



LAKERS' GLEN KIRK, bears down on Pentiction Knights' goaltender Ian Clark during action at Vernon Civic Arena,

Sunday night. Kirk didn't score, but turned in a solid performance as did the rest of the Lakers who trounced the

first place Knights 7-2 to earn their first victory against Pentiction, in five starts, this season. (Daily News Photo)

Lakers move closer to first place Knights

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The jinx that accompanied Vernon Lakers through their first four losses against Pentiction Knights, was broken Sunday night, at Vernon Civic Arena, when the local club out-hustled and out-muscled the visitors, 7-2.

Lakers shattered their dismal record against the league-leading Knights in a two and one half minute span in the first period which saw Vernon score three times, then maintain their healthy lead throughout the contest.

Despite the victory, which moves Lakers to within two points of Pentiction in their bid for supremacy in the BCJHL Interior Division, Coach Mike Enemark was quick to put the game into perspective.

A START
"It's a start," said Enemark. "We have to keep things in perspective though, what we're after is the provincial championship. We want to peak in the playoffs."

"Don't get me wrong, it's nice to beat Pentiction but we don't want it to go to our heads."

Lakers secured the victory with neither one of the high-scoring Wensley brothers getting on the scoresheet for the local team.

For league-leading scorer Dave Wensley, the



NICK KAPICKI
... three points

law of averages simply caught up to him but for brother Bob, frustration is beginning to play a part in his game now.

"I'm having trouble," said the elder Wensley. "I'm doing everything right but the puck just doesn't seem to be going in for me."

Vernon's attack was paced by a pair of goals each by veteran Rob Kossan and sophomore Nick Kapicki, both of whom have been prolific in the scoring department lately.

Kapicki added an assist to his point total for the night.

OPENED SCORING

Kossan opened the scoring at 7:27 of the first period when he converted a play set up by

defencemen Gavin Shuya and Ken MacKenzie.

Young brothers, Alan and Scott, gave Lakers a 3-0 lead as they each tallied once, at 8:00 and 10:04, respectively.

Brett Hull, with his first of two for Knights, put the visitors on the board with a power-play tally at 15:08 ... a dribbler along the ice that fooled Lakers' Jim Young.

The second period totally belonged to the Vernon club as they ran up a 6-1 lead with three unanswered goals.

Ron Berezowski started the ball rolling after 12:46 of scoreless hockey. Berezowski tipped in a shot from the point by Glen Kirk.

Kapicki scored his two in succession before the period ended, popping in a centering pass from Scott Young at 13:35 then moving in all alone with dogged determination at 16:54, fending off a pair of checkers and picking a top corner.

Hull scored Knights' second goal at 7:08 of the third stanza, but Kossan notched his second of the night just 19 seconds later to end the game's scoring.

Kossan's last tally was a splendid individual effort as he split Knight's defence after a rink-long rush and slid the puck along the ice under Ian Clark's pads.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night Camille Simard scored three times and added an assist as Shuswap Totems hammered the hapless Merritt Centennials 14-3.

On Saturday, Summerland downed the Centennials 6-3, Revelstoke sailed to a 5-2 win over Shuswap and Langley got by Abbotsford 3-1.



Ken Ganden's fourth goal, of Coldstream Department, topped the