BARKLEY LEADS ATTACK

Lakers sweep games on the Coast

Mike Barkley scored three goals and added a pair of assists as the Vernon Lakers completed yet another three-game sweep of their Coastal Divison counterparts with a 7-3 victory over the Richmond Sockeyes, Sunday night, in Richmond.

Saturday night, Vernon edged the Delta Flyers 5-4 with Dallas Drake notching the game-winning goal at 12:38 of the third period.

The win improves the Lakers' record to 32-9 . . . best overall in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Their league-leading road win-loss record is now 18-4.

The Lakers, taking advantage of their superior skating abilities on the huge ice-surface in Richmond, jumped to a 5-1 first period lead and never looked back as Mark Greyeyes, Chad Biafore, Trevor Pohl and Dane Jackson each scored single goals.

Keith Fair, Dan Walton and Brad Dickson replied for Richmond, which was outshot 41-34 by the Lakers. Barry Rysz looked after the goaltending duties for Vernon.

"We were really skating and we caught them (Sockeyes) a little flat-footed," explained lakers' Assistant Coach George Fargher. "We scored at the 29-second mark so we got a good early start."

Rysz, meanwhile, was making his second appearance of the three-game swing through the Lower Mainland. Although he had been sitting out recently for disciplinary reasons, the onus fell on the little netminder because of a recent injury to starter Glen Fry.

"Glen's wrist was a little sore so we went with Barry," said Fargher.

Although the score was closer in Delta Saturday night, Fargher still felt that the Sockeyes are the better of the two clubs on the Coast. Neither the Lakers nor the Flyers played up to their potentials.

"We didn't play that well Saturday night and it was kind of a slow game," admitted Fargher. "They had a couple of chances to tie it late in the game but Glen made the difference."



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Besides Drake's winner, other Vernon scorers included Ian Alger, Jamie Steer, Phil Soukoroff and Pohl as they led 2-1 after one period but trailed 3-2 after 40 minutes.

Fry made 29 saves while Delta netminder Brian Tessier made 33 stops.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night Merritt Centennials moved a little closer to second place in the Interior Division with a 3-2 victory over the visiting Kelowna Packers.

Al Rushton led the Centennials with two goals while Doneau Menard added a single.

Len Jorgenson scored both Kelowna goals.

Goaltender Lauren Belland stopped 37 shots for Merritt which has won its last four games. Dennis Casey wasn't as busy in the Kelowna goal, making 28 saves.

On Saturday night, the Salmon Arm Tigers moved into a position to challenge for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Interior when they trounced Summerland Buckaroos 12-3.

Rod Ewacha scored four goals for the Tigers with a pair from Wayne Kirbyson.

In other action, the Sockeyes edged the Chilliwack Eagles 6-5 and Kelowna thumped the Penticton Knights 6-1.





Denver headed to Super Bowl

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos had just enough — again.

Cleveland marched to the Denver eight, where Earnest Byner, having