NO DEAL YET

Lakers still negotiating

The future of Vernon Lakers' left-winger Stacey Hartnell remains uncertain.

Hartnell quit Lakers last Saturday and has requested a trade to Penticton Knights. Vernon General Manager Mel Lis said the two teams are negotiating, but at press time, no deal had been completed.

Lis said, "The league president (John Johnson) is now involved. I hope we can resolve this thing today."

Hartnell ranks seventh in BCJHL Interior Division scoring with 67 points.

Knights begin a three-game road trip tonight in Abbotsford. Lakers are idle until Saturday night when they visit Summerland Buckaroos.

In the lone BCJHL game Wednesday, Dave Tomlinson scored two goals, including the winner, to lead the Richmond Sockeyes to a 5-3 victory over Juan de Fuca Whalers.

Jason Talo, Paul Rutherford and Brian Kozak, into an empty net, were the other Sockeye snipers.

Mike Barklay, Bruce Courtnall and Graham Bewley replied for the Vancouver Island team which trailed 1-0 after the first period but evened the score at 1-1 after 40 minutes.

Both teams got solid goaltending with Glen Pencer backstopping the winners with a 38-save performance and Tim Renton making 44 saves for the losers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY 1982

A vote of confidence was given by directors of Vernon Lakers Hockey Club to General Manager Vern Dye and Coach Gord MacBeth. Lakers' President Al Thomas said Dye and MacBeth haf achieved the goal set by directors at the start of the season. Thomas said "We wanted to clean up the type of hockey played by Lakers and put together a competitive club for the 1981-82 season."