Scott and linemates on a scoring rampage

Vernon Lakers used Summerland Buckaroos' netminder Jason Basaraba for target practice in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Sunday night, at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Lakers fired 63 shots at Basaraba on route to a 12-0 win over the lowly Buckaroos. Just 24 hours earlier, Penticton Knights blasted 75 shots at Summerland's other goalie, Wade Parker, and pounded the lowly Bucks 12-2.

Centre Kevin Scott, who appears determined to take a run at the BCJHL scoring title, led the Vernon attack with three goals and four assists... Scott's linemates, Mark Greyeyes and Doug Spooner, also fattened their offensive totals. Greyeyes scored three goals and added two assists while Spooner scored once and set up three others.

In three weekend games, the trio collected 39 points, including 14 from Scott..

Al Young tallied twice for the Lakers while Craig Bedard, Campbell Blair, and Shawn Howard added singles.

Blair, who picked up two assists, is now one point away from the BCJHL record for career points by a defenceman, held by Ian Kidd, formerly of Penticton Knights. Blair has accumulated 234 points, including 72 goals.

Vernon netminder Jason Palmer, who blocked 17 shots to record his first BCJHL shutout, said he was somewhat embarassed to take any credit. "I didn't have a tough stop all night," Palmer said. "They had a few good shots but nothing that gave me any trouble. We played great in our end of the rink."

Lakers led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 8-0 after 40 minutes.

Buckaroos, who have won only three games all season, dressed just 11 skaters for Sunday's game.. However, General Manager Warren Parker denied a rumor that his club may fold this week.



KEVIN SCOTT JASON PALMER

"We'll finish this year and then start building for next season," Parker said.. "We have run into a lot of injuries in the past week. We lost four guys on our Coast trip and two more players were hurt against Penticton. We have some good young players here who will give us a nucleus for next year."

Lakers start a tough road trip Thursday with stops in Richmond, Nanaimo, and Juan de Fuca. Vernon doesn't return to the friendly confines of the Civic Arena until Feb. 10 when it hosts league-leading Kelowna Packers.

On Saturday, Packers thumped Langley Eagles 10-4, Richmond trounced Juan de Fuca Whalers 7-1, Delta Flyers crushed Abbotsford Falcons 12-5, and Vernon outlasted Merritt Warriors 9-7.

Greyeyes scored three times in Merritt while Ian Alger and Spooner added two each. Singles were scored by Scott and Howard..

In Kelowna, Kelly Hurd, Kerry Russell and Bruce Bianchini each scored twice for the Packers while singles were scored by Alan Schuler, Kevin Taillefer, Jay Luknowsky and Pat Mangold.

Langley's Bruce Kenward had two goals while Wes Gentles and Neil Eisenhut each scored once.

Kelonwa outshot the Eagles 32-21 to move to within one win of clinching first place in the league's Interior Division.

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The Penticton Knights scored nine unanswered goals in the third period on the way to an easy 12-2 romp over the Summerland Buckaroos.

The Knights outshot the Buckaroos by the huge margin of 75-20 but Summerland goalie Wade Parker was brilliant despite the score.

Todd Hilditch scored three goals for the Knights while linemate David McColm had two. The other single goals for the Knights came from Dowell Frantz, John DePourcq, Kevin Caputo, Ivan Moore, Stacy Hartnell, Jackson Penny and Mike Barzal.

The Buckaroos got their goals from Tom Cross and Steve Frederich.

Vernon girls trounce Shuswap

Corinne Vanderwal scored 14 points to lead Vernon Royal-Panthers past Shuswap, of Salmon Arm, 42-24 in the championship game of the Shuswap Junior Girls Invitational Basketball

In their first outing Friday night, Royal-Panthers' Coach Ray Kimoto chose to use Vanderwal as a guard against A.L. Fortune, of Enderby, with the result being a 71-14 victory for Ver-