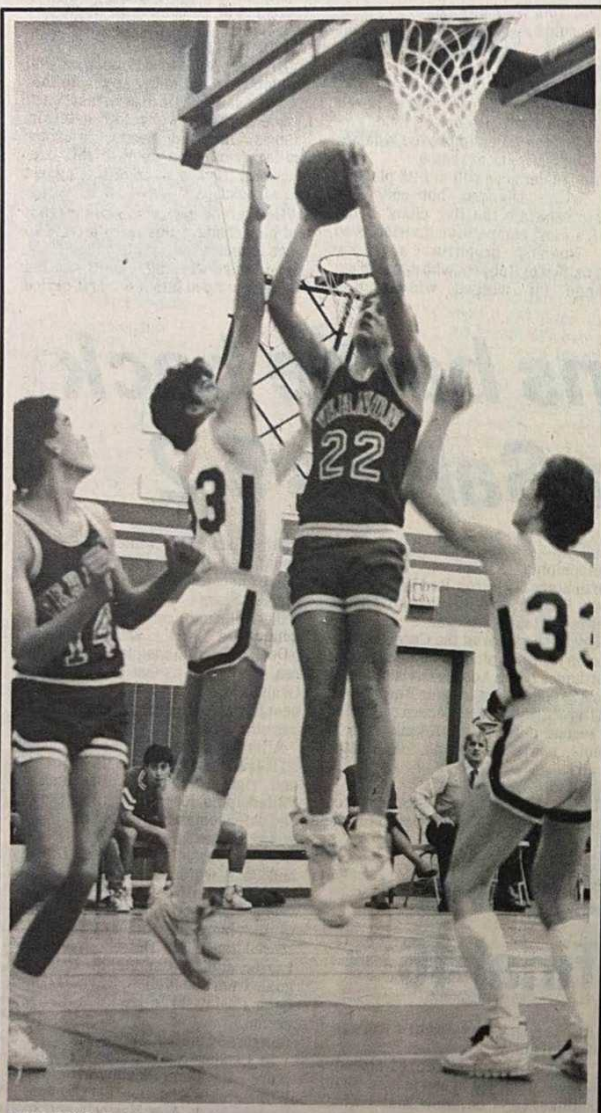
11-GAME UNBEATEN STREAK

Lakers hammer Abbotsford



VERNON'S Ted Vanderwal goes to the hoop over a Bellingham defender during exhibition 'AA' basketball action, Friday night, at VSS. Vanderwal pulled down 12 rebounds to help Panthers dump Meridian Trojans 75-61 in their season opener. Below, J.D. Jackson (14) keeps both eyes on the ball. Jackson enjoyed a good night with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

(Jeff Brandt Photos)

Vernon Lakers extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games with a 10-4 win over the hapless Abbotsford Falcons in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Friday, at the Civic Arena.

The victory moves Lakers (19-7-1) into first place in the Interior Division with 39 points, one more than Penticton Knights (19-4) and Kelowna Packers (19-6).



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. . . scored three

"They (Falcons) don't have much of a team," said Lakers' Assistant Coach Dave Caldow. "It was tough for our guys to keep their intensity up against a club like that."

Caldow and the team's other assistant coach, Murray Batty, were behind the bench in the absence of Head Coach Don Moores, who has the flu.

Lakers outshot Abbotsford 73-18 and could easily have won by 10 or 15 goals.

Caldow said, "We played well, but didn't put the puck in the net on a lot of good scoring chances. You have to be doing something right when you get 73 shots on goal."

Stacey Hartnell scored three times for Lakers, who led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 5-2 after the second. Greg Guest added two goals while Shannon Pohl, Trevor Pohl, Steve Humphrey, Doug Spooner, and Tony Toth added singles.

Dennis Holland, who collected three assists, needed stitches to close a cut near his eye. He left the game in the second period, but is expected to play Sunday night when Lakers host Kelowna.

Sheldon Sabad scored three powerplay goals for Falcons, who have won only twice in 25 outings. Doneau Mehard added a single for the losers.

Abbotsford netminder Darcy D'Armours made 63 saves while Vernon's Daryl Dickens blocked just 14 shots.

Moores expects to be back on the bench Sunday, but forward Frank Dutoff, who is also suffering from the flu, is considered a doubtful starter.

Game time Sunday is 7 p.m.

In Penticton, Friday, Knights overcame a 3-1 deficit and went on to defeat Packers 8-5.

Penticton's goals were scored by Greg Cyr, Bill Thomas, John DePourcq, Aaron Scott, Chris Anderson, Lanie Jeanotte, Peter DeGraaf, and Dave Shields.

The Knights were outshot by the Packers 38-33.

In other games, Sean Harder scored two goals to lead Richmond Sockeyes to a 7-3 win over Nanaimo Clippers and Merritt Warriors blasted Langley Eagles 9-4.

In Nanaimo, Bryan Moller, Brian Silverson, Philip Von Stefenelli, Pat Austin and Jeff Crossley scored singles for Richmond, which broke a 2-2 tie at the end of the first with three goals in the second period.

Scoring for Nanaimo were Kent Lewis, Corky Parkes and Mike Knapton.

Richmond goalie Scott King stopped 29 shots while Chris Fairlie blocked 38 shots.

LEAD WIDENS

The win left league-leading Richmond 16 points ahead of Delta Flyers, while Nanaimo drops to 11-13 and remains in third place.

McPherson said the score shows there is competition for the Sockeyes in the league.

MERRITT ATTACKS

In Langley, Ross Elm and John King scored two goals each as Merritt scored five goals in the third period to crush Langley.

Troy Mick, Kevin Cheveldave, Kevin Thorlakson, Rob Revell and Brad Woipas scored singles for the Warriors, who led 1-0 after the first period and 4-3 after two periods.

Langley got singles from Richard Sloan, Todd Hilditch, Scott Fearns, Doug Macdonald.

Randy Beekhuisen stopped 37 shots while Ken Weiss and Rob Bruni combined to make 36 saves for Langley.

The win leaves Merritt in fourth place in the Interior Division with an 11-11-1 record. Langley is in fifth place in Coastal Divison with a record of 4-22.

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PLAYOFFS TODAY

Royals lose three matches

DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

VERNON SUPER CURLING LEAGUE

SKIP, SPONSOR	W	L	Pts
McCune, Sun Valley Sports	7	1	14
Buchy, Kublai Khan Restaurant	6	2	12
Smith, Mountain Pacific Air	5	2	10
Miller, Super Save Gas	4	3	8
Kenny, Vernon Yamaha	3	4	6
Fuhr, Golden Crown Restaurant	3	4	6
Willis, Hytec Manufacturing	2	5	4
Ganden, Ganden Vision	1	6	2
Lister, Fairglass Doors	1	6	2

WAWANESA INTER-CITY CURLING LEAGUE

Laface, Empire Meats	7	1	14
Jackson, Rutland Tire	6	2	12
Simpson, Baron Insurance	6	2	12
Brown, M and K Ready Mix	5	3	10
Longworth, Big Momma's Pizza	5	3	10
Smith, Shady's Pizza	5	3	10
Hannan, Interior Lift Truck	5	3	10
Walsh, Express Construction	4	4	8
Koffski, Star Scan	4	4	8
Harris, Pro Home Installation	3	5	6
Wynn, RJ's Chicken and Ribs	3	5	6
Bingham, Ben's Meat Market	3	5	6
Houston, Hong Kong Village	2	6	4
Van Grootel, National Hotel	2	6	4
Cameron, CKOV	2	6	4
Woodward, Castle Nissan	2	6	4

PARKSIDE PONTIAC WOMEN'S CURLING LEAGUE

Cseke, Pardners Restaurant	5	1	10
Bird, Big Momma's Pizza	5	2	10
Skobalski, York Transmission	4	3	8
Delver, Waddy's Restaurant	4	3	8
Dougas, Rosman Bros. Auto	3	4	6
Wynn, Vernon Uniforms	3	4	6
White, Coldstream Hotel	2	4	4
Kilborn, Big T Restaurant	1	6	2

PLEASANT VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	Pim
Golden Crown Raiders	7	1	1	15	98
Molson Longhorns	7	1	1	15	90
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