

Wensley nears 100-point mark

Vernon Lakers' Dave Wensley made up for lost time by collecting 10 points, in four games, to move back into first place in team individual scoring statistics this week.

Wensley, who missed five games with a broken hand, collected three goals and three assists during last Tuesday's 20-4 trouncing of visiting Salmon Arm Totems to give him 98 points, based on 42 goals and 56 assists.

Meanwhile defenceman Ken MacKenzie, just 10 points shy of tying the BCJHL record for scoring by a defenceman had briefly moved to the head of the class in Wensley's absence. He has 23 goals and 73 assists for 96 points and is a whopping plus 73 in his plus-minus rating.

Kossan is moving ever closer to the 40-goal mark and will no doubt surpass both that margin and the 100-point plateau. Along with MacKenzie, Kossan is one of the only two on the team who have played in all 53 of the Lakers' games this season.

Lakers return to the ice Saturday, in Revelstoke.

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim	+/-
Dave Wensley	48	42	56	98	64	58
Ken MacKenzie	53	23	73	96	84	73
Rob Kossan	53	38	50	88	40	61
Nick Kapicki	47	23	55	78	133	42
Bob Wensley	37	38	38	76	221	48
Scott Young	38	34	39	73	144	32
Gavin Shuya	43	22	50	72	152	70
Bruce Major	52	25	33	58	42	20
Glen Kirk	52	21	34	55	53	39
Greg Kowal	46	19	36	55	37	41
Ron Berezowski	40	17	32	49	159	34
Jeff Doerr	46	13	36	49	116	25
Al Young	52	21	26	47	151	34
Kevin Kobelka	42	14	25	39	47	21
Shannon Pohl	23	10	16	26	48	30
Tony Christie	42	6	12	18	75	34
Lamont Martel	7	3	6	9	4	10
Chris Saunders	31	1	3	4	67	15
Peter Martin	12	0	2	2	4	—
Jim Young	25	0	1	1	12	—

GOAL SCORING WHIZ

Hull is a top prospect

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

The opportunity of fame and fortune in the National Hockey League lays waiting in the wings for Brett Hull, record-setting goal scorer in the BCJHL and son of former hockey great Bobby Hull.

As a hefty right winger who will score in excess of 90 goals in the British Columbia Junior A hockey circuit this season, Hull sticks out like a sore thumb in the eyes of pro scouts. And, as if his statistics don't speak enough for him, his hybrid hockey stock makes Hull a desirable prospect for most any pro club.

"Yes, he's a desirable draft choice," said Jack

Gordon, assistant general manager of Vancouver Canucks. "We have people who have looked him over and his reports are encouraging.

"On statistics alone I'd say he has a good chance at the second draft round."

The lure of the NHL also looms large on Hull's horizons . . . but the call is at least four years off as far as the 19-year-old scoring sensation is concerned.

Hull is presently on an unaltering course for the university hockey ranks where he plans to complete his education before he makes any plans for playing at the professional level.

"I'm definitely going to university," Hull said. "I haven't signed anything yet but I have a verbal agreement with Minnesota-Duluth."

Under college hockey scholarship programs, prospective players aren't signed until April, at which time Hull will put his signature on the line and mature, like fine wine, in the college ranks for at least four years.

"They can watch me in college," Hull quipped when asked what his reaction would be to a pro contract offer. "I'd rather be a free agent coming out of college anyway."

Hull is adamant about his future, and for good reasons. His two older brothers both harboured visions of making it in professional hockey and tried the major junior route. Both came to a dead end without a future in the education department.

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On top of the lessons learned from his brothers, Hull has also been influenced by both his parents whose express wishes are to see their third son earn a college degree sooner than professional sports accolades.

Hull's road to stardom has been brief and explosive. In the 1982-83 season, his first in junior A



BRETT HULL
... breaks record

hockey, the burly winger managed 106 points . . . enough to lead Penticton Knights in the individual scoring department and draw some attention to the connection between his ability and his name. As a 19-year-old with the Knights, however, Hull has blossomed into something just this side of spectacular. Having played just 5 games, he has amassed an incredible 86 goals and 165 points . . . enough to already eclipse Cliff Ronning's 1982-83 record of 83 goals and enough points to be a serious threat to John Newberry's record total of 183.

Bear in mind that Ronning has transferred his

scoring talent from the Junior A ranks to the major junior ranks without losing any of his magic while Newberry became a second round draft choice of Montreal Canadiens and has split his time lately between duty with the Habs and their American League affiliate, in Nova Scotia.

Therefore, it's safe to assume Hull's ability could be useful just about anywhere.

"Let's face it, you don't score 86 goals without knowing something," said Gordon of Hull's goal-scoring exploits this season. "Certainly the genes are there . . . it will be interesting."

Despite his success at turning on the red light this season Hull feels it hasn't been easy for him.

"I don't think it's been getting any easier," said Hull. I have been shooting better lately though."

Hull puts Vernon Lakers at the top of his list as the team most difficult to score against, though he has managed a good number against the local squad as well.

"Vernon is probably the toughest team to score against," he said. "It's been a very competitive league all season . . . much better than last year."

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Only a small percentage of visitors to Silver Star are expected to take advantage of the t-bar tickets. However, MacLachlan said it is important the mountain meets the need of all skiers.

"We want to make it possible for everyone to enjoy a day with us," he said.