

Lakers host Bucks

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Ordinarily a two-game losing streak is something that's merely shrugged off in the course of the regular hockey season, but in a race as tight at the Interior Division of the BCJHL, it means valuable ground is lost.

For this reason, Vernon Lakers home stand against Summerland Buckaroos tonight has become something of a must-win situation if the local team hopes to keep up with the division-

leading Penticton Knights.

Lakers dropped a pair of decisions last weekend to Penticton and Revelstoke and are now scrambling to make up lost ground between themselves and Knights.

"We're going to practice every chance we get until we play better hockey," offered Lakers' coach Mike Enemark. "We just can't afford to lose games to teams like Revelstoke."

Naturally the aid of a healthy crowd on hand could add support to Lakers as they attempt to

rectify their situation before the hometown fans.

NEW GOALIE

Those who pass through the gate tonight will have the opportunity to see Lakers' newest edition, Ron Boyd, in action.

Boyd, a goaltender, came to Lakers via Richmond Sockeyes of the Coastal Division. After an impressive debut in Revelstoke Sunday night, he will get the nod as starter in this evening's matchup with Buckaroos.

Boyd entered the game at the end of the first period in that game with

Lakers losing 5-1. He allowed just two goals through the final 40 minutes. Unfortunately the 19-year old net-minder's debut wasn't a victorious one as the local club was on the short end of a 7-4 score.

TRIATHLETE

Boyd is a devoted athlete and although he enjoys being a hockey player, his biggest goal is to compete in the Ironman Triathlon, in Hawaii.

Meantime, the third-year junior player will content himself in a Lakers' uniform.

"I feel good here because a decent club wanted me," said Boyd. "This is a real good organization."

Meanwhile tonight's game is an important contest for Summerland Buckaroos as well. Presently the Bucks lead both Shuswap and Revelstoke by just four points. If the Bucks don't obtain a victory this evening they will be looking over their shoulders in the next few weeks as the two fourth-place clubs begin making strides upwards.

Lakers could be short one very key figure for tonight's contest. Captain Bob Wensley hasn't reported for practice yet this week as a result of the flu bug, with some infectious complications.

Wensley's presence was sorely missed Sunday night in Revelstoke.

"We really missed Bob's leadership," said Enemark.

Lakers will probably go with Scott Young as captain for the interim.

Defenceman Tony Christie, who was sidelined for a pair of games with a charleyhorse injury to his thigh, will return to the fold tonight.

Christie has started to come into his own lately and his improved play has been a boon to Lakers' defensive squad.

LAKER LINES

Statistics released today by the BCJHL show Lakers DAVE WENSLEY leads the Interior Division scoring race with 59 points, three better than Penticton's BRETT HULL. BOB WENSLEY, ROB KOSSAN and KEN MacKENZIE are still among the top 10 Interior scorers with the latter two tied for 10th position with 40 points apiece.



Ron Boyd, newest member of Vernon Lakers, will get the nod to start for the local club tonight when they face Summerland Buckaroos at Civic Arena. Boyd, 19, is a third year

veteran in the BCJHL having spent two previous seasons with Richmond Sockeyes, of the Coastal Division, prior to coming to Vernon. Boyd was a regular starter for Richmond

in his first year but was relegated to backup duties last season due to a number of personal injuries.

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BCJHL

VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Monday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League:

STANDINGS Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Langley	16	1	0	32
Richmond	12	5	0	24
Nanaimo	12	6	0	24
Abbotsford	6	14	1	13
Burnaby	6	13	0	12
Cowichan	3	16	1	7

Interior Division

Penticton	17	4	0	34
Vernon	15	8	0	30
Summerland	12	9	0	24
Revelstoke	10	13	0	20
Shuswap	10	14	0	20
Merritt	3	19	0	6

SCORING Coastal

	G	A	P
Douville, Abb	25	22	47
West, Lan	15	29	44
Pozzolo, Lan	18	25	43
Coroy, Nan	18	23	41
Dietrich, Bby	23	16	39
Reiner, Lan	21	13	34
McFaul, Abb	15	18	33
Ware, Lan	13	19	32
Odenvald, Rich	12	16	28
Foglietta, Nan	15	12	27

INTERIOR

D. Wensley, Ver	26	33	59
Hull, Pen	29	27	56
Poindexter, Pen	19	37	56
Tory, Shu	9	44	53
Klenk, Shu	9	44	53
Klenk, Shu	30	22	52
Demerais, Mer	30	16	46
B. Wensley, Ver	25	20	45
Bonora, Rev	19	23	42
Kossan, Ver	13	27	40
Mackenzie, Ver	7	33	40

GOALTENDING Coastal

Min. Ga. Avg. Stone, Lan

	678	45	3.98
Trousdell, Nan	324	23	4.26
Beres, Rich	460	36	4.70
Nickel, Nan	459	38	4.97
Loring, Nan	241	22	5.48
Romano, Abb	982	92	5.62

Interior

Clark, Pen	440	31	4.23
Garnett, Sum	453	31	4.24
Young, Ver	375	27	4.32
Jeffrey, Pen	826	63	4.58
Taylor, Sum	687	57	4.98
Oswald, Ver	585	49	5.03
Bechtold, Shu	410	35	5.12