

SIXTH GAME TONIGHT

Lakers edge Bucks

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Vernon Lakers once again staved off elimination at the hands of Summerland Buckaroos in their best-of-seven BCJHL quarter-final series by hammering out a narrow 4-3 victory over the Bucks at Vernon Civic arena Wednesday night.

Lakers who dropped the first three games of the series, now trail Summerland 3-2.

Shannon Pohl's

deflected shot from directly in front of Summerland goaltender Mark Taylor gave Vernon the victory at 13:02 of the third period, just one minute, and 37 seconds after Brent Harrison had pulled the Bucks even when he connected on a two-on-one break.

Pohl's goal came as a result of some great work in the slot area by sturdy Allan Young who fended off two checkers, passed to defenceman Glen Kirk at the point and it was

Kirk's shot which afforded Pohl the opportunity to get the blade of his stick in the way.

Although the contest was closer than either Vernon Lakers or Coach Mike Enemark would have liked, the local club carried the play throughout most of the game. Once again the stalwart goaltending of Taylor saved the Bucks from losing by a larger margin.

As has been the case in

all but one game to date, Bucks opened the scoring at 13:55 of the first period when Doug Knowler beat Peter Martin from outside the blue line with a hard slapshot along the ice. Martin caught a piece of the drive but the momentum carried the puck into the far corner of the net.

Lakers didn't get on the board until 19:07 of the opening stanza when Ron Berezowski slipped a weak shot through the feet of Taylor during a goalmouth scramble.

Lakers took a 2-1 lead at 4:55 of the second frame when Dave Wensley beat Taylor high on the glove side with a hard wrist-shot. Bucks tied the game again at 17:32 when Wade Carlson, taking advantage of some sloppy play by Lakers in their defensive zone, drilled a shot along the ice past Martin from the high slot area.

Rob Kossan restored Vernon's lead once again at 9:23 of the third period when he jammed a loose puck by Taylor on another scramble.

However, Summerland squared the game for the last time at 11:25 with Albert Anthony's pass sending Harrison in alone.

The victory once again lifted the hopes and spirits of Lakers although Enemark felt the margin of victory should have been greater.

"If we could just score a few goals," Enemark said. "Sooner or later they've got to start coming for us."

Enemark was also quick to praise the Bucks for their ability to capitalize on giveaways by his club.

"We have to cut out the wide passes and hold our men off at the face-offs," Enemark said. "We keep making those mistakes and they (Bucks) have been capitalizing on them every time."

Game six of the series takes place tonight in Summerland where once again Lakers are faced with the formidable task of avoiding elimination by winning on the other team's home-ice. Enemark, however, is confident the team's momentum is back now and that Lakers can win in Summerland.

"We have to come out with the same intensity," suggested Enemark. "We have to take our time and come back on these guys ... we'll keep playing it one game at a time."

Meanwhile, in other BCJHL playoff action Wednesday night, Penticton Knights clobbered Revelstoke Rangers 10-6 to win their best-of-seven quarter final series four games to one.

On the Coast, Langley Eagles also won their series 4-1, stopping Abbotsford Flyers 9-4.

In Penticton, Brett Hull, Arron Scott and Greg Cyr each scored twice for the Knights, who led 4-0 after the first period and 8-1 going into the third.

For the Rangers, Verne Kinley scored twice.

Penticton goalie Mike Jeffrey made 31 saves. Mark Fitzpatrick and Frank Romeo shared the Revelstoke goaltending, with a total of 46 stops.

The Knights will meet the winner of the Summerland-Vernon series. **EAGLES 9 FLYERS 4**

In Langley, Joe West led the attack for the Eagles with four goals. Langley led Abbotsford 3-1 at the end of the first period and 5-3 at the end of the second.

Fred Ledlin added a pair, while Chris Crosman scored twice for Abbotsford.

Al Loring stopped 29 shots in the Abbotsford goal, while Scott Bradley blocked 28 for Langley.



VERNON LAKERS' forward Greg Kowal, left, gets a rough ride along the boards from a Summerland defender during B.C. Junior Hockey League playoff action,

Wednesday, at the Civic Arena. Kowal and his team-mates avoided elimination by edging Buckaroos 4-3. Summerland still leads the series 3-2 and hosts the sixth game tonight. (Daily News Photo)