

JUNIOR HOCKEY TONIGHT

Lakers host Merritt

Vernon Lakers host the much-improved Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Merritt, a perennial doormat in the league's Interior Division, has won four of eight outings this season. Vernon President Carl Enemark said his club won't be taking the Centennials lightly.

"We haven't seen Merritt this year," Enemark said, "but we know they've got a pretty good club. They've been in every game they've played.

"Even when Centennials were on the bottom of the division, they always gave us trouble. We're expecting a tough game."

Vernon fans will see two new faced in the line-up for their club. Defenceman Daryl Weinburger, who was recently released by Lethbridge Broncs, will be making his home ice debut. Weinburger joined the club last weekend and played in a 7-3 loss, Tuesday, in Penticton.

Forward Camille Simard is also expected to play tonight. Lakers acquired Simard, in August, from Salmon Arm Totems. However, he

was unable to join Vernon until this week due to work commitments.

Lakers have declared tonight as 'Family Night' and are offering ticket discounts to families who attend the game.

Meanwhile, Penticton's 10-game win streak was smashed Thursday night when Burnaby Bluehawks downed Knights 7-5.

Bob Ginnetti and Ken Jorgensen had two goals each for the winners, who boosted their record to 7-3-1.

In other games Thursday, Summerland Buckaroos defeated Revelstoke Rangers 9-3 and Nanaimo Clippers nipped Sidney Capitals 7-6 in overtime.

In Burnaby, Glen Engevik, Paul Bifano and James Burnett had singles for the Bluehawks, who trailed 4-3 after one period but led 6-4 after two frames.

Shawn Harrison, Joe Murphy, Ed Cristofoli, Cliff Furnseth and Ian Kidd shared in the scoring for the Knights.

Burnaby goaltender Ray Woodley made 31 saves,
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In Revelstoke, Shawn Pettyjohn

scored three goals and added an assist to pace the Buckaroos to their victory.

Miles Fenske also had three goals for the winners, while Craig Bedard added two goals and two assists. Ed Tuckwood had a single for Summerland, who led 5-2 and 82 by periods.

Rick Turgeon, Verne Kinley and Richard Lindstrom shared in the scoring for Revelstoke.

Summerland goaltender Dean Garnett made 37 saves, while Revelstoke's Frank Romeo and Glen Seymour combined to stop 42 shots on goal. **CAPITALS 7 CLIPPERS 6**

And in Sidney, Al Johnston scored at 8:14 of overtime to give the Clippers their win.

Mitch Poulin scored twice for Nanaimo, including the tying marker with 47 seconds left in the third period. Teammate Darren Schmidt also scored a pair while Jamie Cayford and Kevin Rabbit added singles.

Brent Harrison had two for Sidney, while Rene Command, Jeff Shaw, Ross Jamieson and Rob Coultish had singles.

Sidney led 4-1 and 6-2 by periods.