

# Lakers rally to dump Knights

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Vernon Lakers scored four second period goals to erase a 4-2 deficit and send them on their way to an 8-6 victory over visiting Penticton Knights, Sunday night, at Vernon Civic Arena.

The win places Lakers just two points back of Knights in the battle for first place in the BCJHL Interior Division. Lakers have one game-in-hand on Penticton.

Lakers took an early 1-0 lead in the first period but stood by idly as the front-running Knights scored three successive goals to take a 3-1 lead to the dressing room after 20 minutes of hockey.

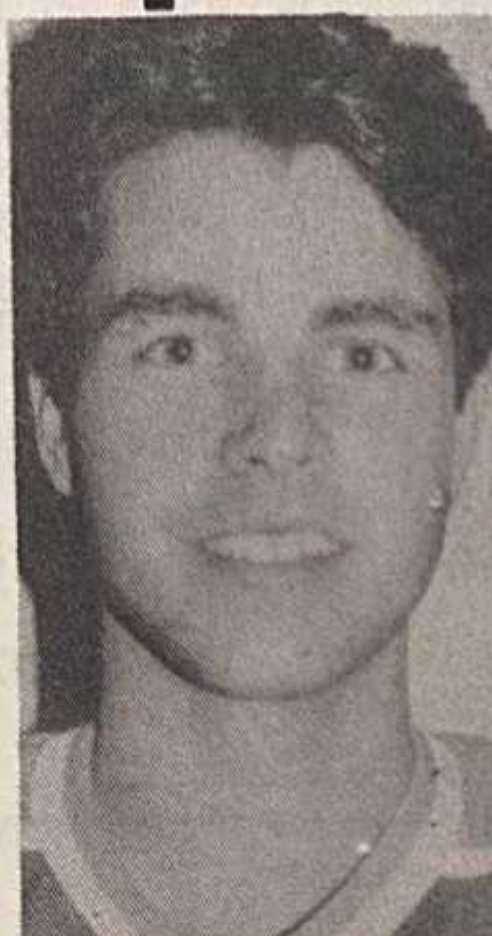
"We stopped skating and started taking penalties," said Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark who whistled a soft sigh of relief once the game had ended. "Once we were on track again we were on our way."

Lakers outscored Knights 3-2 in the final frame to ice the victory which was in doubt until the 17:46 mark when winger Shannon Pohl put the game away with his goal.

"The biggest difference in the game was Pohl," said Enemark.

"He (Pohl) was on the bench most of the night but when he got his chance he scored the insurance marker."

Pohl also checked in with a pair of assists for a three-point night. However, Pohl's performance in no way overshadowed that of leading



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scorer Dave Wensley who scored three consecutive goals in the second period to single-handedly overcome Lakers' deficit and turn the game around.

Nick Kapicki's power-play tally started the game's scoring at 8:18 of the opening frame. Sophomore Greg Kowal and veteran winger Scott Young drew assists on the tally with Kowal centering to Kapicki in the slot and Kapicki one-timing the puck into the net.

Brett Hull, with his first of two for the game, Murray Winnicki, and Ed Christofoli scored once for Knights before the period ended.

Hull, who stole the puck at center ice, side-stepped one Lakers' forward and turned defenceman Jeff Doerr completely inside out before walking in alone and rifling it in.

Ron Berezowski pulled

Lakers to within a goal at 2:46 of the second period when he rifled in Pohl's centering pass.

Hull restored Knight's two-goal lead at 6:04 before Wensley went to work for lakers.

At 10:51 Wensley scored his first, a big effort which saw the talented centre shoot from his knees.

At 16:01 Wensley notched a power-play marker on a goalmouth scramble with Doerr and Kapicki drawing assists.

Wensley's third goal, with just 52 seconds remaining in the period, came when Knights' goaltender Mike Jefferey and Lakers' Pohl, raced for a loose puck and produced an empty net opportunity which Wensley converted into the go-ahead goal.

Rob Kossan opened up a two-goal Lakers' lead at 1:23 of the third period with Wensley and Doerr assisting, while defenceman Ken MacKenzie scored what proved to be the winner at 3:03 when he moved in all alone and faked out Jeffrey.

Tim Comeau and Rod Poindexter, with a power-play tally, closed the gap once again when they scored in succession midway through the stanza, but Pohl's marker nullified the come back attempt.

Lakers travel to Penticton for a return engagement, Tuesday night.

"This is our first home and home series with these guys," Enemark said. "We can't let their crowd, or their rink, get us down."

Meanwhile, in other BCJHL action Sunday night, Summerland Buckaroos moved into sole possession of third place with a convincing 10-0 thrashing of Revelstoke Rangers. Mark Taylor made 20 saves to get the shutout while Shawn Pettyjohn, Brent Mowery, and Dan Woodley each scored twice for the winners.

Shuswap Totems made short work of Merritt Centennials with a 13-4 romp over the league cellar-dwellers while on the coast it was Nanaimo Clippers over Abbotsford Flyers by a score of 7-1.

## Penticton earns berth in Games

Penticton edged Kamloops 6-5, Sunday, to capture the B.C. Winter Games zone hockey trials, in Osoyoos.

Penticton will represent the Okanagan at the Winter Games, March 1-4, in Fort St. John.

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps were winless in three outings. After tying Kelowna 5-5, Vernon lost 6-3 to Penticton and 5-4 to Kamloops.

Mark Holland was Vernon's top scorer in the trials with six points, including three goals. Brian Burns scored four goals and added one assist for five points while Dale Danallanko picked up three goals and also notched one assist for four points.