longer."

Cause of the fire has not been determined.