

Kowal leads Lakers to win over Bucks

Inspired by the hard work and scoring prowess of captain Greg Kowal, Vernon Lakers broke open a 6-6 tie with three unanswered goals late in the game to earn a 9-6 victory over hometown Summerland Buckaroos Friday night.

The win leaves the two teams unchanged in their BCJHL Interior Division positions with lakers in second place and Bucks holding down third. Penticton Knights, 9-1 winners over Revelstoke Rangers Friday night, continue to hold down first place.

Kowal, with perhaps his best and most prolific night ever as a junior, scored three times and set up three others to pace the local club. Centre Nick Kapicki added a pair of goals while Shannon Pohl, the third on the line, also had a goal.

"That line played really smart all night," said Lakers' General manager Vern Dye. "Greg (Kowal) really played well, it was his best game ever I think."

Lakers led 3-1 and 5-4 by period scores but the hometown Bucks came on strongly in the third period and drew even at 6-6 late in the game before Vernon put the game away with their three unanswered tallies.

Greg Guest, Murray Baron, and Derek Webb, one of two midgets called up to fill empty spaces on the club's roster, also had goals for lakers.

Meanwhile, in Penticton, Greg Cyr led Knights' attack with three goals while Tim Comeau added two. Keith Maybin scored the lone



GREG KOWAL
... six points

goal for fifth-place Revelstoke.

Penticton is now 33-4 for the season while Vernon is 23-12-2.

Lakers are in action again tonight as they host fourth-place Merritt Centennials at Civic arena beginning at 8 pm. Lakers have had trouble with Centennials all season, losing once to the Merritt squad on Vernon ice and dropping a pair of decision to Cents on their pond as well.

In other games, Salmon Arm visits Abbotsford and Penticton travels to Revelstoke for a return engagement.

Vernon juveniles clinch top spot

Vernon Coca Cola Juveniles clinched first place in the Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile Hockey League Friday night with an 8-4 victory over Salmon Arm.

The brunt of the scoring for the local Coke squad rested on the shoulders of a make-shift third line coach Al Noakes threw together. The line, consisted of Troy Mick, up from the midget ranks, newly signed Brendon Altwasser, and Todd Wold. Altwasser and Wold had a pair of goals and a pair of assists each while Mick had a goal and four assists to account for five of the club's eight goals for the night.

Noakes was especially pleased with the acquisition of Altwasser whom he felt played an outstanding game.

"I was very pleased with his (Altwasser's) work," said Noakes. "He made some beautiful passes and he's really quick around the net."

"They were hotter than a two-dollar pistol," said Noakes of the third line.

Vernon juveniles will travel to Penticton tonight for another league game. Although the local club has clinched first place they can still play the role of spoilers for the other clubs who are jockeying for position in the league.