

Centennials upset powerful Knights

Vernon Lakers' coach Don Moores received some encouraging news Sunday night when it was learned the hometown Merritt Centennials had become the first Interior Division team to defeat Penticton Knights.

Mark Bogoslawski scored four goals and Pat Ryan added three as Cents dumped division-leading Knights 9-7. Rodd Torrens and Butch Tent had singles.

Rod Ware had three goals for the Knights, David Shields added two and singles came from Joe Murphy and Cal Brown.

"It doesn't really surprise me because they (Centennials) work very hard," said Moores, whose Lakers are now a dozen points off the Knights' pace. "A team

like Penticton being so far out front can get a little complacent too.

"It certainly proves that they (Knights) can be beaten but then a loss like that usually pulls your team together."

Vernon won't meet Knights again until late-January at which team Moores says he hopes the club will be prepared to meet them.

In other BCJHL action Sunday, Summerland Buckaroos beat Revelstoke Rangers 7-4 and Nanaimo Clippers downed Salmon Arm Totems 9-5.

In Summerland, Shawn Pettyjohn scored twice for Bucks with single goals from Brent Mowery, Ed Tuckwood, John Hunter, Brian Gerrits and Neil Didcott. Vern Kinley scored twice

for Revelstoke while Rob Revell and Randy Kaler had singles.

In Salmon Arm, Bill Hardy and Brian Deleeuw scored two goals each to lead Nanaimo who were ahead 3-2 after one period before Totems tied it as 4-4 after 40 minutes.

Dale Brisco, Kevin Rabbitt, Jamie Cayford, Al Johnston and Kevin Thorlakson rounded out the scoring for Clippers who are in fourth spot in the Coastal Division.

Troy Pohl had a pair of goals for the last-place Totems, while Darren Servatius, Kent Maltais and Wes Elliot added singles.

In BCJHL action Saturday night, Revelstoke Rangers scored five unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Nanaimo 6-2 while Summerland defeated Sidney Capitals 6-4, Penticton stopped Salmon Arm 8-3, and Abbotsford Flyers beat Richmond Sockeyes 7-3.

Saints third in tournament