

HOST PENTICTON KNIGHTS TONIGHT

Lakers' pride on the line

More than just two points are on the line tonight as Vernon Lakers host the high-flying Pentiction Knights in a BC-JHL game at Civic Arena, there's also a lot of pride.

Head coach Don Moores is anxious to halt Knights' win streak to

prevent the Peach City crew from running away with the Division title while the players are anxious to end a consecutive loss streak at the hands of Lakers which goes back to last season. In addition there's going to be a lot of pride on the line.

Knights have lost just three games so far this season while Lakers have lost 10 of their 13 starts so far. Regardless of those statistics Moores feels he has a team which is capable of putting Knights in their place.

"It's all in how you ap-

proach it," said Moores who will be entering his third game as coach of the Vernon club. "If you have a defeatist attitude then obviously it'll happen to you."

"Everybody is playing good hockey and they're all trying really hard," he

added. "We'll give them (Knights) a good run for their money... nobody else seems to be able to take care of them so I guess we'll have to do it."

Indeed, Lakers have given Knights their closest matches so far this season against teams in their own division at least. Lakers dropped decisions of 7-3 and 5-3 to Knights in earlier contests but were also on the short end of a 12-5 score earlier in the season.

Moores isn't planning to use any radical changes in game plan for tonight. "I think we'll play it by ear," he explained.

Lakers will be without the services of two top defencemen for tonight's game. Chris Saunders is sidelined for several months with broken wrists while speedster Shawn Lofroth, while eligible to play after recovering from a broken wrist as well, will sit out at least the games this weekend in order to give the healing process a little more time to strengthen the wrist and also to get into shape.

Meanwhile, tonight is designated a noise-maker night at Civic arena. Lakers' management have decided to reward the first 450 patrons through the doors tonight with a complimentary noise-maker which the club hopes fans will use to good advantage.



Lakers' head coach Don Moores scrutinizes his players during practice Thursday night in preparation to meet their arch-rivals tonight at Civic arena. Moores says he's going to "play it by ear."

(Daily News Photo)

Wolchott hits for 26 in Kokanee Masters' win

Tony Wolchott netted 26 points, 15 of them in the first half, to lead Kokanee Masters to an 89-66 victory over Thunder Chickens in Carling O'Keefe Intermediate Men's Basketball League action Thursday night at Pleasant Valley gym.

The win leaves Kokanee Masters in first place in the league while Thunder Chickens (B.C. Sports World) remain winless in three starts this season.

Team-mates Bill Pitcher and Ken Kereliuk also played a major role in Kokanees' win with 18 and 17 points respectively.

For Thunder Chickens Vic Eng turned in a sterling performance in spite of his team's loss as he hit for 23 points. Morris Vardabasso, with 14, was the only other player to hit double figures.

Kokanee Masters led 47-33 at half time.

In other action in the intermediate men's hoops Thurs-

day night National Hotel downed Golden Crown Restaurant 62-50, Okanagan College Lakers trimmed Spallumcheen Golf Club 54-50, and Bigelow's hardware grounded High Flyers 57-45.

Lorne Hanson's 24-point performance was tops for National hotel who led Golden Crown 27-24 at half time. Nobody else on the winning club hit double figures but Pat Clemens, and Mike Kakoski each had eight.

For Golden Crown it was Kevin Korol with 18 and Marv Friesen with 11.

Former VSS Panthers' stars Don Balcombe and Paul Morgan paced Okanagan College Lakers to their win over Spallumcheen Gold Club to give the College crew their second win in three starts.

Balcombe had 18 points while Morgan was good for 16. Team-mate Joe Altwasser hit for a dozen. Spallumcheen, who trailed 28-22 at the half, were led by Doug Hartwig with an 18-point

performance. Bill Kirkland also hit for 12 in a losing cause for Spallumcheen.

Spallumcheen went 10 for 16 from the free-throw line but despite winning the contest, Lakers missed in all five of their free-throw attempts.

Bigelow's Hardware got a well-balanced offensive attack from its players with all nine getting on the scoreboard in their 57-45 win over High Flyers.

Devon Routley was high man for the winners with 12 points while Bob Andres, with 11, was the only other member of the winning club to hit double figures.

For the losers, Rick Wilson had 10 points while Ian Rosman and Mike Ondzik had eight apiece.

Bigelow's led by a 26-22 margin at half time and went nine for 14 attempts in the free-throwing department, while High Flyers managed just three for eight from the floor.

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