## VERNON 15, SUMMERLAND 2

# Lakers trounce Buckaroos

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On a night when Mario Lemieux was working his wizardry in the NHL all-star game, Vernon's Dallas Drake was performing a scaled-down version of Lemieux's antics on the ice at the Civic Arena.

Drake scored a career-high four goals and set up three others for a seven-point night as the Lakers thrashed the hapless, but gutsy, Summerland Buckaroos 15-2.

Drake, who just turned 19 years of age but is playing in his first season in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, has now collected 16 points in his last three games and has 115 points on the season — good enough for first place overall on the team and in the league.

The victory, meanwhile, was Lakers' 40th of the season and was a team-record 12th consecutive win. The club, which has clinched first place overall in the BCJHL, has lost just once in its past 20 games. They have three games remaining in the regular season, including just one road game in Penticton.

Drake scored once in the first period, once in the second and twice in the late going of the third frame. His linemates Mike Barkley and Mark Greyeyes also cashed in on the Buckaroos with eight points between them.

"Everybody says I should start scoring more goals so I did," joked Drake after the game. "Actually I just played my game and they just went in for me."

Jamie Steer, still very much in the running for both the team and league title, had a big night on the scoresheet as well. Steer scored once and collected five helpers. He now has 112 points.

Greg parnell, Ian Alger, and Chad Biafore each scored a pair of goals while singles came from Greyeyes, Barkley, Steer, Greg Olson, and Duane Dennis.

The Bucks, who trailed 6-0 and 9-1 by periods, got both their goals from feisty centre Eric Sanford.

Vernon rained 75 shots on goaltender Guy Basaraba who eventually showed signs of being extremely tired in the late going. Barry Rysz helped his goals-against average in the Vernon nets, but had to face 34 shots during the course of the evening.

"You have to hand it to those kids (Summerland), they didn't quit right up until the final buzzer," said Gare, almost apologetically after his team had cleaned the ice with the Bucks. "They've got nothing to hope for but they still come in here and play with heart and soul like that."

Remarkably, the Lakers scored just once on the power-play and had a short-handed goal as well. The teams picked up just six minor penalties apiece.

Elsewhere in the BCJHL on Tuesday, the Nanaimo Clippers nipped the Richmond Sockeyes 6-5, the Penticton Knights blasted the Merritt Centennials 7-3, and the Delta Flyers hammered the Juan de Fuca Whalers 12-2.

In Penticton, Brad Smiley scored two goals to help the Knights climb to within two points of the third place Centennials.

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