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12 STRAIGHT WINS ON THE ROAD

Lakers trim Clippers 8-3

Dallas Drake and team captain Mike Paller each scored twice and the B.C. Junior Hockey League's best team on the road kept their reputation intact as the Vernon Lakers trimmed the hometown Nanaimo Clippers 8-3 Friday night.

The win, Vernon's 12th straight on the road this season, improves the club's record to 24-8 and gives them a 12-point lead over Kelowna Packers in the BCJHL Interior Division. The Packers were 6-3 losers Friday night at the hands of the Richmond Sockeyes while in one other BCJHL game Friday night Summerland Buckaroos doubled the Penticton Knights 6-3.

As anticipated, the struggle with Nanaimo was a physical one and the victory cost the local club in terms of man-power. Forward Mark Greyeyes ran headlong into the boards in the first period and left the game. He'll be out of action again tonight as he nurses a stiff neck.

Defenceman Chad Biafore was fingered for a spearing penalty in the first period as well and will miss the remainder of this road trip as he sits out a mandatory three-game suspension.

"There were a lot of body-checks and a few fights so it was a physical game but they were no match for us," suggested Vernon coach Ernie Gare.

The Lakers jumped in front of the Clippers 4-0 in the first period and led 6-1 after 40 minutes. Nanaimo tried to get back into the game in the third period and a pair of power-play goals almost enabled them to do so. However, the Lakers closed the scoring with a pair of goals.

"We jumped on them quickly but we kind of coasted a bit in the second period," suggested Gare.

Drake added a pair of assists to go along with his two goals. Singles markers were scored by Ian Alger, Darcy Martini, Mike Barkley, and Phil Soukoroff.

Matt Woods, L.D. McNabb, and Grant McDonald replied for the Clippers.

Vernon outshot the Clippers by a 36-25 margin with Glen Fry going the distance in net for the Lakers and Nanaimo going through both of their goaltending duo during the course of the struggle.

The Lakers travel to Victoria today where they will take on the tough Juan De Fuca Whalers tonight. The Whalers hold down second place in the BCJHL Coastal Division and stole a 5-3 victory from the Lakers when they visited Civic Arena earlier this month.

"Tonight will be the toughest test," suggested Gare. "Juan De Fuca is playing the best hockey down here (Coast) right now."

In spite of the losses of Greyeyes and Biafore, Gare will have 19 players dressed for tonight's game since they travelled with 21 this road trip.

"We've still got 19 players to dress because (Kevin) Harder and (Barry) Lightfoot didn't dress Friday night," said Gare.

Meanwhile, in Kelowna Friday night two good periods was enough to carry the Sockeyes to a 6-3 win over the Packers. Willi Popp played a strong game for the Sockeyes making 35 saves.

Richmond got goals from Dwayne Willis, Jason Talo, Brad Dickson, Keith Fair, Barry Kress, and Tony Bobbitt. Scott Hargreaves, with two goals, and Doug Gardiner scored for the Packers who have only one win in their last nine games.

In Summerland, the Buckaroos scored four unanswered goals in the second period to erase a 2-1 deficit. The home-ice victory was the second straight for the cellar-dwelling Bucks against the Knights.

Curtis York, Brian Lafroth, Howie Finch, Kirby Muldoe, Ray Fontaine, and Gary Taylor scored for Summerland. Brad Smiley, Shane Green, and David McColm replied for Penticton.

Vanderwal has big night for Vernon Lady Panthers

Corinne Vanderwal was a one-man wrecking crew or, rather, a one-woman wrecking crew as she paced the Vernon Lady Panthers to a 63-57 victory against Westsyde in the cham-

action. The Panthers took it on the chin 82-61 at the hands of the host Penticton Lakers in their semi-final matchup.

Those losses set up the two Vernon teams for another rematch in the con-

in the province in Langley," explained Fulton coach Bob Shannon. "He got 40 points against us — he's just a tremendous shooter."