Lakers lead division after blasting Bucks

Vernon Lakers stretched their winning streak to three games with a 7-1 victory over the Summerland Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Friday, in Summerland.



DARCY MARTINI

Vernon now leads the Interior Division with 16 points, two more than the Penticton Knights and the Merritt Centennials. Summerland has managed only one victory in 12 outings.

Defenceman Darcy Martini scored the first three goals of the game to lead the Lakers. Phil Soukoroff, Barry Lightfoot, Ian Alger, and Shawn Hendry were the other Vernon marksmen.

Ray Fontaine replied with a powerplay goal for the Buckaroos.

Lakers led 4-0 after the first period and 4-1 after 40 minutes.

"We had a real strong first period," said Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare. "Then we ran into a bunch of penalties in the second. The referee took the game away from us.

"He gave us eight minors in the second . . . we were short-handed almost the entire period. And three of the penalties he called were just good, solid hits."

Vernon outshot Summerland 45-28, but Lakers' netminder Glen Fry was called on to make several great saves, including three in the second period when his club filled the penalty box.

"Our penalty killing was good and Fry was sharp again," Gare said.

The big netminder has a 2.00 goals against average, in three games, since coming to Vernon from the Richmond Sockeyes in a trade last week.

Lakers return to the ice tonight, in Salmon Arm, when they tangle with the Tigers. Salmon Arm lost two players Friday, including scoring leader Darren Schwartz, to Swift Current of the Western Hockey League.

In the only other BCJHL game Friday, Delta Flyers tied a BCJHL record for consecutive victories by downing the Kelowna Packers 7-2, in Delta. But, Delta Coach Rick Hopper says he has a good reason to downplay his club's 14-game streak.

"It's not really important to us," Hopper said. "We're enjoying it but we don't win championships in the first half of the season."

The experienced Flyers, who boast a line-up that has several 20-year-olds, can break the record tonight with a win at home against the Juan de Fuca Whalers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Holland leads Portland attack

Vernon minor hockey graduate Dennis Holland scored his third goal of the night, at 5:10 of the third period, to give the Portland Winter Hawks a 6-5 win over the Kamloops Blazers in Western Hockey League action, Friday, at Kamloops. Linemate Troy Mick, also a product of the Vernon minor system, picked up four assists for the Winter Hawks. Troy Pohl, who spent the 1985-86 season with the Vernon Lakers, assisted on one of Holland's goals.

Moger scores

Vernon's Sandy Moger scored once to help the Yorkton Terriers edge the North Battleford North Stars 8-6 in Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League action Friday night. Moger, who played with the Vernon Midget Reps last season, is among the leading scorers with the Terriers.

Charles in front

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Lefthander Bob Charles fired a five-under-par 67 Friday afternoon at the Desert Inn Country Club to grab the first-round lead in the $250,000 US Las Vegas PGA Senior golf tournament.

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