Falcons upset Knights

Brad Smiley scored three goals as the Abbotsford Falcons snapped a 15-game losing streak with a 7-4 upset victory over the Penticton Knights in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Thursday, in Abbotsford.

The loss leaves Penticton with 51 points, five more than Vernon. However, Lakers have three games-in-hand.

Abbotsford took a 2-1 lead after one period and the teams were tied 4-4 after 40 minutes.

Randy Wong had a pair of goals for the Falcons while Doug Haines and Troy Kay added singles.

Joe Sobotin picked up four assists for Knights. John DePourcq, with two goals, Mike Barzal and Kevin Kaputo were Penticton's marksmen.

Knights visit Langley tonight. Lakers are idle until Saturday night when they visit Summerland Buckaroos.

Meanwhile, Vernon General Manager Mel Lis said he has been unable to make a trade that would send high-scoring winger Stacey Hartnell to the Knights. Hartnell quit the Lakers last weekend and has requested a move to Penticton.

Lis said, "I thought we were close to making a deal Wednesday, but nothing happened. The next move is up to them."