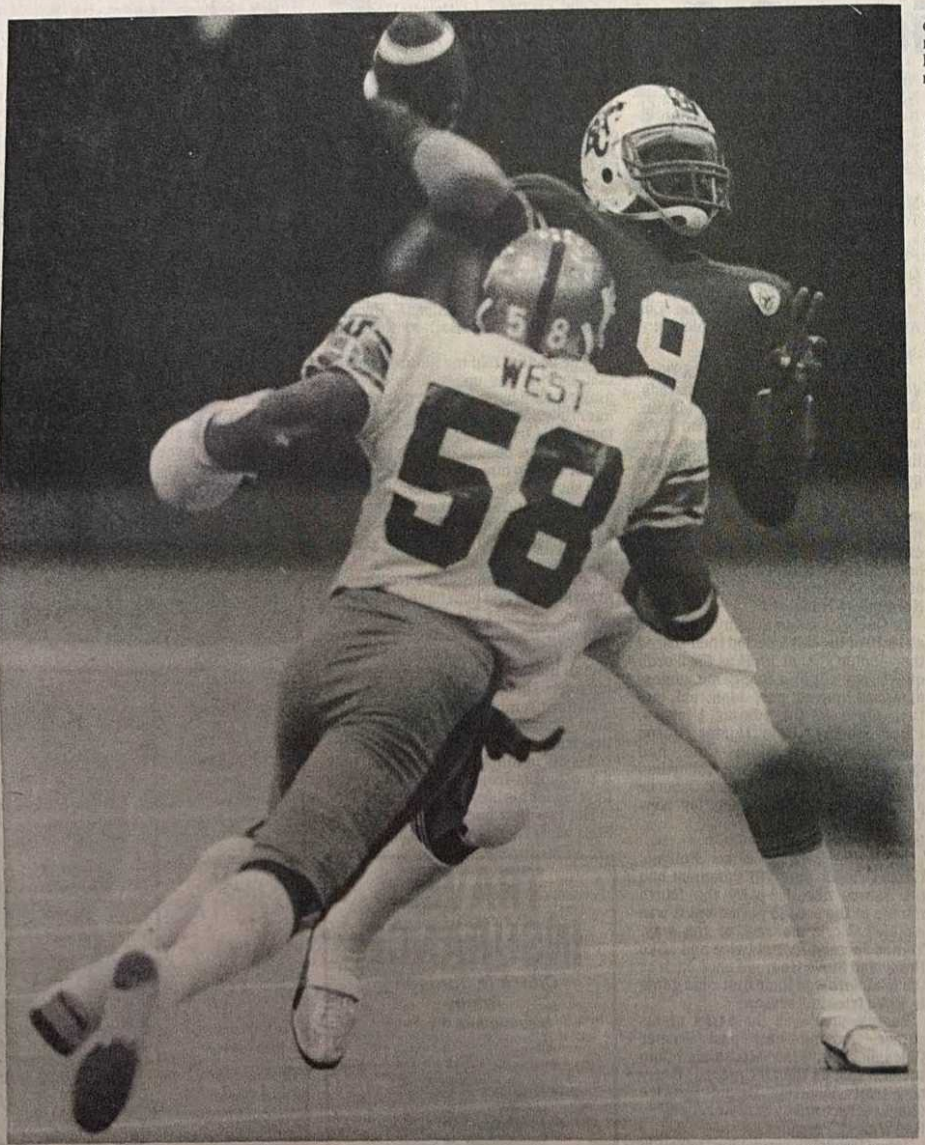
FOUR YEAR JINX COMES TO END

Lakers double Knights 4-2



ROY DEWALT completed 22 of 38 passes for 319 yards to guide B.C. Lions to a 36-24 romp over visiting Winnipeg Blue Bombers at B.C. Place Stadium Saturday night. The victory gave B.C. second place in the CFL Western Division and home-field advantage when they host Blue Bombers in the Western Division and home-field advantage when they host Blue Bombers in the Western semi-final matchup Saturday. It was the third straight win for B.C. over Winnipeg this season and a loss Saturday would have relegated Lions to fourth place and a semi-final appearance in Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium. Eskimos host Calgary Stampeders in the other Western semi-final.

Following a pair of home-ice losses on the weekend, including a 9-0 embarrassment at the hands of division-leading Kelowna Packers Saturday night.

In the process the local club finally snapped a winless streak in Penticton that stretched back more than four years in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Lakers had not won a regular season game in the Peach City since October of 1982.


ED TUCKWOOD

The win leaves Lakers in third place in the BCJHL Interior Division while Knights remain in second spot. Kelowna Packers continue to hold down first place with just two losses in 20 starts this season.

Though Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare would have liked three wins on the weekend, he was eventually grateful for at least one, especially after the beating his club received Saturday night.

"We wanted to make up for Saturday night's embarrassment and redeem ourselves," suggested Gare.

The Vernon coach felt the pace of the game swung their way when Knights failed to capitalize on numerous power-play opportunities early in the game.

"We checked well and killed some penalties in the first period and I think that was the key," he said. "Once we did that we really took it to them."

For a change, Gare was able to compliment his goaltending and praised Darryl Dickens for coming up with some big saves during the course of the game, especially when the score was so tight.

"Dickens played well, he came up with some really big saves which gave the guys a lot of confidence," explained Gare.

Ed Tuckwood, the fiesty right-winger who squared off with Al Novakowski in Friday night's 7-6 home-ice loss to Knights, scored twice to pace Lakers' offensive attack. Craig Bedard and rearguard Keith Chase also scored once each for Lakers.

For Knights it was Jan Zeidel and Ken MacArthur. Penticton led Lakers 1-0 in the first period but Lakers held a 3-2 edge after 40 minutes.

Saturday night Lakers suffered their worst home-ice defeat since the 1981-82 season as Kelowna manhandled the local club throughout the three periods. The visitors took leads of 2-0 and 4-0 before opening up the floodgates with five more unanswered goals in the third frame.

Although Gare didn't try to make excuses for the humiliating loss, he felt that the 7-6 heart-breaking loss to Penticton Friday night played a larger role in Saturday's loss than he previously had thought.

"Friday night's loss took a little more out of our sails than I thought," he suggested.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night, Juan De Fuca Whalers overwhelmed visiting Merritt Warriors 9-2. Ron Zulinick scored three goals to pace the Whalers, Phil Soukaroff added a pair and singles came from Rob Gauldreault, Todd Sawtell, Dwayne Keller and Bruce Robinson.

Steve Manuel scored both Merritt goals.

Whalers' goaltender Tim Renton made 38 saves while Randy Beekhuisen turned aside 43 shots at the Merritt net.

Tops tourney

YOSHIKAWA, Japan (AP) — Taiwan's Tu Ai-yu beat Americans Mary Beth Zimmerman, Becky Pearson and Cathy Kratzert in a sudden-death playoff Sunday and won the Mazda Japan Golf Classic tournament.

Tu won the playoff when she bogeyed the 364-yard, par-4 17th hole, the fourth hole of the playoff, while Zimmerman double bogeyed it. Pearson and Kratzert had been eliminated on the first playoff hole.

Tu, who started the final round with a three-stroke lead, was forced into the playoff after carding four bogeys on the last seven holes for a 4-over-par 76 and a three-round total of 213.

Americans Sandra Palmer, Jane Geddes and Debbie Massey and Japan's Hisako Higuchi tied for fifth place at 214. Higuchi and Geddes had closing 69s, Palmer a 74 and Massey a 70.

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