(Daily News Photo)

Lakers' win streak stopped at 12 games

Brad Smiley scored with 3:20 left in the third period to lift the Penticton Knights to a 7-6 win over the Vernon Lakers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action, Thursday night, in Penticton.

The victory moved the Knights into a tie with the Merritt Centennials for third place in the Interior Division.

On the other hand, the loss ended Vernon's win streak at 12 games. And it was only the second time, in their last 23 outings on the road, that the Lakers have lost.

"Penticton was a little more fired up than we were," said Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare. "It has been a long time since we played a game that meant anything . . . and I think we lacked intensity."

Dowell Frantz scored three goals for the Knights while Lance Momotami, Lance West, and Curt Brennan added singles.

Dallas Drake, Mark Greyeyes, Mike Barkley, Greg Parnell, Greg Olson, and Dave Nikirk replied for the Lakers.

The teams were tied 2-2 at the end of the first period and Penticton led 5-4 after the second.

Gare said, "Even though we didn't play particularly well, we still had plenty of chances to win the game. Greyeyes missed to open nets in the third period . . . I don't know how he missed them."

Goaltender Brent Raven, in his BCJHL debut, made 39 stops for the Lakers. Nikirk and Raven were called up from the Columbia Valley Rockies, of the Kootenay International Junior 'B' League, for the game.

Raven made several good saves but was victimized by two wrap-around goals that were misplayed.

The Lakers were without goalie Glen Fry and defenceman Shawn Henry, who were benched for disciplinary reasons, and defenceman Phil Soukoroff, who was on a visitation trip to Providence College.

Vernon plays its final two league games on home ice against the Merritt Centennials, Feb. 19, and Penticton, Feb. 20.

The league-leading Lakers will face either the Cents or the Knights, whichever team finished fourth, in the opening round of the BCJHL playoffs.

Delver foursome blasts Smith 7-1

Peter Delver (Squires Four Pub) blasted Barry Smith (Kelowna U-Haul) 7-1 in Wawanesa Inter-City Curling League playoff action, Wednesday night.

In other quarter-final games, Bob Harris (Kal Tech) thumped Doug Smith (Bertram Realty) 8-1 and Wayne Laface (Kohler Ltd.) downed Gord Woodward (Castle Nissan) 7-2.

A game between Bert Gretzinger (Rutland Tire) and Guy Schmirler (Corbett Office) has been postponed until next week. Schmirler is competing in the B.C. Seniors Championship, this weekend, in Trail.

Delver trailed 1-0 before counting a deuce in the fourth and stealing one point in the fifth. The game ended in the seventh when Smith was light on a draw attempt which left Delver counting four rocks.

In a consolation round game this week, Mark Longworth (Waddys Family Restaurant) hammered Dave Simpson (Baron Insurance) 8-1, in four ends, and Mike Perepolkin (Mad Max) defeated Larry Wynn (RJ's Chicken) 11-7, in an extra end.

Perepolkin made a double takeout, in the 11th end, to pick up four points against Wynn.