

KEVIN TAILLEFER
. . . broke record

KELOWNA 10, VERNON 9

Packers gun down Lakers

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Kelowna Packers won a shootout at the Vernon Civic Arena, Tuesday night.

The two highest-scoring teams in the B.C. Junior Hockey League lived up to their reputations with the Packers outgunning Vernon Lakers 10-9.

Fortunately for Lakers, the wound was not fatal. The game meant nothing in Interior Division standings. Kelowna leads the division with 86 points, 20 more than Vernon. And Lakers have already clinched second place.

However, it was a disappointing night for Vernon Head Coach Ernie Gare. "You never like to give up 10 goals in your own building," Gare said. "We had a total breakdown in our defensive system. We didn't play well in our end of the rink right from our goalie to our defence to our forwards."

With many of the league's top snipers at their best and the defences of both clubs seemingly content to be spectators, the lead changed hands 10 times.

Vernon held a 2-1 edge at the end of the first period and the clubs were deadlocked 6-6 after 40 minutes.

Kerry Russell led the Kelowna attack with two goals and four assists. Pat Mangold scored three times for the Packers while Kevin Taillefer added a pair. Singles came from Terrence Head, Stan Marple, and Bruce Bianchini.

Taillefer, who also had two assists, broke the BCJHL record for career assists. He now has 204, two more than the old mark he shared with Mike Wilis, formerly of Kelowna.

Mark. Greyeyes and linemate Kevin Scott scored three goals each for the Lakers while Craig Bedard, Jan Zeidel, and Al Young rounded out the scoring.

The third member of Scott's line, Doug Spooner, picked up four assists to become the third Vernon player to hit the 100-point plateau this season.

Vernon's Campbell Blair, who is chasing four league records for scoring by a defenceman, was held to one assist. Blair is now three points away from the mark for points in a season (108), held by Ian Kidd, formerly of Penticton Knights.

Both goaltenders had an evening they would like to forget. Kelowna's Lucien Carignan kicked out 30 shots while Jason Palmer made 31 saves for Lakers.

Palmer, who has been beaten in only three of 22 games since joining Vernon in November, had probably his worst night as a Laker. He looked shaky on several goals, including the winner by Mangold, with less than five minutes remaining in the third period.

"Jason wasn't sharp, but neither was anyone else," Gare said. "Our defensive play had been improving in the past few weeks. . .then this happens."

On a positive note, the Vernon coach said, "We managed to score nine goals against the best defensive team in the league."

Lakers have three regular season games remaining before they face the Knights in the division semi-finals. Vernon visits Penticton, Sunday, before returning home to finish the season against the Knights and Packers, Feb. 20 and 21.

BCJHL

Coastal Division	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Richmond	47	34	13	0	307	177	68
Langley	47	30	16	1	253	229	61
Delta	47	25	22	0	275	245	50
Nanaimo	48	22	25	1	246	266	45
Juan de Fuca	47	16	31	0	203	254	32
Abbotsford	47	14	33	0	202	300	28
Interior Division							
Kelowna	48	42	4	2	366	161	86
Vernon	49	33	15	2	367	235	66
Penticton	48	26	19	3	252	192	55
Merritt	48	9	38	1	178	338	19
Summerland	48	5	41	2	155	407	12

SCORING LEADERS

INTERIOR			
Scott, Vernon	53	68	121
Taillefer, Kel	40	72	112
Blair, Ver	36	69	105
DePourcq, Pent	50	51	101
Mangold, Kel	52	48	100
Spooner, Ver	45	55	100
Mowery, Kel	37	60	97
Russell, Kel	36	59	95
Bedard, Ver	43	48	91
Hurd, Kel	35	48	83
VERNON SCORING			
Scott	53	68	121
Blair	36	69	105
Spooner	45	55	100
Bedard	43	48	91
Tuckwood	28	51	79
Greyeyes	35	41	76
Young	25	51	76
Howard	25	32	57
Alger	19	31	50
Elliott	5	27	32
Demchuk	10	17	27
Biafore	6	21	27
Olson	5	19	24
Zeidel	8	9	17
Fox	5	12	17
Conrad	3	9	12
Chase	2	4	6

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VERNON LAKERS' winger Craig Bedard fires the puck past Kelowna netminder Lucien Carignan during BCJHL action, Tuesday night, at the Civic Arena. Bedard was set up by defenceman Wes Elliott, who fed a perfect rink-wide pass. But, Lakers dropped a 10-9 decision to the league leaders. (Daily News Photo)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Toros Shooters win a squeaker

Toros Shooters edged Sunset Properties 3-2 in Labatts Ladies Broomball League action, Monday night. Vicki Loski, Madeline Pelletier, and Stacey Wagman scored for Shooters. Laurie Muchowski and Jill Takka replied for Sunset. In another game Ginger Davidson scored to give Bud's Broomballers a 1-0 win over Kal Hotel.

Gymnastics meet

The annual W.L. Seaton Gymnastics Meet is scheduled Friday, at 2 p.m., in the Seaton Gymnasium. A report earlier this week that the meet will be held Thursday was incorrect. Five teams will compete in

to post the shutout, while Kosti turned away 29 shots.

The Canadians had five power-play opportunities but couldn't capitalize.

Team Canada, which lost 6-2 Monday, meets the East German na-

Hawks acquire