

Struggling Lakers drop three on road

Things went from bad to worse for Vernon Lakers, Saturday night, as they dropped an 8-6 decision to hometown Summerland Buckaroos.

It was Lakers' third consecutive loss, all of them on the road.

"We're simply not playing our positions in either our zone or theirs," said Lakers' coach Mike Enemark who is hoping to break out of the current slump with a home-ice victory Tuesday night when Buckaroos are in town. "We're not setting up our plays.

"They (Bucks) played a good game ... they out-skated, out-hustled and out-shot us ... they deserved to win."

Bruce Major scored twice in a losing cause for Lakers while Bob Wensley, Nick Kapicki, Rob Kossan and Scott Young each had singles.

Doug Knowler and Kelly Evin each scored twice for the Buckaroos.

After a disastrous week on the road, including losses to Penticton Knights, Salmon Arm Totems, and

the Bucks, Lakers will relish a four-game home stand.

That includes the rematch against Summerland to start the ball rolling. Enemark expects a victory in Civic Arena, Tuesday.

"There's just no way you can lose two in a row now to any team at this point in the season," Enemark said. "Hopefully a good home stand will pull us out of this slump."

The loss to Summerland was only the second time this season Lakers have bowed to the former division champs.

Despite the three losses, Enemark is hoping his players have enough maturity to shake the situation and get back on form.

"We can't get down but we definitely have to get back to playing our own game," said Enemark. "Basically we're going to start working on our game for the playoffs."

In other Interior Division action Saturday, Penticton trounced Merritt Centennials 13-1 while Revelstoke Rangers edged Salmon Arm 5-3.

Murray Winnicki scored three goals to pace Penticton while Rod Schulter, Tim Comeau, and Ed Cristofoli notched a pair apiece. Brent Demerais scored the lone goal for Merritt, his 53rd of the season.

Guy Phillips, Bryant Perrier, Richie Dusevic, Todd Torrens and Ron Bonora had the Revelstoke goals while Paul Tory scored twice for Totems.

Frank Romeo turned aside 42 shots in goal for Revelstoke and was selected the game's first star. Ralph Bechtold made 32 save for Salmon Arm.

On Sunday, in Salmon Arm, Penticton Knights downed Totems 8-6 with Rod Schulter notching three goals and Brett Hull adding a pair. Ian Kidd, Aaron Scott and Murray Winnicki rounded out the scoring.

Paul Tory scored three times for the Totems while teammates Brian Deleeuw, Darren Servatius and Vernon Williams had singles.

In other Interior League action Tuesday night, Revelstoke travels to Penticton.