

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Lakers rally to dump Bucks

Vernon Lakers took two teams to Summerland, Tuesday, and defeated the Buckaroos 4-2.

In the first 30 minutes, the squad that dropped an 8-5 decision to Revelstoke Rangers last Saturday, fell behind the Buckaroos 2-0. In the final 30 minutes, the club that will face Summerland in the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs outscored the Bucks 4-0.

Brent Harrison gave Summerland a 1-0 lead in the first period and Ron Lyver scored early in the second period to move the Bucks in front 2-0. Lakers battled back to tie the game after 40 minutes and scored twice in the third period.

"We played poorly in Revelstoke and that style continued right into our play in Summerland," said Lakers' General manager Carl Enemark. "Buckaroos came out fired up and we weren't ready. They (Summerland) know they're probably going to face us in the first round of the playoffs and they wanted to prove something."

In the final 30 minutes, Lakers decided they had a point to prove. Bob Wensley

led the Vernon attack with two goals while brother Dave added a single. The third member of that line, Rob Kossan, rounded out Lakers' scoring.

Summerland netminder Mark Taylor made 32 saves while Peter Martin stopped 19 for Vernon.

With five games remaining in the regular season, Lakers trail first place Penticton Knights by six points. Bucks have clinched third place.

Enemark said, "We have to be realistic . . . we're probably going to finish second and play Summerland. So, it was important we had a good game against them."

Four players, including Vernon's Scott Young and Shannon Pohl, were ejected for fighting in separate incidents.

Lakers return to the ice Thursday night, in Merritt. On Friday, Lakers entertain Salmon Arm Totems, at 8 p.m.

In other action Tuesday, defenceman Eric Furlamb scored in sudden-death overtime to give Abbotsford Flyers a 10-9 victory over Burnaby Bluehawks. Also on the coast, Langley Eagles stopped Richmond Sockeyes 7-3.