

Lakers keep pace with Knights



NIGHT SKIING STARTS

Liz Tyce was among the thousands of skiers who hit the slopes, on Silver Star Mountain, after dark last year. The

lights will be turned on tonight as Silver Star's night skiing season gets under way. Night skiing is available five days

per week, from Tuesday to Saturday.

(Don Weixl Photo)

Vernon Lakers kept pace with the front running Penticton Knights by defeating Shuswap Totems 5-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Thursday, in Salmon Arm.

Knights, who hold a two point edge on Lakers, doubled Merritt Centennials 6-3, in Merritt. In another game Thursday, Nanaimo Clippers aced Burnaby Bluehawks 5-4.

Shuswap, which is known as an aggressive team, lived up to its reputation against Vernon. "They tried to goon us," said Lakers' General Manager Carl Enemark, "and it backfired. Our guys like playing it rough. We hit them just as hard as they hit us."

Bob Wensley led the Lakers with two goals while Al Young, Bruce Major, and defenceman Ken McKenzie added singles. McKenzie, who also had an assist, turned in his best performance of the season.

Tim Klenk, Camille Simard, and Vern Williams replied for the Totems.

Lakers held period leads of 3-1 and 4-2.

Enemark had some harsh words for the officiating crew.

"They did a terrible job," he said. "For some reason, they were after us. We played five-against-three for eight minutes in the third period."

MATCH PENALTY

One of the victims of a referee's call was Vernon's Ron Berezowski. Berezowski was handed a high sticking major and match penalty which carries an automatic three-game suspension. Lakers also lost forward Scott Young, in the second period, with a shoulder injury.

Vernon netminder Jim Young turned in a strong game with 32 saves ... and he won't get much rest in the next 48 hours. Young will be back bet-



JIM YOUNG

... busy weekend

ween the pipes tonight when Lakers host Merritt Centennials and again Saturday when Vernon travels to Revelstoke.

Young's backup, Rob Boyd, has a groin injury and is scheduled to return home, to Richmond, next week to rest it for the remainder of the season. Boyd's replacement, Peter Martin, hasn't yet been cleared to play by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. Martin, who was recently cut by Kelowna Wings, of the WHL, has previous junior experience with Victoria Cougars, of the WHL, and Revelstoke, of the BCJHL.

Tonight's game will feature the return of former Lakers' coach Chuck Tapp to Vernon. Tapp was fired by Lakers early this season and was recently named head coach of the Centennials.

Even though Merritt has won only three games this year, Enemark said his club won't take the Cents lightly. "We usually have trouble with Merritt," he said. "I understand Tapp has some new players so we're not going into the game looking for an easy two points."

Game time is 8 p.m.

Golden Crown dumps College

Golden Crown stretched its win streak to six games with a 78-67 win, over

points while Glen Wheelhouse dropped in 13.

Panthers lose opener in basketball tourney

Parkland, of Victoria, defeated Vernon Panthers

lead.

"We got into foul trouble

(Kruger) too much because of a foot injury