

Lakers take on Bucks in home-and-home series

Vernon Lakers open a home-and-home series against Summerland Buckaroos tonight in Summerland.

Bucks, hot off an 8-1 thumping of Revelstoke Rangers, will be looking to knock off Vernon in hopes of perhaps taking over second place in the BCJHL Interior Division.

Buckaroos currently trail Vernon by 18 points and have a pair of games in hand.

However, in the same breath, Lakers will be looking for every point they can get these days in hopes of overtaking Penticton Knights once again for first place in the division.

"We'll definitely be out to win it," said Lakers General manager Carl Enemark. A pair of wins against Summerland would keep lakers within a two-point striking distance of Knights who the local club face next Friday night in Vernon.

Meanwhile, Enemark isn't about to take Buckaroos lightly.

"Their only drawback is that just when they (Buckaroos) start improving they lose players to Portland," Enemark said. "We've never really faced their full squad."

As far as full squads go, Lakers will have one as well, with the exception of Dave Wensley who will be sidelined another week or more with his broken hand.

Number one goaltender Jim Young will be back in uniform tonight though he will remain in a backup position for a few games yet.

"He's been cleared by the doctor and he wants to play but we want him to gain his strength," said Enemark. However, the Lakers' General manager feels Young's presence on the bench will help to inspire confidence in his team.

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Summerland doubled visiting Merritt Centennials 6-3 while on the coast Langley

Eagles edged Abbotsford Flyers 5-4 in overtime and Cowichan Capitals surprised Richmond Sockeyes 7-5.

Summerland's Ward Carlson and Kelly Evin each notched a pair as the Bucks held solid 5-2 and 6-2 period leads.

Royals win opener at Kamloops tourney

Vernon Royals can do no worse than fourth place at Kamloops Red Angels basketball tournament this weekend.

The Vernon girls' high school hoop squad knocked off Dutchess Park, of Prince George 36-31 Friday night in the opening game of the tourney. With that win Royals will stay on the A-side of the tourney and play either the winner or loser of a game today between Kamloops and Westdie.

Meanwhile, Royals will face Menonite Educational Institute, (MEI) of Clearbrook in their second challenge today.

"Both teams had a poor night shooting," said Royals' coach Andy Gilbert of the low-scoring contest against the Prince George high school.

Royals were paced by a 13-point performance by Terry Elliot.

Peace Recreation Centre. There will be 250 entertainers on hand to perform music and dance depicting the history of Fort St. John and the North Peace area of Northeastern B.C. With close to 2,300 athletes and coaches marching into the complex, the music and dance is expected to draw an enthusiastic response from the spectators. Three torch bearers will be an integral part of the start to the 1984 Games and reflect the male, female and disabled athlete aspect of the event.

Organizers of the 1984 Games have been forced to make special arrangements in regards to athletes and coaches coming in for the event. Many of the 2,300 persons will be arriving a day early, while others will not be leaving Fort St. John until the early hours of Monday morning.

MONTREAL WON FIRST

The Stanley Cup was won for the first time in 1894 by the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.



CARRIERS SKATE WITH LAKERS

Vernon Lakers Coach Mike Enemark prepares to drop the puck and Daily News carrier Robert Breugom faces off against Lakes' Captain Bob Wensley. Robert and seven other carriers, from left, Eric

Krause, Mike Van De Leest, Brad Ouchi, David Wilkinson, Jay Mattick, Kevin Stoll and Hank Van De Leest took to the ice with the Lakers at their Thursday practice after taking part in a contest sponsored by

the paper's circulation department. David Geldart and Jazez Grewel also won the right to "Skate with the Lakers" but were unable to take part.

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