

Lakers end losing streak

Vernon Lakers snapped a four-game losing streak Sunday night in convincing style as they dropped hometown Sidney Capitals 8-5.

The win evened Lakers' record on their two-game weekend trip to Vancouver Island, leaves the club with a .500 winning percentage on the road against Coastal Division teams, and a 7-4-1 record for the season against the Coast.

The local club remains in second place in the Interior Division with an eight-point lead over third-place Summerland Buckaroos.

Saturday night, Lakers were on the losing end of a 5-3 contest in Nanaimo against the Clippers.

In Sidney, Jason Phillips, recently back in Lakers' lineup after a lengthy bout with pneumonia, scored twice to pace the Vernon attack. Shannon Pohl, Nick Kapicki, Jim Scott, Al Young, Greg Kowal and Gord Simpson added single goals. Jeff Shaw, Jim

Townley, Jim Nickerson, Rene Command and Harry Bomback scored for Sidney.

Lakers led 3-2 and 5-3 by periods. Frank Romeo made 27 saves in the Vernon nets while Ken Van Welter and Tim Renton combined to stop 48 for Sidney.

In Nanaimo, Saturday, Kowal, Kapicki, and Greg Guest were the marksmen for Lakers who trailed Clippers 1-0 at the end of the first period, but led 2-1 at the end of the second. Al Chatlain, Carey Coroy, and Brian Delew each scored once for the hometown squad while Jamie Cayford scored a pair.

In other BCJHL action Sunday, Summerland doubled Revelstoke 6-3, Burnaby Bluehawks edged Salmon Arm 4-3 and Langley Eagles downed Nanaimo 11-9.

Lakers' next home game is Feb. 15 when Revelstoke Rangers will be in town.