Park. Left, Niels Kristensen (striped shirt) of

Rail and Kal Hotel's Marty Stein are in a foot

first place. No playoffs are scheduled.

GARE WANTS A SWEEP

Tough weekend for Lakers

Vernon Lakers face the best two teams in the B.C. Junior Hockey League this weekend.

Lakers meet the Canadian champion, Penticton Knights, tonight in the Peach City. On Saturday, Vernon hosts Kelowna Packers, who have lost only once in seven outings.

Kelowna leads the Interior Division with 12 points, two more than Penticton and four ahead of Vernon, which suffered back-to-back losses last weekend.

Despite the formidable opposition this weekend, Vernon Head Coach Ernie Gare said he won't be satisfied with a split. "We want to sweep the weekend games," he said. "We really want that game tonight in Penticton . . . and we certainly don't want to lose at home again."

Lakers are still carrying three netminders with Pete Repole scheduled to get the starting nod tonight and Ryan Dennis slated to skate between the pipes, Saturday. Veteran Darryl Dickens is relegated to the back-up role.

But, Gare admits he is more concerned with offensive problems than goaltending going into the weekend twinbill. Despite outshooting Penticton and Juan de Fuca Whalers 97-58 last week, Lakers lost both outings.

"We have to forecheck," Gare said. "And if they (Penticton's defence) coughs up the puck, we have to take advantage of our opportunities. We can't keep missing when we're right in front of the net."

With the hope of generating more offensive productivity, Gare has juggled all three forward lines. In Penticton, Doug Spooner will centre Mark Greyeyes and Ed Tuckwood, Kevin Scott is between Stacy Hartnell and Frank Biller, and Greg Olson will be flanked by Craig Bedard and Wes Gentles.

Both games get under way at 8 p.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCT. 1981

Vernon Lakers took to the road this week and handed Merritt Centennials a convincing 9-3 setback. Jeff Armitage, Troy Taylor and Richie Odiorne all had two goals each for Vernon while Ron Ford, Derrick Waters and Ron Duval all contribute single markers. Kevin Stuart, with two, and Dwayne Hunchak replied for Merritt.

Vernon runner wins her class

Vernon's Heidi Muckle won the

cond overall, and second in the 40-44