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Lakers visit Knights tonight

Vernon Lakers hope to break up the log jam atop the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division standings this weekend.

Lakers have an opportunity to regain sole possession of first place tonight when they travel to Penticton, to take on the Knights. On Saturday, the Lakers entertain the Kelowna Packers.

Vernon and Merritt Centennials share first place with 22 points, just one more than Kelowna. Penticton remains within striking distance with 18 points.

"At this stage of the season, every game is important," said Lakers' General Manager Mel Lis. "We want to get some momentum going before Christmas. On the other hand, if we lose two games this weekend, we could be in fourth place."

In BCJHL action Thursday, Paul Krause scored in sudden-death overtime to lift Merritt to an 8-7 win over Penticton.

Blaine Moore scored three goals in another game as the Abbotsford Falcons hammered the hapless Summerland Buckaroos 10-2.

In Merritt, the Centennials led 2-0 at the end of the first period but the teams were tied 3-3 at the end of the second.

Frank Biller scored two goals for the winners. Singles came from Rich Brew, Darren Harold, Cal McGowan, Pat Corrado, Bill Birks.

Todd Hilditch scored two goals for Penticton, which outshot Merritt 43-30. Dowel Frantz, Curt Brennan, Brad Smiley, Darcy Prudent, Brent Johnston added singles.

In Summerland, the Falcons outshot the Buckaroos 56-23 and scored five power-play goals.

Dean Methorst scored two goals for Abbottsford while Jeff Kentel, Mauro Padula, Troy Kaye, Doug McDonald and Darren Morson added singles.

Howie Finch and Rey Fontaine scored for Summerland.