



VERNON LAKERS' Ron Berezowski tries to backhand the puck past Salmon Arm goaltender Ralph Bechtold during action at the Civic Arena, Tuesday night.

Berezowski was one of three Lakers who put three goals past the Totems' netminder en route to a 20-4 victory by the local club. Berezowski is looking to

become the 12th Vernon player to score 20 goals this season in the BCJHL.

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VERNON SCORES 20 GOALS

Lakers blast Totems

Two teams showed up at the Vernon Civic Arena Tuesday night ... one came to play and one came to watch.

Vernon Lakers got three-goal performances from three different players as they totally humiliated Salmon Arm Totems 20-4.

The outburst set a team record for Lakers for most goals scored in a single game. The win leaves the local crew four points back of first place Penticton Knights, with one game in hand.

Dave Wensley, Rob Kossan and Ron Berezowski each notched a hat trick to pace the local squad with Wensley's total now standing at 42 while Kossan has 38.

Meanwhile, Greg Kowal and defenceman Jeff Doerr each scored twice.

Gavin Shuya, Nick Kapicki, Ken MacKenzie, Shannon Pohl, Al Young, Lamont Martel and Bruce

Major all contributed singles.

Kowal, with 19 goals, and Berezowski, with 17, have an opportunity to help Lakers set a record for most 20-goal scorers on a team. Ten Vernon players have already hit the 20-goal plateau.

Bob Wensley, kept off the scoresheet, contributed five assists. Kapicki added four assists while Dave Wensley, Kevin Kobelka, Kossan, and Kowal added three apiece.

The highly productive evening for Vernon gives the club a fair chance of doubling its goal production from the 1982-83 season.

For Totems, Theo VanGerwen scored twice with team scoring leader Paul Tory and Jim Klenk added one apiece.

Despite the apparent ease with which Lakers cruised over Totems, coach Mike Enemark felt his team was justified in not letting up on the

floundering Salmon Arm squad who were without a coach for the evening.

"It doesn't matter who it is now," said Enemark. "You don't let up at this point in the season ... personal records don't matter, keeping up your intensity does."

Lakers' intensity was maintained throughout the contest, except for the final seconds of the game when they allowed VanGerwen to walk in alone and beat rookie netminder Rich Potter for the final goal of the game.

Vernon led 6-1 after 20 minutes and padded its lead to 12-3 after two periods.

"We have to get some intensity — some momentum for the playoffs," said Enemark. "It's there if we want it."

Lakers have seven games remaining in their regular season, including six on the road. They have a fairly easy schedule with two games against Salmon Arm, two against



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Merritt, and one each against Revelstoke, Summerland and Penticton.

However, unless Penticton is the subject of a

monumental upset somewhere along the line, Lakers chances of overtaking the Peach City crew for first place in the Interior Division are little more than mathematical. Even if Lakers win their remaining seven outings, they would only tie Knights and with the latter holding the better record in personal matchups, they would be pronounced number one.

If Knights are upset at least once in their last six games, Vernon has a chance to take first place and home-ice advantage throughout the playoff schedule.

In the only other BCJHL action Tuesday night, on the Coast, third place Richmond Sockeyes trounced second place Nanaimo Clippers 8-3. The win moves Sockeyes to within two points of Clippers.

Steve Tuttle led the winners with three goals while Richard Novak had two.

Junior graduates headed for college



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Although the BCJHL season is not yet concluded a glance in retrospect, is warranted at this time along with some speculation for the future.

A look over the current Lakers' team roster and corresponding statistics reveals an impressive array of talented individuals. So many, in fact, that it's difficult to imagine any one player receiving more attention than another, yet through the course of the season several names have cropped up with more frequency than others.

And that goes for some other players in the league as well because youngsters like Brett Hull and Brent Demerais don't go unnoticed in anyone's books.

There is a general feeling around this sports department, and probably a half dozen others in the area, that the same names we so often read about in BCJHL exploits will be cropping up a few more years down the road.

On the local front there's Dave Wensley, Ken MacKenzie, Nick Kapicki, Rob Kossan, Jim Young, Glen Kirk, Bruce Major, Al Young and Kevin Kobelka who are all harbouring thoughts of attending university on scholarship programs some time in the near future.

U.S. SCHOOLS

Wensley and McKenzie have been courted by Wisconsin and Ohio Universities and will likely be playing for one of those teams next season. Kirk has been approached by the University of Alaska, Kossan and Kapicki by North Dakota, and Young by Wisconsin.

Kobelka and Al Young have both been approached, though nothing is concrete, either verbally or on paper, at this point.

At the same time, goal-scoring wizards Hull and Demerais are off to U.S. colleges next year as well and it's a safe bet the top players from the Coastal Division including Joe West, Ken Trousdell, and Randy Douville will be doing likewise.

What all this could mean is a new lease on life for Canada's future Olympic Hockey Team. All the above mentioned players would be seasoned university players by the time the 1988 Winter Olympics takes place in Calgary. What's more, they would all be eligible to compete for positions on that team.

Unlike Hull, Wensley, Kossan and MacKenzie haven't yet expressed a desire to play for the Canadian Olympic Team but given the opportunity would probably jump at it.

Hull has even gone as far as to publicly state that he will forsake any professional

contract offers during his college career in order to remain eligible for the Olympic squad. And no doubt those offers will be numerous.

In a recent article, at least one hockey authority blamed Team Canada's lack of experience and lack of scoring consistency for their faltering in the medal round.

TOP PROSPECT

With a fully mature Hull at the helm, it's doubtful the 1988 team would be lacking in this department. Considering Hull faces goaltenders like Vernon's Jim Young, whose 3.63 goals against average this year is comparable to anything in the major junior ranks, it's a safe bet the young sniper can continue his ways at the university level and in Olympic competition. Like they say, they don't make the nets any bigger in junior A.

Looking at it from another angle, with the exception of Doug Lidster, James Patrick and Pat Flatley few of the remaining members of Canada's current Olympic squad were little more than journeymen college players working hard under good coaching.

Given the same opportunities, there's no doubt in my mind that come the winter of 1988, at least several of the players mentioned here will be under Dave King's auspices.