

Holland and Pohls explode in Salmon Arm

The reading of the riot act by Head Coach Don Moores to Vernon Lakers following a home-ice 3-2 loss to Merritt Warriors, Saturday night, had an immediate and positive effect on the local club.

Sunday night, sparked by the five-goal, three assist performance of forward Troy Pohl, Lakers blasted hometown Shuswap Totems 13-3.

The win enabled Lakers to come out of a three-game weekend with three points following a tie Friday night and the loss Saturday. Despite picking up just three of a possible six points, Lakers outscored their opposition by a 21-12 margin.

"He (Moores) gave them an ultimatum Saturday night," explained Lakers' General Manager Vern Dye. "Either play the game according to plan, or ride the bench."

Actually, one line did all the damage for Lakers in Salmon Arm as brothers Troy and Trevor Pohl, together with Dennis Holland, put on a goal-scoring clinic. The three combined for 25 points in all, despite the fact that the Pohl brothers spent the better part of the first period in the penalty box following an infraction.

"After that they stuck to hockey and really went to town," explained Dye.

In addition to Troy's eight-point performance, brother Trevor, playing with a cast on his broken right hand, scored twice and set up seven others while Holland had a pair of goals and assisted on six others.

Meanwhile, Shawn Lofroth, Doug Spooner, Steve Humphrey, and Troy Backogorge also had goals for Lakers. Jeff Vilac, Terry Head, and Darren Kwiatowski replied for Blazers.



TREVOR POHL

Saturday night, Allan Wall scored his second goal of the game at 14:04 of the third period to give Merritt its 3-2 win over Lakers.

Trevor Pohl opened the scoring at 1:44 of the first period but Russ Goglin tied the game on a power-play opportunity at 9:40 of the opening stanza.

The teams traded goals in the second period with Warriors notching theirs just 38 seconds into the frame while Lakers, with a man advantage, tallied at 15:30 when Stacy Hartnell's hard drive from outside the blueline beat Warriors' Lucien Carignan.

In other BCJHL action Saturday night, Kelowna Packers avenged a 10-0

loss to Penticton Knights, Friday, by doubling Knights 10-5 before a crowd of more than 2,000 hockey fans at Kelowna's Memorial Arena.

Packers scored five times in the second period, but were outshot 53-30 on the game. Carey Fisher, Ward Carlson, and Kerry Russell each scored twice for Packers while Rick Diens, Mike Wegleitner, Kip Noble and Kevin Harder added singles.

Kevin Therrien scored twice for Penticton, David Shields, Greg Cyr and Scott Rawson had the others.

In other action Sunday, Packers edged Merritt Warriors 4-3 while Nanaimo Clippers shaded Sidney Capitals 6-4.

Winter Hawks lure scoring star

Dennis Holland will make a decision within the next 24 hours that will determine his future.

Holland expects to decide by Tuesday night if he will sign a player's affiliation agreement with Portland Winter Hawks, of the Western Hockey League. If he signs with Portland, he will be ineligible for a U.S. college scholarship.

Holland's father, Rienie, said Winter Hawks' General Manager Brian Shaw made an attractive offer to his son over the weekend.

"He (Shaw) gave us a few things to think about," Rienie said. "He will be phoning us Tuesday night and we told him we'd give him an answer then."

Portland has reportedly offered Holland a package which includes a college education and other benefits.

Rienie said, "We are concerned about Dennis' education and he (Shaw) answered all our questions on that subject."

Holland, 16, leads Vernon Lakers in scoring with 78 points, including 34 goals. On Sunday night, in Salmon Arm, the rookie centre netted two goals and six assists. Regardless of his decision, he will complete the 1985-86 season with Lakers.

"Portland wants to fly Dennis down for the Memorial Cup (in May) and Shaw said there is a strong possibility he would get to play in one or two games," Rienie said.

Maine, Michigan State, Michigan Tech, and Alaska have contacted Holland in an attempt to lure him to NCAA, or collegiate, hockey instead of the WHL.

Two Vernon minor hockey graduates, defencemen Jeff Finley and Jay Stark, currently play for Winter Hawks. And another local product, forward Troy Mick, signed an affiliation agreement with Winter Hawks, last Thursday.