

SIX LATE GOALS

Third period penalties prove costly for Lakers

Penticton Knights scored six straight goals late in the third period to break open a close game and defeat Vernon Lakers 11-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action in Penticton Tuesday night.

Despite the apparent lopsidedness of the score, Lakers' manager Vern Dye doesn't feel the score is a fair indication of Lakers' worth. (The loss evens

Lakers' record to one win and one loss while Knights are undefeated in two starts).

"It's not really a fair indication of the difference between the two clubs," suggested Dye. "We had some players out there (on ice) who haven't seen much ice time so far this season."

Knights, defending Western Canada Junior A champs and Centennial Cup

finalists last May, opened up an early lead, something they've been able to do for several seasons against most clubs visiting Memorial Arena in Penticton. Knights led 4-1 after one period but managed just one goal in the second frame to carry a 5-1 lead into the third frame.

Lakers pulled to within a pair of goals early in the third period, narrowing the score to 5-3 but a rash of penalties enabled the powerful Penticton power-play to come up with five late goals and six in all during the second half of the last frame to salt the game away.

"We were a little sluggish in the first period too but the third period really killed us," explained Dye.

Lakers picked up 16 penalties in the third period alone, setting the stage for the late disaster that spelled their defeat.

John DePourq scored three times to lead the Knights while Rod Summers, Lee Davidson, and Greg Cyr contributed two-goal efforts. Mike Barzal and Aaron Scott each had a single.

For Lakers it was Troy Mick, Dennis Holland, and newcomer Troy Pohl who managed to hit the scoreboard. Goaltenders Blue Smith and Terrance Forsyth faced a barrage of 67 shots for Lakers.

In other BCJHL action Tuesday night the scores were a bit closer with Langley Eagles needing overtime to defeated Abbotsford Falcons 7-6 in Abbotsford and a late third-period goal carried Richmond Sockeyes to a 6-5 verdict over Delta Flyers in Richmond.

Meanwhile, Lakers have a day off before they hit the road for the Coast Thursday night where they meet Sydney Capitals on Vancouver Island. Friday the group travels to Nanaimo while Saturday will find the local squad playing Delta Flyers.

However, Lakers will have a slightly beefed up defensive squad for the road excursion according to Dye. Defenceman Darryl Weinberger is back from Calgary Wranglers' camp and will add muscle and a powerful shot to the Lakers' blueline corps.

"He (Weinberger) will certainly beef up our defence," suggested Dye.

Defenceman Chris Saunders, who has seen sporadic playing periods only with the club in the past two seasons due to injuries, will suit up with the club upon their return from this road trip.



FLAG FOOTBALLER

Running back Judy Miller, above, of Okanagan College, pounds her way toward the opposition goal line Sunday to score one of her four touchdowns for the College squad. Okanagan College humbled Maulers 51-0 in Vernon Women's Flag Football League action Sunday. There are five women's teams involved in the sport which takes place at VSS field each Sunday.

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