

# Lakers lead junior loop

Vernon Lakers moved into first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division with a 6-5 win over Revelstoke Ragners, Thursday, in Revelstoke.

The unbeaten Lakers have seven points, one more than Penticton Knights. However, Penticton has a game-in-hand.

Veteran Greg Kowal led Lakers' attack with two goals while Tony Christie, Nick Kapicki, Randy Keller, and Brad Boulton added singles.

Dave Millen, acquired this week from Sidney Capitals, assisted on four of the six Vernon goals.

Bryant Perrier replied with three goals for Rangers while Rick Turgeon and Brent Kilpatrick added singles.

Lakers never trailed in the game and built two-goal leads on three occasions. However, the pesky Rangers kept battling back.

"They've got a good club," said Lakers' President Carl Enemark. "Revelstoke is big ... and they hit hard."

Kowal, in his third season with Lakers, was a sparkplug for his club. He took several bodychecks, but continued to work hard in the corners.

Millen, who represented Capitals in last season's BCJHL all-star game, was also a standout. "It is hard to believe he (Millen) hasn't been on the ice much this season," Enemark said. "He was the best player on the ice in Revelstoke. He is going to be a big help to us."

Revelstoke goalie Frank Romeo made 38 saves while Vernon's Jim Young kicked out 25 shots.

Lakers don't get much time to heal their bumps and bruises. The local squad meets the Buckaroos tonight, in Summerland, and hosts Salmon Arm Totems, Saturday night.

Enemark said, "At times, it seemed like Rangers were trying to goon our younger guys. Luckily we got out of there without any serious injuries and we'll be at 100 per cent tonight."

Prior to Thursday's game, Lakers released defenceman Tony Toth. The 17-year-old rearguard is expected to join the Vernon Juvenile Reps.



GREG KOWAL  
... scored twice

In other BCJHL action Thursday, Burnaby Bluehawks doubled Nanaimo Clippers 6-3.

In Burnaby, Paul Bifano, Corky Parkes, Pat Austin, Gord MacInnes, Glen Engevik, and James Burnett scored for Bluehawks.

Wade Michelenko, Mitch Poulin, and Carey Coroy replied for the Clippers.

In other BCJHL play tonight, Revelstoke travels to Penticton and Nanaimo visits Langley.

## Club rallies in third

Club 2929 scored four unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Sports Page Loggers 6-2 in Winfield Men's Commercial Hockey League action, Thursday.

Club 2929 leads the loop with two victories, in as many outings.

Jeff Vest, Willie Madden, Jim Sparrow, Randy Loski, Bob Green, and Rick Muchowski were the marksmen for the winners. Gene Anderson collected two assists.

Mike O'Neil and Dave Lauth replied for Loggers.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 2-2 after 40 minutes. Green broke the deadlock at 4:45 of the third period and his teammates later added three insurance goals.

Loggers took five of nine minor penalties.