



VERNON LAKERS' captain Bob Wensley moves in on the right wing during action in the third period Sunday, at Civic Arena, against Penticton Knights.

Wensley had a goal during the game as the Vernon team overcame three-goal deficits, twice, and scored the winner with 22 seconds remaining for a 10-9 vic-

tory in the wide-open contest. The two teams, now tied for first place in the Interior Division, will meet in a rematch Friday, in Penticton. (Daily News Photo)

Kapicki's last-minute goal moves Lakers into top spot

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Centre Nick Kapicki tipped in a harmless looking blutter-shot from the face-off circle, at 19:38 of the third period, to give Vernon Lakers a 10-9 win over Penticton Knights in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Sunday, at the Civic Arena.

Lakers overcame three-goal deficits, on two occasions, during the wide-open contest.

"It was kind of flukey," said Kapicki of the game-winner which capped a dramatic comeback for lakers. "It hit my stick and I was watching it but I guess he (Knights' goalie Mike Jefferey) didn't see it."

The win moves Lakers into a tie for first place with Penticton, but the Vernon club has one-game-in-hand. The two teams meet in a rematch, Friday, in Penticton.

Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark was happy with the win, but a little disap-

pointed at the defensive aspects of the game.

"It was pretty lax defensively on both sides," said Enemark. "I thought it was a very entertaining game, though... good for the fans."

However, in the same breath Enemark was satisfied with the offensive performance of his charges as they overcame deficits of 5-2 and 7-4 before coming from behind a 9-8 Penticton lead in the dying minutes of the game.

"We proved our offensive power because they are the most defensive team in the league and we got 10 goals against them," Enemark said.

Scoring leader Brett Hull provided the first goal of the game at 1:36 of the first period when he banged in a loose puck while Lakers' goaltender Jim Young was caught out of position.

Hull was one of three Knights' players who scored two goals on the night.

Bob Wensley tied the game at 3:44 with a hard wrist-shot from the circle while defenceman Gavin Shuya put Lakers ahead with his power play goal at 11:49. Shuya one-timed a centering pass from Kapicki as he cruised into the slot.

Knights went on a scoring binge in the last half of the first period with defenceman Brian Badge, Murray Winnicki, Aaron Scott and Rod Poindexter each picking an open spot in the Vernon net to lead 5-2 after the first 20 minutes.

Peter Martin replaced Young to start the second period while Lakers scored a pair of fast goals to pull themselves back into the game.

Blueliner Glen Kirk put a shot along the ice past Jefferey just 53 seconds into the frame while Dave Wensley, with his first of two, made it 5-4 at 3:28. The play began with Ron Berezowski breaking down the left side then finding Wensley streaking in on the right for the goal.

Lakers got into trouble again when Penticton's Greg Cyr notched a pair of goals to give Knights a three-goal cushion. Both goals were similar with Cyr taking advantage of

Lakers' inability to clear the puck out their end and tucking the disc in on the short side of Martin's net.

Shuya started the comeback bid once again when his bullet from the point beat Jefferey cleanly during a man-advantage situation.

Jeff Doerr and Rob Kossan evened the score while the teams played two minutes at three aside. Doerr faked out Jefferey on a breakaway while Kossan rifled in a wrist-shot while cruising unmolested in the slot area.

The teams retired after 40 minutes tied 7-7.

Knights took the lead with a power-play goal at 7:46 of the third with Scott notching his second of the game. Lakers' defenceman Ken MacKenzie tied the game at 11:13 when he deflected Kirk's shot from the point.

Hull put Penticton in front for the last time at 12:31, but Dave Wensley scored the equalizer just 18 seconds later with a head-fake and a backhand shot on a breakaway.

The two teams played end-to-end until Kapicki's goal at gave Vernon the victory.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night, Salmon Arm goaltender Glen Ferguson was named first star of the game after making 50 saves for the Totems who bombed Summerland Buckaroos 8-1.

Totems led 5-0 after one period and 7-0 after 40 minutes. Vernon minor hockey product Henry Reimer scored three times for the winners while Rob Klenk added two and Mike Robertson, Paul Tory and Rick Munro contributed singles. Summerland's lone goal came from Ward Carlson.

Another game between Merritt Centennials and Revelstoke Rangers was cancelled.

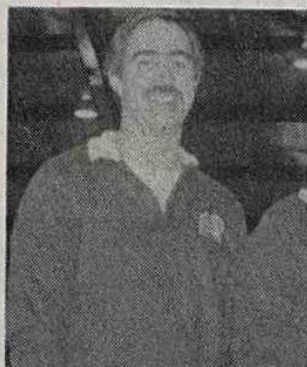
Saturday night Rangers downed Totems 8-6 while Buckaroos got by Merritt by a score of 7-4.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1979

After Saturday night, Vernon Sport Cougars will have two chances of catching Grindrod Elks in the battle for first-place in the North

Okanagan Hockey League — slim or none. Grindrod has lost only once in 17 games and has scored a league-leading 119 goals.



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Editor — DON KENDALL

Junior team makes pledge

Vernon Lakers and the crippled children of B.C. were winners, Sunday night, at the Civic Arena.

Lakers edged Penticton Knights 10-9 to move into a tie for first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League Interior Division. After the game, Lakers' co-owners Carl Enemark and Bud Russell presented a cheque for \$142 to Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall, as a pledge for Snowarama '84. The donation represented a percentage of the gate receipts for Sunday's game.

Snowarama, in aid of this province's crippled children, will be held next Sunday on Silver Star Mountain. The event is co-sponsored by the Lions Club and Vernon Snowmobile Association.

Another club which pledged its support over the weekend was the Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles Broomball Team. Eagles pledged 50¢ per kilometre . . . a total of \$50.

Other pledges include: Sun Valley Sports 50¢ per km., Chris Nelson 10¢, Doug Butlin 10¢, Brass Rail Cabaret 10¢, George Green 5¢, Chum Kaneda 10¢, Rick Horsley 10¢, Tom Wharton 10¢, Karl Krause 10¢, John Trotter 50¢, Marty Stein 5¢, Barb Wilson 5¢, Bill Jones 10¢, Bruce Herzig 10¢, R. W. Turanski 5¢, Kirk Mearns 10¢, Norm Amiel 5¢, Nick Turik 11¢, Martin Ware 20¢, Bob Keyser 5¢, Ted McDermid 5¢, Elroy Steiner 10¢, and Ed Roze 10¢.

Total amount pledged on Kendall now stands at \$4,212.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge is asked to phone 545-0671 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.