

EXHIBITION ACTION

Lakers lose early lead and drop one to Knights

The half dozen or more rookies in the lineup for Vernon Lakers Friday night learned a valuable lesson about Penticton Knights . . . they never quit coming at you, especially if you're winning.

Knights erased a 3-2 lead held by Lakers in the first period and went on to defeat the local junior squad 13-5 in BCJHL exhibition action played in Memorial arena in Penticton.

Knights were particularly hard on Bud Meloche, a newcomer from Victoria Cougars' camp who was between the pipes for Lakers during the second half of the game. Meloche allowed eight goals during his brief stint in the Vernon net though not all of them were his

fault according to Lakers' spokesman Vern Dye.

"It wasn't all his fault," said Dye of Meloche who stopped off in Vernon on his way back to Calgary from Victoria. "Our guys got a bit confused toward the end of the game."

After a solid performance that netted them a 3-2 first period lead, Lakers trailed 5-3 midway through the second period when Meloche replaced starter Frank Romeo. However, with 10 players in the lineup from their Centennial Cup finalist team of last spring, Knights proved too difficult to hold off the scoreboard for any length of time.

Lakers were missing several regulars from their lineup but will likely suit up the best they have tonight when the two clubs meet in a rematch at Civic arena.

Shawn Lofroth paced Laekrs' attack Friday night with two goals while singles were scored by Steve Humphreys, Wes Gentles and Dennis Holland.

Knights outshot Lakers by a healthy margin of 53-33.

Lakers entertain Knights tonight at 8 p.m. at Vernon Civic arena. Lakers' last exhibition game takes place this week against Merritt Centennials. In the only other Interior Division exhibition matchup Friday night, the fledgling Kelowna Packers defeated Salmon Arm Blazers 8-5.

Mixed honeymooner leagues available

As popular as mixed honeymooners' volleyball is in the Vernon area, there is still room for at least three more teams to complete the Sunday night program according to Vernon Parks and Recreation District Pro-

Lakers play tonight

Vernon Lakers host Penticton Knights in BCJHL Interior Division exhibition play tonight at 8 p.m. in Vernon Civic arena. Knights, runners-up for the Centennial Cup last spring, defeated Lakers 13-5 Friday night in Penticton and feature a good number of returning players from last year's squad.

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