

Lakers in first place

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Captain Bob Wensley converted a pass from Kevin Kobelka and Dave Wensley with 21 seconds remaining in the third period to lift Vernon Lakers to a 5-4 victory over the hometown Revelstoke Rangers, Saturday night.

The win, Lakers' eighth in a row, leaves the club alone in first place in the BCJHL Interior Division with 46 points, two more than Penticton Knights.

Wensley's goal, his second of the night, capped a come from behind win in the final minutes of the game.

"They (Rangers) came out fired up," said Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark. "We were outshot 17-10 in the first period but we

came out ahead. It was by far the best game Jim Young has played against Revelstoke."

Young was called on to stop three breakaways in the first period.

Lakers led 2-0 after one period and were tied 3-3 after 40 minutes, but fell behind 4-3 midway through the third frame.

Newcomer Shannon Pohl tied the game with a power-play goal at the 18:29 mark, on a pass from Greg Kowal, before Wensley salted away the game.

"The biggest thing was our power play," said Enemark. "We killed one of theirs at a crucial time and then scored to tie the game with our last one."

Ken MacKenzie also scored during a man-advantage with that tally

coming in the first period. Wensley notched a short-handed effort to give Vernon its 2-0 lead in the first stanza.

Bruce Major scored lakers' lone goal in the second frame, converting a passing play from Clay Cotie and Kolbelka.

Guy Phillips, Vern Kinley, Rich Dusevic and Mike Bafaro replied for Revelstoke.

Enemark praised his club, which was playing its third game in three nights.

"First place was on the line and we really brought out the guns when we were down," Enemark said. "We were all over them in the last five minutes ... we could have scored four goals."

Lakers got one day off before resuming their hec-

tic schedule tonight, at home, against Merritt Centennials. On Tuesday, Vernon travels to Penticton. Lakers' final game before Christmas is Friday, in Salmon Arm, against Shuswap Totems.

"I feel if we win tonight and Tuesday that we'll be in first place at Christmas," offered Enemark.

In an attempt to provide some temporary relief for his weary players, Enemark is formulating a plan for tonight's encounter with Merritt.

"We're going to pick up some juveniles to give some of our guys a rest," Enemark said. "We'll still keep our big guns on the ice though."

Elsewhere, Saturday night, Summerland Buckaroos beat visiting Shuswap Totems 5-2.

Sunday night, Revelstoke bombed the hometown Totems 11-7 paced by Bararo's three goals. Richie Dusevic, Dean Gladeau and Ron Bonora each scored twice while Albert Anthony and Henry Reimer scored twice for Shuswap.

Penticton plays seven games in the next 10 days beginning with Vernon, Tuesday night. Knights will also play



KEVIN KOBELKA
... set up winner

home-and-home series with Shuswap, Revelstoke and Summerland in that period.

"If they (Penticton) lose three of those games they'll be in trouble," said Enemark.

"First place means a lot to our guys ... that was one of our goals but it also means putting eight guys on the all-star team. That could make the difference for some players looking for a scholarship."

