

Lakers bombed by hometown Knights

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If there's a team that's going to beat Pentiction Knights it's not in the BCJHL, and it's certainly not the Vernon Lakers!

With first place in the BCJHL Interior Division on the line Tuesday night

in Pentiction, the two teams took to the ice... one came to play while the other came to watch. With Knights easily winning the contest 11-5 it's not too difficult to tell which was which.

FIRST PLACE
The win gave Knights first place in the Interior Division and a first round series against Revelstoke Rangers in the upcoming playoffs. Lakers, second place winners in the Interior, will take on Summerland Buckaroos. Both series begin Friday night.

Tuesday's game was strictly no contest. In fact on any given night, Pentiction could have gotten a tougher battle from Merritt Centennials.

Lakers' strategy was supposedly to tie up scoring sensation Brett Hull. However, it took the high-flying Hull just two shifts

his first two of the game, to establish a new BCJHL scoring record. Hull scored on his first possession, beating Lakers' defenceman Gavin Shuya on the outside and putting a tremendous backhand drive past Lakers' goaltender Jim



Lakers' Rob Kossan tries to jam the puck past Pentiction goaltender Mike Jefferey during one of Vernon's few

good scoring opportunities Tuesday night in Pentiction. Kossan did manage to score once but the local club was

outclassed 11-5 by the Knights led by the high-flying Brett Hull who contributed four goals and two assists.

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CANADIAN BRIER CHAMPIONSHIP

Saskatchewan champs heat up as pair of rinks get burned

VICTORIA (CP) — When you're hot, someone's likely to be burned.

In the case of Gary Bryden and his Saskatchewan champions at the Canadian men's curling

championship, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories were the victims Tuesday.

Following a first-game loss Sunday, the 40-year-old Regina teacher has been rolling along at the

Labatt Briar and was in high gear against Jeff Thomas of St. John's, Nfld., 10-1, and Al Delmage of Yellowknife, 11-2, to move alone into second place.

Bryden, at 4-1, trails the

Arnie Dobson foursome from Saint John, whose New Brunswick rink saw its four-game winning streak end in the Tuesday morning draw but still sits atop the 12-rink standings with a 5-1 mark following an 8-5 win over Wayne Matheson of Prince Edward Island in the afternoon.

New Brunswick drew the bye for Tuesday night's eighth round, which put much of the spotlight on Bryden.

"Things rolled for us today," Bryden understated following his win over the Territories. "The other teams were in pressure situations and they had to press for points."

"If it works, it works and they come out with something. If it doesn't work for them, we end up with a bunch."

OTHER RESULTS

The results heading into this morning's ninth round of play have New Brunswick and Saskatchewan being trailed by Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba, all at 4-2. Prince Edward Island is 3-2, Ontario 3-3, Northern Ontario 2-3, Quebec 2-4, Nova Scotia 1-4 and Newfoundland and the Territories 1-5.

In other Tuesday night play, defending champion Ed Werenich, with most of his big matches behind him, climbed back into contention when Ontario beat Newfoundland 8-5; B.C.'s Bernie Sparkes of Vancouver topped Rollie Paquin of Lachine, Que., 6-3; Mike Riley of Winnipeg won over Ragnar Kamp of New Glasgow, N.S., 7-2; and Wayne Matheson of Charlottetown led Prince Edward Island over Northern Ontario champ Gord McKnight of New Liskeard, 8-6.

Dobson and Alberta's Ed Lukowich had the bye.

The other seventh-round scores were: Alberta 11, Quebec 2; Manitoba 5, Northern Ontario 4; Territories 7, Nova Scotia 6. In the morning, the Werenich rink, representing Toronto Avonlea, stopped Dobson's run, 8-4, while British Columbia romped 10-2 over Alberta.

Despite his recent surge, Bryden admitted there was still room to manoeuvre in the bid for playoff spots when the preliminary round ends Friday. The first-place team earns a berth into Sunday's final, while the second- and third-place teams meet in a semifinal Saturday.

If, at the end of the round robin several teams are tied for the playoff placings, tie-breakers will be played Friday night and Saturday morning if necessary.

TEAM TO WATCH?

Earlier in the day, Lukowich predicted Saskatchewan — a darkhorse in the tournament — was hot and could be the team to watch.

"We're still a long way

away from Friday," Bryden said. "But Eddie and I go back a long time."

"We played each other in provincial finals in Saskatchewan when Eddie was in Grade 9 and about three-feet high."

He said making the playoffs was the rink's first goal, but he had some reservations about leading the pack.

"You almost hope you don't come No. 1, because the guy who does is at a disadvantage playing against someone who's played Saturday. But we'll take any spot in the playoffs."

Dobson, at 51 the oldest player in the championships, said the loss to Ontario probably served to strengthen his team's character.

"Eddie Werenich — that's a big rink, they're the world's best," Dobson said of the setback to the 1983 Brier and world champions. "To lose 8-4 and him making a tremendous shot in the ninth to pick up three doesn't make us feel upset at all."

"In fact, I hope I charged Ed up... so that he can hang in here, get in a playdown and maybe win this thing again."

VICTORIA (CP) — Canadian men's curling championship results Tuesday.

Sixth Round
N.B. 000 200 020 x-4
Ontario 111 001 103 x-1

Alberta 001 000 01x x-2
B.C. 310 021 20x x-10

Byes: Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario, P.E.I., Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Territories.

Seventh Round
Nfld. 000 000 01x x-1
Sask. 201 221 01x x-10

Quebec 000 100 01x x-2
Alberta 220 021 03x x-11

N.B. 010 301 000 0-5
P.E.I. 002 010 211 x-1

N. Ont. 001 010 100 10-4
Manitoba 010 101 010 01-5

N. Ont. 201 001 020 0-6
Terr. 020 100 300 1-7

Bye: B.C. and Ontario.

Eighth Round
Terr. 000 100 01x x-2
Sask. 222 021 30x x-11

N.S. 010 000 01x x-3
Manitoba 102 101 20x x-7

P.E.I. 011 030 200 1-5
N. Ont. 100 102 020 0-6

Ontario 000 220 030 x-8
Nfld. 001 001 102 x-5

Quebec 000 020 010 x-3
B.C. 000 301 002 x-6

Bye: New Brunswick and Alberta.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1979

Enderby's Mark Friebe captured the bantam boys' singles title at the British Columbia Youth Bowling Council Championships held over the weekend in Prince George.

Vernon Canadians lost a 6-5 heartbreaker to Kamloops Rockets Wednesday night after two overtime periods. Rockets won the best-of-seven series 4-2 and now meet Merritt Centennials in the BCJHL semi-finals.

Young from the top of the faceoff circle.

TIED RECORD

That point tied John Newberry's scoring record of 183 points. On his next possession, Hull drew the defence to him, found center Rod Schluter all alone at the side of Vernon's net, fed him a pass and Schluter tipped it under Young's pads for a 2-0 lead. That point established Hull as the new BCJHL all-time scoring leader.

The third son of the legendary Bobby Hull went on to score three more times and set up one other for six points on the night.

PATHTIC

Lakers were pathetic in all areas of their game. They never completed a dozen passes in the whole game. At the same time, Knights performed like a well-oiled machine.

Mike Barzal gave Pentiction a 3-0 lead at 8:21 on Knights' first power-play opportunity before Lakers' Lamont Martel popped in a rebound, on a goalmouth scramble, to put Vernon on the scoreboard.

Knights put the game out of reach before the period was half over as Hull and then Schluter scored their second goals of the game to give the hometown crew a 5-1 lead.

Glen Kirk narrowed the score to 5-2 at 19:10 of the opening stanza when he finished an end-to-end

rush by flipping the puck into the open side of Mike Jefferey's net.

HAT-TRICK

Hull completed his hat-trick and added to his BCJHL record in that department as well just 56 seconds into the second period.

Rob Kossan cut the lead in half at 2:55 when he backhanded a rebound past Jefferey.

Hull countered Kossan's goal with his fourth of the game while Shuya closed out the second period scoring on a power-play situation.

INSURMOUNTABLE

Third period belonged to Pentiction as they scored four consecutive goals to take an insurmountable lead. Three of those goals came in a span of just 20 seconds with Barzal, Murray Winnicki, and Todd Brost tallying at 13:32, 13:40, and 13:52, respectively.

Nick Kapicki's goal at 14:41 rounded out the scoring for the game.

Lakers goaltending duo of Jim Young and Peter Martin combined to make 24 saves while Jefferey was called on to block 26 shots in the Vernon nets.

Lakers close their regular season Thursday night when they travel to Salmon Arm in a game that will mean nothing to the standings. Lakers open their Interior Division semi-final against Summerland Friday night in Vernon.

Difficult times for the Cougars

Nothing has been easy this season for Vernon Cougars Intermediate Hockey Team and it appears that things aren't going to get any easier in the future.

After facing some of the toughest opposition ever during their 17-game all-exhibition season this year, Cougars find themselves short of cash heading into the Coy Cup playoffs.

Cougars are so financially troubled, in fact, that they may have to call it quits before their series with the winner of the Powell River Reagls-Chilliwack Royals begins. This would be a shame as far as coach Gary Swanson is concerned.

"It's pointless to have come this far and have to stop," said a disappointed Swanson.

Although Cougars haven't drawn the type of crowd support this season that they need to make ends meet, the real cruncher came recently when they hosted the Vancouver Canucks Oldtimers.

"We lost our shirts on the Canucks Oldtimers," said Swanson. "If we can't raise the money we can't go on."

Swanson estimates the club needs about \$2500 to travel to either Powell River or Chilliwack for a weekend series.

Cougars chances of going all the way to the Coy Cup are excellent this season having won seven games, lost five and tied five in their 17-game season. That season included four games against the tough Quesnel kangaroos during which Cougars earned a pair of ties in Quesnel, but dropped two decisions in Vernon.

In the individual scoring department, Terry Lowe led the club throughout the season scoring an incredible 29 goals and adding 24 assists for 53 points. Veteran player Gary Gilchrist was second with 17 goals, 16 assists and 33 points in just 12 games.

Here are the statistics for Vernon Cougars:

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim
Lowe	15	29	24	53	27
Gilchrist	12	17	16	33	42
Randy Conley	13	8	19	27	41
Bennett	17	5	14	19	2
Danchuk	11	6	12	18	47
Schneider	16	3	14	17	45
Thygeson	6	5	9	14	4
Chapman	17	4	9	13	36
Cam	15	6	9	11	33
Burns	15	3	6	9	24
Burns	5	3	5	8	10
Ron Conley	6	5	2	7	8
Munk	7	5	2	7	0
Gaudi	10	0	4	4	10
Batty	2	1	1	2	6
Road	4	0	2	2	25
Johnson	2	0	1	1	4



NICE CATCH

Ron Reiter and his daughter, Jessica, are happy about the results of their Sunday fishing outing at the Cook Creek pool, on the Lower Shuswap River, east of Enderby. In four hours of fishing, the Reiter family beached a dozen mountain whitefish. Anglers generally are making good catches of mountain whitefish on the Shuswap River as the fish continue their spring migration up the river. They feed actively on aquatic insect larvae found on the river bottom, but have a very light strike and the successful angler must pay careful attention to his line. Ron Reiter said he enjoyed the flakey white flesh of the whitefish prepared in a variety of ways, but his favorite was to fillet the meat and dep fry it in batter.

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JUDD'S JOURNAL

Exploding Mike's myths

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I've already resigned myself to the fact that there won't be any travelling to the coast this season to cover junior hockey.

Pentiction Knights are going to be the BCJHL champions and that's that.

In addition to having a well-balanced, talented hockey club, Pentiction plays every match with intensity, enthusiasm, pride and, above all else, co-ordination.

Vernon Lakers are the total antithesis of Knights however. Lakers attempt to win big games with a few individual efforts, throw team-play totally out the window, and in clutch situations turn in to putty at the hands of an experienced hockey club.

It wasn't supposed to be this way, or so Lakers' coach Mike Enemark has insinuated from the very beginning. Throughout the season the youthful junior coach has felt secure by maintaining a lot of myths... some of which are due to be exploited for his sake as well as everyone else.

"We've got an older, more experienced hockey club and that's going to pay off for us come playoff time." — Mike Enemark.

There's one of the myths, now here's the facts.

With the playoffs now in the wind Pentiction Knights look like a club built of solid veteran hockey players. They have the ability to press for a lead and play a well-disciplined defensive game in order to maintain that lead. In most of their home games against Vernon this season their outward appearance has been as grown men playing with boys... most especially apparent in Lakers 11-5 loss Tuesday night.

Truth be known, the opposite of what Enemark thinks is true at this point. It's Knights who look like the older, more experienced club and the Lakers who look like the inexperienced kids.

"If we get a two or three goal lead on them (Knights) they'll panic and fall right apart." — Mike Enemark

There's the myth, here's the fact.

There's only been one occasion when Lakers have had any such three goal lead on Pentiction this year and although it's debatable whether or not Knights folded their tents, Lakers did manage to win 8-3. I suppose Rick Kozuback and his horde decided run away and fight another day.

In the eight occasions Pentiction has beaten Vernon this season, Lakers have never been able to overcome as much as

a one-goal lead by Knights. Tuesday night they never got within three goals with the exception of the few brief minutes before the game began.

"I feel we've got the best goaltending duo in the BCJHL." — Mike Enemark.

For reasons unknown to even me, I'll spare Jim Young as much humiliation as possible by saying that Tuesday night he had little or no chance on most of the goals that went by him. Young, however, much like his patriate, Peter Martin, are a pair of "fair-weather" goaltenders. The big saves are there when there's nothing on the line. In 35 shots Tuesday night, Knights put 11 goals past Lakers formidable duo. One of these came from just inside the center line when a Pentiction player was attempting to dump the puck into Vernon's zone.

Maybe if they were playing the game with beachballs... I could go on but no doubt you have the drift by now.

It's unfortunate that at this point in the season the Lakers' have a coach who still feels the season can be won on myths and misconceptions. Any coach who's worth his salt knows games are won by hard work, discipline and determination.

Is there still hope? Against my better judgement I'll say yes but it will mean a total reversion to hockey basics.

For one thing, the best offense has always been a good defence... always has, always will. What's the point of being able to score 10 goals in a game if you're going to allow the other team 11? Lakers' forwards have to learn to stick to their checks like glue. They have to forecheck and back-check every minute of every shift. The defence have to stand the puck carriers up at the blueline, clear the front of the net and, heaven forbid, block the occasional shot before it even gets to the goaltender.

The goaltenders have to stay on their feet, come out to block the angles and quit giving up rebounds.

Above all, the team has to start playing as a single unit.

Another few preparations... learn who you're playing against. Half the Lakers don't know who even plays for Pentiction. Brett Hull scores virtually all will because Lakers defence still don't know that he likes to shoot for the far corners. Some probably don't know which hand he shoots.

Do some homework!

There's still a spark of hope but it all boils down to the fact that you can't win games on a reputation... the bigger you are, the harder you fall.

die ouster of the two teams as they play Langley High, T. L. Poppy High, and Mountain, of Langley. The latter team is preparing for a trip to Wales so should be formidable opponents.

Juniors, meanwhile, under coach Marty Stein, will play a pair of games against teams in the area.

VSS rugby teams traveling to coast

Vernon Senior Secondary School's junior and senior rugby teams will get their first taste of action this weekend and the whole lot travels to the Coast to play teams in that area.

The senior team, under the coaching of Terry White and Roger Scales, will be