

Tough trip for Lakers

Vernon Lakers embark on the most gruelling road trip of the B.C. Junior Hockey League season, Thursday.

Lakers will play four games, in four nights, against clubs in the league's Coast Division. Vernon visits Burnaby Bluehawks, Langley Eagles, Abbotsford Flyers, and Richmond Sockeyes on consecutive nights.

Vernon's toughest tests are expected to be against Langley and Richmond, who currently share first place on the Coast. Eagles defeated Sockeyes 6-4, Tuesday, to move into a tie for top spot.

Two Vernon minor hockey products lead Richmond, and the division, in scoring. Henry Reimer, who spent the 1983-84 season with Salmon Arm Totems, leads the loop with 25 points, including 13 goals.

Centre Bruce Major, who played with Lakers last year, is second in scoring after Tuesday's game with 21 points, including 13 goals. Major scored three times in the loss to Langley and now shares the goal scoring



BRUCE MAJOR
... 13 goals

lead with Reimer.

Both players spent the 1982-83 season with Vernon Midget Reps before jumping to the BCJHL.

Meanwhile, in another BCJHL game Tuesday, nanaimo Clippers clobbered the lowly Sidney Capitals 10-5. Clippers fired 64 shots at Sidney netminder Tim Renton.

Local player sparks Wings

Two long-time friends and former teammates clashed in a Western Hockey League game, Tuesday, in Kelowna.

Brent Gilchrist and Jeff Finley, who played minor hockey and lacrosse together in Vernon for several years, were on opposing teams Tuesday.

Gilchrist, in his second season with Kelowna Wings, scored twice to help his club trounce Finley and the struggling Portland Winter Hawks 11-2. Finley, a defenceman, was held scoreless.

Gilchrist joined Wings prior to the 1983-84 campaign after one season with Vernon Midget Reps. Finley also spent one year in midget before joining Portland's tier two affiliate, Summerland Buckaroos, last season.

Darren Cota had his second four-goal game of the season to pace the Wings. The 18-year-old right winger now has a league-leading total of eight goals to go with two assists. Terry Zapozan added six assists as Kelowna led 5-0 and 9-1 by periods.

Wings lead the WHL's Western Division with a 3-1 record.

In other games Tuesday, Saskatoon Blades downed Prince Albert Raiders 8-6 and Victoria Cougars whipped Calgary Wranglers 11-5.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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Vernon Cougars have 25 men to choose from when the club meets Grindrod Elks in the North Okanagan Hockey League game

opener tonight in Enderby. Winger Fred Perepolkin became the 25th player when he practiced with the team Wednesday night.

Fulton girls ranked eighth

Despite the fact Clarence Fulton Girls' Volleyball Team has played in just one tournament this season, the team's drop in provincial high school A rankings from first to eighth place this week is unfair according to Fulton Coach Cyril Foster.

Fulton, formerly ranked number one among A girls' volleyball teams in the province, now finds itself ranked eighth while another school, which Vernon defeated in round-robin play during a tournament in Sutherland recently, has advanced to fifth place where it formerly was unranked.

The situation is rather irritating to Foster, but in the same breath understandable.

"It's sort of ironic that we'd drop to eighth place when we beat Mt. Sentinel in the round-robin of that

tournament (Sutherland)" said Foster. "But we haven't been in any tournaments since so they don't really know what our strength is... the rankings are still based on our team from last year."

"We beat them (Mt. Sentinel) in the round robin at Sutherland but the guy who ranks the teams also coaches Mount Sentinel."

Foster, meanwhile, feels a much clearer picture will emerge once the UBC invitational Volleyball Tournament is completed, this weekend, in Vancouver.

"After UBC you'll see the rankings change drastically," Foster explained. "The only thing is that Prince George will be missing."

Foster feels the Prince George squad, formerly ranked number two in the

province, has a strong club and that a second place ranking befits their team. The Central Interior school is presently ranked fourth.

Foster and his Fulton girls will be in action Friday evening and Saturday during the UBC classic and he is looking to have a good tournament despite at least one slight drawback.

An injury to middle blocker and setter Lisa Hague, although not serious, could hamper the club slightly.

"That'll hurt us a little but if she (Hague) can hang in there we'll do quite well," said Foster. "If we can place in the top 12, I'll be happy because there are a lot of AA teams in our pool."

In the provincial high school girls' volleyball rankings among AA teams, Vernon girls dropped to sixth place.

Tired pitcher left on mound

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The statistics showed that starting pitcher Mark Thurmond of San Diego Padres should have been tiring, but Thurmond, pitching coach Norm Sherry and manager Dick Williams tried to ignore the stats.

The numbers didn't lie Tuesday night, and a weary Thurmond served up a two-run fifth-inning homer to Larry Herndon that gave Detroit Tigers a 3-2 victory over the Padres in the first game of baseball's World Series.

The decision to leave Thurmond in was a curious one. The left-hander had thrown 111 pitches in the 42-3 innings that preceded Herndon's blast, which also scored Larry Parrish, who had doubled.

"I knew I'd thrown a lot of pitches, but I didn't feel like I'd lost that much velocity on my fastball," said Thurmond, who was 14-8 with a 2.97 earned run average during the season. "I threw him a fastball, but it didn't go where I wanted it to."

"I really feel bad. I probably wouldn't have pitched past the fifth inning, anyway. I threw 117 pitches in five innings; normally, I throw maybe 90 or 100 in an entire game. I got behind Larry 3-1, and he was looking away, and that's where I threw it."

The warning signals seemed clear enough. Thurmond, who was touched for seven hits and four runs in 32-3 playoff innings against Chicago Cubs last week, was in trouble in every inning but the second.

PICKOFFS HELP

He gave up four hits and a run in the first, and the Tigers stranded two runners in both the third and fourth innings. Thurmond would have been in deeper trouble but for a pair of deft pickoff moves that caught Detroit runners breaking for second base, resulting in easy outs.

JUDD'S JOURNAL

Enemark winning battle... so far

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

In a metaphorical sense, Mike Enemark could be likened to a duck on the water heading upstream... he's floating on the surface but underneath he's paddling like crazy.

The metaphor reflects the image of Enemark, head coach of Vernon Lakers Junior Hockey Club, smooth as silk on the outside but inside he's waging a constant battle of nerves and emotions and, as his hockey club keeps winning, it's a battle against the pressure of failing.

But so far it's been a winning battle for the former junior star, come coach, and if present conditions prevail throughout the BCJHL season, the local mentor could be in line for a coach of the year citation.

He'd get one from me at any rate!

WON FOUR

A quick review of Lakers' regular season activities to this point shows they have won four, lost one and tied one in six starts. In baseball jargon, that computes to about 750 percentage-wise which in any man's books is pretty good hockey. The percentage figure is based on a perfect home record and a .500 road record.

Just for the record, the efforts produced by Enemark and his merry band have been good enough to vault them into second place... just a little shy of first and a

healthy, if not comfortable margin, ahead of third place. The only other teams in the Interior Division, playing above .500 are Summerland, Merritt, and Penticton, which leads the Interior loop.

Revelstoke Rangers, originally considered by many to be one of the teams to beat this season, have just one win in their first six games while Salmon Arm Totems have only a win and a tie.

HUMBLE PIE

It all boils down to one thing. A lot of people have a healthy helping of humble pie coming their way and I'm big enough to admit that one of the larger slices belongs on my plate.

Some pre-season predictions floating around this newsroom had Lakers finishing the season in fourth or fifth place with a record that was to have been well short of .500 winning percentage. In fact, after watching the local club stumble through a lacklustre exhibition schedule in which they earned only a single point in five games, I felt winning a dozen games for the entire season was about the only goal within their grasp.

Based on what we've seen so far this season, it's hard to imagine why a team with a bundle of talent such as Lakers had last season, failed to win the division title. However, last season was a lot different as far as players' attitudes are concerned.



Last season a lot of players were resentful of Enemark as a coach. This season the club, in general, has a lot healthier attitude towards the man who is to lead them out of the wilderness and into junior hockey respectability.

Had the club possessed the kind of attitude last year that they seem to have this year, things might have been different... a lot different!

Nobody on the present club, least of all Enemark, denies the fact that last year's talent-laden club was weighted down by dissention among the ranks. That internal division meant that a lot of energy which could have been directed towards playing the game was being channelled into other, less rewarding, past times.

ATTITUDE

Enemark is convinced that his present team bears no resemblance in the dressing room to the squad he coached last year. However, while that may be true, it's also true that his present club bears little resemblance to last year's club on the ice either.

So what's the difference? Obviously it's the attitude of the players... individually none really stand out from the rest, but collectively they're a fairly tough bunch.

Mike Enemark may still be paddling up the creek, but at least there's nobody rocking the boat.



VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Tuesday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League:

STANDINGS

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Richmond	5	2	0	10
Langley	4	1	0	8
Burnaby	3	2	0	6
Nanaimo	3	4	0	6
Sidney	1	5	0	2
Abbotsford	0	4	0	0

Interior Division

Penticton	5	0	0	10
Vernon	4	1	1	9
Summerland	3	3	0	6
Salmon Arm	2	2	1	5
Merritt	2	1	0	4
Revelstoke	1	6	0	2

SCORING

Coastal

	G	A	Pts
Riemer, Rich	13	11	24
Major, Rich	10	8	18
Poulin, Nan	8	7	15
Ruppel, Lan	5	10	15
Ginetti, Bby	1	13	14
Basco, Lan	8	5	13
Coroy, Nan	6	7	13
Dietrich, Bby	5	7	12
Ware, Lan	6	5	11
McFaul, Abb	4	7	11

Interior

Murphy, Pen	4	10	14
Beddard, Sum	9	4	13
Winnicki, Pen	4	8	12
Shields, Pen	2	9	11
Mowery, Sum	2	9	11
Perrier, Rev	7	3	10
Pettyjohn, Sum	3	7	10
Kidd, Pen	3	7	10

GOALTENDING

Coastal

	Min	GA	Ave
Jacks, Nan	120	52	2.50
Findlater, Lan	239	15	3.77
Palmer, Lan	60	4	4.00
Pencer, Rich	179	12	4.02
Furlan, Nan	120	9	4.50
King, Rich	241	25	6.22

Interior

Schwing, Mer	60	3	3.00
Fry, SA	130	8	3.69
Pizzey, Pen	144	9	3.75
McPhail, Pen	120	8	4.00
Young, Ver	263	18	4.11
Fairlie, Sum	186	13	4.19