

Buckaroos help Lakers

Vernon Lakers got a little help from Summerland Buckaroos in their quest for supremacy in the closely-contested BCJHL Interior Division, Saturday night.

While Lakers were busy defeating hometown Revelstoke Rangers 7-2, Bucks handed Penticton Knights their second loss of the season, a 6-5 cliffhanger in Summerland.

With Vernon's win and Penticton's loss, Lakers move to within four points of the Knights, although Penticton still has a pair of games in hand over the local squad.

"We have to keep winning all our games and let Penticton worry about themselves," said Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark.

Meanwhile, in Saturday's game, Lakers' leading scorer Dave Wensley scored a pair as did Alan Young while Nick Kapicki, Carlo Calfa and Bob Wensley added singles.

Guy Phillips and Bryant Perrier tallied for Revelstoke who trailed Lakers by period scores of 3-0 and 5-1.

For the first time in a long time, Lakers were actually outshot with Shawn Oswald making 40 saves for Vernon while Revelstoke's Frank Romeo stopped 32 shots.

In Summerland, Kelly Evin scored three times, his third being the winner midway through the third period. Jamie Nichols, Jim Perrick, and Shawn Pettyjohn backed Evin's performance with one goal each.

Mark Verigan had two for the Knights who trailed 2-1 and 4-3 by periods. Team-mates Rob Cederberg, Rod Poindexter and Mike Barzal added singles.

Sunday night, Revelstoke moved into a two-way tie for fourth place in the Interior Division as they outlasted Shuswap Totems 11-8. Both teams have 12 points.

Lakers currently lead third place Summerland by six points with the Bucks also having a pair



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of games in hand on Vernon.

Lakers, meanwhile, have the week off and won't play another game until this Saturday when they travel to Merritt to take on Centennials. Centennials, on the bottom of the division with six points, are still reeling from a 19-2 loss they suffered to Vernon, Friday night, followed by a 6-2 loss to Shuswap, the following evening.

Nothing is going to get any easier for Merritt either as they face Penticton, Friday.

The only help Lakers can hope for this week, in fact, is from Shuswap, which plays Penticton, Saturday night. One of the Knights' two losses this season was to Shuswap, which managed to hand the division leaders their first loss.

Lakers plans are simple as far as Enemark is concerned though ... win as many games as possible.

"Penticton put together a string of 10 in a row and that's what we've got to do," said Enemark.

Vernon's next attempt at beating the high-flying Knights won't come until Nov. 18.