Packers dump Knights

Kelowna Packers scored their second straight victory in the B.C. Junior Hockey League regular season with a 6-3 win over visiting Penticton Knights, Sunday night.

It was the second loss in three starts for Knights who also lost their first home game in more than two seasons, Friday night, when they were edged 3-2 by Langley Eagles.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night former Merritt Warrior Brad Smiley scored three times and set up another to lead Abbotsford Falcons pas Juan De Fuca Whalers 4-1.

In Kelowna, Kerry Russell scored twice for the Packers and singles came off the sticks of Kevin Taillefer, Doug Gardiner, Brent Mowery and Jason Ruff.

John DePourcq had a pair of goals for Penticton while defenceman Al Novakowski added a single. Packers outshot Knights 49-38.

In Victoria, Mike Barkley scored for Whalers while Troy Kaye had the other Abbotsford goal.

Saturday night, in the BCJHL, Knights blasted Merritt 10-2 while Langley defeated Summerland 7-6 in overtime, Richmond Sockeyes beat Juan De Fuca 7-4 and Delta defeated Nanaimo 7-4 as well.





VERNON LAKERS gave Portland Winter Hawks and five former Vernon stars an unexpected reception at the Civic Arena, Saturday night. Left, Vernon defenceman Keith Chase (2) and Doug Spooner get ready to sandwich Portland's Troy Mick. Right, Sean Hartnell pokes the puck away from slick centre Dennis Holland. Lakers scored three unanswered goals in the third period to upset Winter Hawks, of the Western Hockey League, 7-4. (Daily News Photo)

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Royals third in tournament

Vernon Royals placed third in the Mt. Boucherie Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, in Kelowna. In round-robin play, Vernn won seven of 10 games to place second, behind Sutherland, of North Vancouver. Royals split their games with Sutherland, currently ranked fifth in B.C., 15-13 and 8-15. Vernon returns to the court next weekend when they host eight valley teams in the VSS Season Opener Tournament.

Flag football

In Coca-Cola Men's Flag Football League play Sunday, Cougars thumped Pappy's Playboys 27-7, Toros Shooters downed Bulls 15-6, Siddell 38ers blasted Yamaha 26-6, Vernon Metal Decor blanked Winfield Wipers 34-0, Coldstream Raiders outscored Squires Four Hawks 31-19, and Molson Manics hammered Okanagan Spring Brewers 44-7.

Judo registration

Registration for beginners for judo classes takes place Sept. 25, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Japanese Hall on Bellavista Avenue in Vernon. Only youngsters eight years of age and older can register. For further information call Bev at 542-4664.

McEnroe wins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John McEnroe, playing almost flawlessly, defeated top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-2, 6-3 in the finals Sunday of the $315,000 Volvo Tennis-Los Angeles men's tournament.

Barr second

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Canadian Dave Barr and Corey Pavin each wanted to break through the one-victory barrier at the Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament.

The difference was that Pavin wanted his second PGA Tour victory of the season, while Barr wanted the second of his career.

Files suit

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — The estranged wife of Billy Martin, former major league baseball manager and infielder, has filed a $500,000 lawsuit asking the court to prohibit Martin from ejecting her, her 75-year-old mother and nine-year-old brother from a Danville home the family has been living in since 1980. Heather Martin, 26, said she and Martin, 58, married in November 1982 and separated in October 1985. She filed for divorce last May, claiming Martin never came home from the 1985 baseball season.

Perez retires

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tony Perez, Cincinnati Reds' retiring first baseman, wiped his eyes as he basked in the affection of teammates, civic officials and boisterous fans who braved cloudy skies for a final tribute Sunday at Riverfront Stadium.

Perez, 44, was at a loss for words after fans offered a three-minute standing ovation before his pregame speech over the public address system.

"Well, what can I say? Gracias, amigos. I love you my friends, I love you," Perez said, waving his cap as he stood on a platform behind second base.

Perez, who is 14th on the all-time run-batted-in list with 1,639, has announced he'll retire at the end of this, his 22nd full major-league baseball season. He's one of the three regulars from the Big Red Machine of the 1970s still playing for the Reds.

Lakers surprise Hawks with third period outburst

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

Vernon Lakers surprised visiting Portland Winter Hawks and more than 1,500 hockey fans Saturday night as they scored a convincing 7-4 victory over the Western Hockey League club in exhibition play at the Civic Arena.

The local squad battled back from an early 2-0 deficit to earn the win, leading by a 4-2 margin after one period and scoring three unanswered goals in the third period after Hawks tied the game 4-4 after two frames.

Vernon goaltender Darryl Dickens provided the difference between the two clubs in the late going with Portland desperately pressing for goals as the minutes ticked off the clock in the third period. Dickens shut down the Portland attack showing outstanding ability between the pipes as well as a sound knowledge of where his net was at all times.

Dickens, who came in to relieve starting goaltender Peter Repole as the period began, was the subject of praise at both ends of the rink after the game. Vernon Coach Ernie Gare showed some understated emotion while Portland General Manager Brian Shaw was also impressed.

"Darryl made a few key saves when they were pressing," suggested Gare.

Shaw wasn't impressed with his own goaltending, however, and made no secret of the fact that his club would be looking for replacements in the near future.

"There's no secret that we're looking for a goaltender," said the Portland GM.

Shaw, who was behind the Winter Hawks' bench for the game, didn't care too much for the display his club put forth on the ice.

"I'm disappointed with the way our vets played tonight," he suggested. "It's a little bit difficult to get up for a game like this perhaps, but once you're down in any game you should get up for it.

"Their (Lakers) forechecking was very sound and they were hungry to win. They played very sound hockey and they didn't allow themselves to be intimidated."

Three players, Ed Tuckwood, Kevin Scott and Jason Fox, had two goals apiece for Lakers while captain Doug Spooner contributed a single.

The former Vernon players now toiling with Portland didn't disappoint local hockey fans either. Dennis Holland, expected to carry a fairly heavy load for Winter Hawks this season as he did with Lakers last year, scored twice while defenceman Jay Stark had a goal as well. Wayne Luchinski supplied the other Portland goal while Troy Mick turned in a strong performance.

Tough guys Trevor and Troy Pohl mixed it up on the ice on a couple of occasions, but failed to make a difference in the score. Dickens did rob Troy at point-blank range late in the game.

Gare looked upon the win as a strong confidence-builder and a big moral builder for his club.

"It was a good confidence builder," he said. "We know now that if we work hard then it doesn't matter who we play.

"They (Lakers) were a little tense at first but once they got their confidence they were much better," he added.

Shaw admitted that Portland had played a lot of their younger, less experienced players but wasn't about to suggest that the win by Vernon was anything less than deserved.

Meanwhile, Lakers are gearing themselves up for their next contest which takes place Tuesday night, at the Civic Arena, when Summerland Buckaroos will be in town. Bucks are 0-2 so far in the regular season though they lost in overtime to visiting Langley Eagles, Saturday night. Eagles had defeated both Penticton and Merritt Warriors on the two previous evenings during their road swing through the Interior.

Lakers demolished Bucks 13-4 in the only exhibition game the two played but expect a closer contest Tuesday between the two clubs.

Portland impressed with Vernon juniors

By DON KENDALL
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One of junior hockey's most respected scouts expects Vernon Lakers will enjoy a great 1986-87 B.C. Junior Hockey League season.

Wayne Meier, director of player personnel for Portland Winter Hawks, made that prediction Saturday night after he watched Lakers defeat his club 7-4 in an exhibition game at the Vernon Civic Arena.

"Lakers have a very solid hockey team," Meier said. "Along with Kelowna and Penticton, they should be among the top clubs in the BCJHL."

Vernon outshot and outscored their Western Hockey League opponents, however, Meier wasn't too concerned by the setback.

"We are in the midst of a gruelling weekend road trip and it was tough to get some of our guys up for the game," he said. "Our players from Vernon were looking forward to playing in their hometown, but the rest of the guys may have been thinking about Seattle."

Winter Hawks defeated New Westminster Bruins, Thursday in Chilliwack, and Kamloops Blazers, Friday in Clearwater. Less than an hour after Saturday's game, they left for Seattle, where they were scheduled to meet the WHL Thunderbirds in another pre-season game Sunday night.

Meier said, "There were probably 10 or 11 guys in our line-up tonight (Saturday) who will be with us when the regular season starts. We have six players still at National Hockey League camps and we rested five of our veterans.

"But, I'm not making excuses for the loss. Vernon played well. They have some guys who really impressed me. That number 19 (Kevin Scott) and number 20 (Ed Tuckwood) are good hockey players."

In fact, after Tuckwood's second goal, Meier read through his program to find the right winger's age. Unfortunately for Portland, Tuckwood is 20 years old and therefore has no future in the WHL.

Portland has six former Vernon players on its roster and isn't yet finished recruiting in the North Okanagan. Young forward Ian Edwards attended the Hawks' rookie camp in August, at Edmonton, and has been invited back next year.

"I like Ian," Meier said. "I wouldn't be surprised if he earns a spot on our club in a few years."

Hamilton defensive unit stubborn against Stamps

HAMILTON (CP) — Defence often

The Hamilton defence also set up the

Paul Osbaldiston booted two con-