

LAKERS 8 REVELSTOKE 5

Special teams overcome Rangers

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Vernon Lakers' special teams were right on form as the local club downed visiting Revelstoke Rangers 8-5 at Civic Arena Friday night.

However, Lakers received a less than average job in goal from their two netminders Jim Young and Ron Boyd. The two combined to block just 22 shots during the contest while Vernon forwards

bombarded Rangers' Frank Romeo with 49 drives.

The two points keeps Lakers only a pair of games behind first place Penticton Knights, and that has coach Mike

Enemark smiling.

"We'll take the two points, but we can play better," said Enemark.

Lakers' power-play clicked for four goals during the game while the club's penalty-killing unit

also chipped in with a short-handed effort while limiting Revelstoke's man-advantage operations to one goal in six attempts.

SHORT-HANDED

The short-handed tally came with just 10 seconds remaining in the second period and may have been the straw that broke the camel's back as far as Rangers were concerned.

Scott Young stole the puck at Lakers' blueline, went in all alone on Romeo and faked out the Revelstoke netminder to give Vernon a 5-2 lead.

"I thought the turning point was Scott's goal," said Enemark. "That broke their back."

Young scored a pair on the night and also added a pair of assists.

FIGURED BIG

Other Lakers who figured big on the night's goal-production included Greg Kowal with two goals and an assist, Dave Wensley with a goal and three assists, and Nick Kapicki with one tally and a pair of helpers.

Honorable mention goes to Rob Kossan who scored once, added an assist and was one of the games' stars. The other goal for

Vernon was scored by Ken MacKenzie.

Lakers led 1-0 after the first 20 minutes with Kowal getting his first of the night on a power-play situation.

Rangers retaliated with a pair of goals to open the second frame when Keith Maybin scored just 36 seconds into the frame while Brian Fedoriak gave Rangers a 2-1 lead when he beat Young with a shot from the slot at 4:33.

Lakers roared back with four straight goals to take a 5-2 lead to the dressing room after 40 minutes.

POWER-PLAY

Vernon extended their lead to 7-2 early in the third frame when Wensley and Young netted power-play goals at 4:56 and 5:27 respectively.

Rangers slipped two more in at 8:43 and 10:32 with Rich Dusevic and Ron Bonora connecting while Kowal notched his second at 11:47 to squash any comeback bid.

Mike Wegleitner rounded out the scoring at 12:14 for Revelstoke.

Vernon picked up 12 of 23 minor penalties while each team was assessed a major and a misconduct penalty.

Meanwhile, Enemark had a few positive observations from the game.

"We moved up the middle well when they took the boards away from us," he offered. "I think we look in pretty good shape for Penticton."

Lakers entertain Penticton Sunday night at Civic Arena in a four-point contest with the BCJHL Interior Division leaders.

INJURIES

Knights are presently feeling the pain from a pair of injuries to regular starters. High-scoring Rod Poindexter will sit out with a bruised shoulder while Mark Verigin will remain out of action indefinitely with a broken collarbone.

Considering the man-power advantage Lakers will have the local club should be capable of earning their first victory against the knights and so move to within a two-point striking distance of the Penticton club.

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Penticton edged Summerland 7-6, while on the coast, Richmond beat Cowichan 8-5, and Langley Eagles edged Abbotsford 6-5.



High-flying Laker forward Bob Wensley, above, leaps into the air to avoid a check by Revelstoke's Bryant Perrier during action Friday night at

Vernon Civic Arena. Lakers' power-play connected for four goals while their penalty-killing unit clicked for a goal as the local squad downed the

stubborn Rangers of Revelstoke 8-5. Wensley missed the check but didn't score on the play. (Daily News Photo)

Panthers hoop squad bomb Charles Tupper

If first-game success is any indication of the up-coming season Vernon Panthers basketball squad have a lot to look forward to.

Panthers scored 60 points in the second half of the game to humble Charles Tupper, of Vancouver, 92-54 in the opening game of a high school basketball tournament in Salmon Arm Friday night.

In spite of their convincing victory, coach Jack Yamaoka wasn't overly impressed with the actions of his team.

"We didn't play well," said Yamaoka. "It really looked like our first game of

"They guys started to get into the flow of the game in the second half," he said.

Lorne Babiuk paced Vernon's attack with 27 points while Ken Zubyk added 17 hoop points. Every other player on the bench figured in Panthers' scoring with 10 players getting points in all.

"It's nice that we can use everyone early in the season," said Yamaoka.

Panthers face Salmon Arm today as the tournament continues.

The local high school hoop-squad is minus a pair of key players as Rick Kaufman and Bryan Kruger are in