

Lakers split on Coast trip

Rod Philpot broke a 2-2 tie in the second period and Bill Adams added an insurance marker in the third stanza to give Richmond Sockeyes a 4-2 decision over Vernon Lakers, Sunday night, in Richmond.

Lakers, who played four games in four nights against Coast Division teams, earned a split despite the loss Sunday and returned to Vernon securely in second place in the BCJHL Interior Division with a record of six wins, three losses and a tie.

Saturday night, Lakers scored three power-play tallies in 34 seconds en route to a 5-3 victory over Burnaby Bluehawks. Vernon's Wes Gentles scored twice and defenceman Tony Christie added a single during the three-goal flurry while Brad Boulton and captain Greg Kowal had singles earlier in the contest.

Frank Dutoff and Tony Christie had the goals for Vernon against Richmond.

Vernon's road record remains at .500 at this point in the season with the local club, earning three wins and a tie in seven games on the road. Coupled with three home-ice victories, lakers have 13 points



TONY CHRISTIE
... keeps scoring

in 10 games and trail front-running Pen-ticton Knights by three points, although Knights have two games-in-hand.

Knights won their eighth game, in as many starts, Sunday night by posting a 7-4 decision over the hometown Salmon Arm Totems. Despite the loss by Totems, their sixth in eight starts, Coach Don Steven is confident his club will pull up its socks.

"We played a good game," said Steven. "We made a mistake in the third period when we had too many men on the ice and that cost us the winning goal."

Knights' Shawn Harrison scored twice into the empty net in

the dying minutes of the game while Aaron Scott, with three goals, paced the Pen-ticton attack. Dwight Van Brabant had two goals for the Totems.

In other games Sunday night, Sidney Capitals earned their second win in a row as they defeated visiting Revelstoke Rangers 5-3 while Burnaby thrashed nanaimo Clippers 13-4.

Other action Saturday night saw Nanaimo defeat Revelstoke 5-3, Summerland Buckaroos beat Merritt Centennials 8-6, and Sidney edged Langley Eagles 8-7.

Mitch Poulin and Rob Schmidt each scored twice to lead Naanimo, which led Rangers 4-1 after a 1-1 tie during the first period.

Summerland got three goals from Shawn Pettyjohn with two from Ed Tuckwood, and singles from Neil Didcott, Myles Fenske, and Campbell Blair.

Brad Smiley had three for Centennials with two from Rob Revell.

Lakers have the remainder of the week to heal their road wounds before they entertain Langley, in a return engagement, at Vernon Civic Arena, Friday night.