

Lakers limited to one Wensley

Centre Dave Wensley will be back in the line-up tonight with Vernon Lakers host Revelstoke Rangers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, at the Civic Arena.

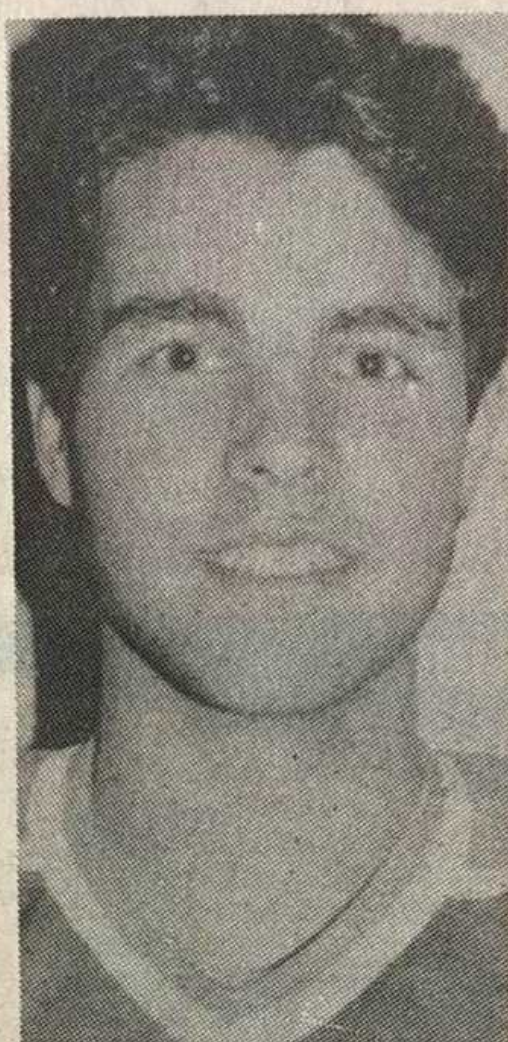
Wensley, who was sidelined four games due to a broken hand, shares the team's scoring lead with defenceman Ken McKenzie, at 87 points.

However, Wensley's older brother, Bob, will not be available for any of Vernon's three weekend games. The elder Wensley was assessed a match penalty last Sunday, in a game against Summerland Buckaroos, for fighting with his hand taped.

Lakers' General Manager Carl Enemark said he hopes to know the extent of Wensley's suspension, Monday.

"I don't know what they'll give him," Enemark said. "It is his second match penalty this season. I hope they take into consideration that he tapes his hand because he broke it last year."

On Saturday, Lakers travel to Salmon Arm to face the Totems. Then Sunday, at 7 p.m., Merritt



DAVE WENSLEY
... returns

Centennials visit the Civic Arena.

Enemark said, "We need three wins this weekend to have any hope of catching Penticton."

With 11 games remaining, first place Penticton Knights lead Lakers by eight points. However, Vernon has three games-in-hand.

In BCJHL action Thursday, Brent Demarais scored his second goal of the night at 1:33 of sudden-death overtime to give Merritt a 4-3 win over visiting Summerland.

In the only other game, Langley Eagles edged Burnaby Blue Hawks 5-4.

Merritt, last in the league's Interior Division with a 6-43-1 record, led throughout the game with period scores of 1-0 and 3-2.

"I thought we played well," said Merritt coach Chuck Papp. "Demarais' line did a good job of shutting down their top line. We got good goaltending and we're starting to play our system better. Our execution is better."

The Centennials also got goals from John Tent, and Mark Bogoslawski.

Shawn Harrison, Kelly Evin and Brent Mowery scored for Summerland, third in the division with a 28-22 record.

Merritt goaltender Norm Schwing stopped 37 shots while Summerland's Dean Garness made 48 saves.

In Burnaby, Rod Ware scored his second goal of the game at 17:33 of the third period to snap a 4-4 deadlock to give Langley Eagles the 5-4 win over the Blue Hawks. Ware earlier had scored the tying goal.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period but Burnaby led 4-2 by the end of the second.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Neil Reimer, with his 54th of the season, Joe West and Darrel Baskerville.

Burnaby was led by Jim Dupuis with two while singles came from Mike O'Brien and Brad Duggan.

Goalie Bryan Deeley stopped 29 shots for Burnaby and Scott Bradley made 28 saves in the Langley net.

The Eagles remain first in the Coastal Division with a 34-7-1 record while Burnaby is fifth at 15-26-1.

Juveniles clinch title

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps clinched first place in the Okanagan-Mainline League with a 7-4 win over Penticton, Thursday, in the Peach City.

Penticton took a 2-0 lead in the first period before Vernon got untracked.

Mark Holland led the Coke attack with two goals while Dale Danallanko, Bill Baron, Darren Haddow, Mark Duggan, and Brian Burns added singles. Gord Kashuba, Dave Marchand, and Danallanko had two assists each.

Jim Zakall, Charlie Lind, Jim Gould, and Gord Paulson countered for Penticton.

Vernon netminder Richard Potter was outstanding.

Penticton took 14 of 27 minor penalties and a 10-minute misconduct.

Vernon, which now has a record of 14-4-1, plays its final league game Saturday, in Kamloops.