

NINE THIRD PERIOD GOALS

Lakers demolish Merritt

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With all due respect, Merritt Centennials were the turkeys in a turkey-shoot Friday night at Vernon Civic arena.

Vernon Lakers took target practice at a pair of Merritt goalkeepers and 11 players shared in the scoring during a 19-2 laughter over the inept Centennials squad.

The offensive flurry by Vernon included nine unanswered tallies in the third period as the local club bombarded both Gerald Forbes and Geoff Wiltshire with 78 shots on the evening.

The smile on Lakers' coach Mike Enemark's face stretched from ear to ear at the game's conclusion.

"We didn't let down," said Enemark. "Every other time we've played

these guys (Merritt) we've let down at some time. We decided we were going to play 60 minutes of hockey no matter what ... it was just their misfortune."

As the score indicates, it was a complete blowout for Vernon who led 7-2 and 10-2 by periods. However, Enemark saw some good come of the lopsided victory as well.

"I thought we moved the puck very well despite the score and that's important," Enemark said.

Lakers' captain Bob Wensley broke out of a stint of frustration with a four goal performance and added an additional four assists for his most productive night in a Lakers' jersey since he joined the team.

The biggest surprise was a three-goal performance from

sophomore Greg Kowal who also set up a pair of goals to earn a five point night and the game's second star billing.

Wensley, of course, was the game's first star.

TWO GOALS

Meanwhile, veterans Gord Simpson, Ken MacKenzie and Rob Kossan added two goals apiece while Scott Young, Glen Kirk, Regan Desroches, Bruce Major, Tony Christie and Dave Wensley had single tallies.

Brent Demerais and Mark Bogoslawski scored goals for Centennials who actually opened the scoring at 2:18 of the first period with a power-play marker.

Lakers had five power-play goals, as well as three short-handed markers, two of those by defenceman Ken MacKenzie.

MacKenzie picked a good night to shine since he was approached immediately following the game, by Grant Standbrook, a scout with University of Wisconsin.

The win gives Lakers a 12 and 6 record while Merritt remains at the bottom of the Interior Division with just three wins.

OTHER ACTION

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Penticton kept well ahead of the pack with a 7-4 win over Summerland while on the coast, Langley Eagles defeated Cowichan 9-2.

In Penticton, Brett Hull and Mike Barzal scored two goals each to lead the Knights while Shawn Edwards, Tony Savarin and Mark Verigin added singles.

Dale Reimer, Brent Harrison, Shawn Petti-

john and Greg Cyr counted for Summerland.

Mike Jeffrey stopped 30 shots in Penticton net and Dean Garnet made 29 saves in Summerland goal.

In Langley, Pat Barnes, Neil Reimer, Joe West and Rod Ware scored two each for the winners.

Darryl Baskerville added the single for Langley, who led 2-0 and 5-1 by periods.

Rick Ellison and Bob Court replied for the Capitals.

Tonight, Lakers travel to Revelstoke to take on Murray Lawrence's Rangers. Although Rangers have been troubled by inconsistency, Enemark isn't going to take the game lightly since one of Revelstoke's five victories this season was at Lakers' expense.

"We're going to come out the same way as last night," said Enemark. "I don't think we'll blow them (Rangers) out the way we did Merritt but we've got to win this one to keep the pressure on Penticton."

Lions add four

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Lions added four players to their active roster Friday, including quarterback Roy Dewalt, for tonight's Canadian Football League game against Ottawa Rough Riders at B.C. Place Stadium.

Dewalt, linebacker Dave McNeel, defensive back Jo Jo Heath and wide receiver Joe Kuklo will be in the starting lineup.

Deleted from the active roster were linebacker Glen Jackson, quarterback Tim Cowan, wide receiver Gerald Bradley and defensive back Billy McBride.

Jackson, Cowan and McBride joined running back Larry Jones on the reserve list.

Dewalt is expected to start at quarterback after missing last week's 11-5 loss to Saskatchewan Roughriders.



Lakers veteran Gord Simpson was just one of the many, many Vernon players who buzzed around the goal-mouth area of Merritt Centennials Fri-

day night at Civic Arena. Simpson scored twice, one of them short-handed to help power Lakers to an incredible 19-2 thrashing of Merritt.

Eleven different Vernon players shared in the scoring in the team's most productive encounter in many years.

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