

LAKERS LOSE AGAIN

Rangers upset top two teams

Revelstoke Rangers officially served notice on the weekend that they are a team to be reckoned with.

Rangers scored four power-play goals en route to a 7-4 decision over Vernon Lakers, Sunday night, in Revelstoke. Saturday night, the hometown Revelstoke crew handed Penticton Knights their fourth loss of the season, 8-5.

The loss, Lakers' second straight, leaves the local club four points out of top spot while first-place Penticton still has a pair of games in hand.

Meanwhile, things were doubly bad for Lakers who struggled home during night with bus problems. Combined with the short end of the stick as far as penalties were concerned, the overall effect didn't sit too well with General Manager Carl Enemark.

"They (Revelstoke) had a good game and we were flatter than we were against Penticton," said Enemark. "They're on a roll."

Lakers fell behind the eight-ball when seven consecutive minor penalties at the outset left them struggling from behind a 5-1 first period deficit.

Coach Mike Enemark decided to inject back-up goaltender Ron Boyd into the lineup at that point and the latest edition to the Lakers' Roster came through admirably despite the defeat.

Rich Dusevic scored three times for the Rangers while Dave Wensley, another of the few players who turned in a good performance for Vernon, had two for the local club. Rob Kossan and Gavin Shuya also scored for Lakers.

In the only other game played Sunday night, Brent Demerais scored six goals,

but Merritt Centennials lost 12-8 to Shuswap Totems.

Vernon native Henry Reimer scored three goals and set up two others for Totems while Albert Anthony, Rick Munro and Robbie Klenk each scored twice. Tim Coughlin, Vern Williams and Jim Klenk had singles for Totems while Mark Bogoslawski had the other two goals for Merritt.

Saturday night in Revelstoke, goalie Peter Martin was brilliant in stopping 41 shots to help fifth place Rangers beat first place Knights.

Rangers scored three goals in the final period to break a 5-5 tie and hand the Knights their fourth loss in 21 games.

The turning point came in the second period when Rangers held Penticton off the scoresheet while playing shorthanded for seven minutes.

Dusevic and Ron Bonora each scored twice for the winners.

In other games, Saturday, Nanaimo Clippers sailed to a 7-3 win over Abbotsford Flyers in a Coastal Division matchup.

The loss to Revelstoke doesn't necessarily mean Lakers will be looking over their shoulder for the remainder of the season, but things are definitely going to change for the local team.

"I wouldn't say we're going to have trouble against them (Revelstoke) but we have to get back to our own game," said Enemark.

Lakers face Summerland Buckaroos, at home, Tuesday night in what is now shaping up to be a must-win situation for struggling Lakers.

Hopefully we'll get together and turn things around," Enemark said.