

PHILLIPS SCORES TWICE

Lakers tie Sockeyes



VERNON minor hockey graduate Henry Reimer collected two assists, Friday, to help Richmond Sockeyes salvage a 3-3 tie with Vernon Lakers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena. Reimer missed 10 games after a near-fatal injury, but still ranks fourth on the club in scoring. A two-inch scar across his neck gives evidence of the skate blade that cut him during a pre-game warm-up and almost claimed his life. (Daily News Photo)

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1979

Before 150 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena, Sunday, the Vernon Oldtimers Hockey Club were easily outthrust and outmuscled 11-8 by an enthusiastic Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Rep squad.

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Kamloops no longer has a British Columbia Junior Hockey League franchise. The BCJHL has accepted an offer by a group of Revelstoke businessmen to move the Rockets to that city.

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What a difference a goal scorer makes!

Jason Phillips scored two goals, Friday night, to help Vernon Lakers battle to a 3-3 tie with Richmond Sockeyes in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena.

The speedy winger has scored seven goals, in three games, since joining Lakers from Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League.

"Phillips is dangerous everytime he is on the ice," said Lakers' General Manager Vern Dye. "He makes quite a difference to our offence."

Mike Van Sickle scored the other goal for Vernon, in the first period.

Jeff Crossley, with two goals, and Rick Dietrick countered for Sockeyes, who are in third place in the Coastal Division.

Van Sickle put Lakers in front at 4:27 after some hard work in the corners by Brad Bolton and Nick Kapicki.

Richmond evened the score early in the second period when Crossley had two swipes at the puck, directly in front of Vernon netminder Jim Young, during a power play.

Phillips put Lakers back in front, at 4:10, when he slid the puck between a Richmond defenceman's legs and then drilled a low shot past Sockeyes' netminder Scott King.

Crossley got credit for a goal at 7:06 when his centering pass deflected off a Vernon defender and eluded Young.

Phillips' second power play goal, at 17:43, made the score 3-2 for Lakers. Phillips picked up a loose puck in the slot and blasted a slap shot, through a maze of players, that King didn't see until it was in the net.

Dietrick tied the game at 5:38, of the third period, when the puck deflected off Vernon defenceman Tony Christie, on to Dietrick's stick, who was positioned 20 feet in front of Young.

Lakers had a glorious opportunity to end the game in the dying seconds of regulation time when defenceman Sean LaFroth made an end-to-end rush and centered the pass to Stacy Hartnell. King came sliding out of his net and somehow deflected Hartnell's shot high into the air.

"King was the difference in the game," Dye said. "He made some incredible saves."

The Richmond goaltender blocked 52 shots, including 18 in the first period. He particularly sharp on shots from point-blank range by Kapicki, Phillips, and Frank Dutoff.

At the other end, Young kicked out 35 shots. After a leisurely opening 40 minutes, the Vernon netminder had to be sharp in the third period and overtime. He robbed former

Laker Don Rintala, on a screen shot from the point, and made two good stops on Henry Reimer.

Despite heavy snowfall and pre-Christmas shopping, a large crowd of about 650 was on hand for the game. And many of those fans were paying special attention to Vernon minor hockey graduates Bruce Major and Reimer, who toil for Sockeyes.

Major, who currently ranks fourth in Coastal Division scoring, had two good scoring chances but was held pointless. His speedy left winger, Reimer, picked up two assists.

Lakers are idle until Dec. 28 when they travel to Penticton to take on the red-hot Knights.

Joe Murphy and Rod Ware scored three goals each to lead Penticton to a 13-5 win over Summerland Buckaroos, Friday night.

Knights lead the Interior Division with 52 points, 18 more than the second place Lakers. Summerland occupies third spot with 26 points.

Royals edge Brocklehurst

Vernon Royals advanced to the semi-finals of their own AA senior girls basketball tournament with a 54-50 win over Brocklehurst, of Kamloops, on Friday night at Vernon Secondary School.

Pam Vig led Royals with 16 points while Karen McCulla dropped in 11.

The teams were deadlocked 11-11 after the first quarter, Royals held

at 22-21 edge at half-time, and Brocklehurst was in front 32-30 after three quarters.

In other games Friday, Penticton defeated A.L. Fortune, of Enderby, 55-45; Kamloops Red Angels dumped J.L. Crowe, of Trail, 69-55; and Salmon Arm whipped Clarence Fulton, of Vernon, 52-30.

In semi-final action earlier today, Vernon was slated to take on Salmon Arm while Kamloops met Penticton.