NO WINNER IN OVERTIME

Lakers tie with Bucks

Troy Pohl scored his second goal of the game with eight minutes remaining in the third period to lift Vernon Lakers to a 6-6 tie with Summerland Buckaroos Friday night in Summerland in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

The win leaves Lakers in third place in the BCJHL Interior division while Bucks moved into sole possession of third place, one point ahead of Merritt Warriors who were idle Friday night but have three games in hand on Bucks.



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Lakers had the game well in hand in the early stages, leading 4-1 and 5-2 but Bucks capitalized on a rash of bad penalties by Lakers to overcome the deficit and etch out a 6-5 lead in the early part of the third period.

However, Lakers' goaltender Scott King kept Bucks from adding to their lead until Pohl's goal drew the teams even.

"Scott sure kept us in the game," said Lakers' General manager Vern Dye. "He made some key saves."

King blocked 32 shots on the night.

Meanwhile, Lakers dominated the play in overtime but failed to get the winning tally in spite of numerous chances. Centre Dennis Holland, who scored once and set up several others during the course of the evening, failed to connect with winger Trevor Pohl on a breakway in the overtime period when his centering pass got caught up in Pohl's feet.

"We had numerous chances to win it but we couldn't get a break," explained Dye. "It was a tough game though with a lot of close checking . . . they were all good goals."

In addition to Pohl's two and Holland's goal, Sean Hartnell, Greg Guest, and Shawn Lofroth tallied for Lakers while Dino Zol, with two, Craig Bedard, Gord Paulson, and Don Burke accounted for Buckaroos' scoring.

In other BCJHL action Friday night, Penticton Knights got a three-goal performance from newcomer Kevin Therrien as they blanked visiting Kelowna Packers 10-0. In Coastal Division play, Nanaimo Clippers scored three third-period goals and got some excellent penalty killing to defeat Abbotsford Falcons 7-4 while Delta Flyers got by Langley Eagles 5-3.

Goaltender Warren Sharples blocked 24 shots to earn his shutout against the offensively oriented Packers which drew 1,842 fans to Penticton's Memorial arena.

Kevin Melrose, Cal Brown, and Greg Cyr each scored twice for Knights while Rod Summers added the other goal.

Lakers host Merritt Warriors tonight at Civic arena with game time at 8 p.m.