

Lakers host Totems tonight

The long wait is finally over for Chris Saunders.

After a year of watching hockey games from stands and press boxes around the B.C. Junior Hockey League, Saunders returns to duty tonight when Vernon Lakers host Salmon Arm Totems.

Saunders is in his third season with Lakers, but saw only limited duty during his first two years due to two broken wrists. As a defenceman in the Vernon minor hockey system in 1982, he was ranked among the top midget prospects in the province.

The return of the veteran rearguard who suffered his second broken wrist last October, is timely for Lakers who will be missing two defencemen tonight. Murray Baron (concussion) and Shawn Hartnell (jaw) were injured during Thursday's 6-4 win over Kelowna Packers.

The other spot on the blue line corps will be filled by either Pat Findley or Tony Toth, who didn't dress for the last game.

"We're certainly glad to have Chris back in the line-up," said Lakers' Head Coach Don Moores. "He'll help us a lot in our end of the rink."

Another injured veteran, winger Al Young, will be ready to play next week. Young has been sidelined with a broken finger.

"Al wants to play tonight, but we want to rest him for a few more days," Moores said.

Lakers (4-2) currently trail first place Penticton Knights (5-1) and Packers (5-2) by two points. Packers moved into a tie for top spot by handing the Knights a 5-3 loss, Friday night, in Kelowna.

In other action, after going to training camp looking like a tub of lard, Brett Mayor hefted himself off the bench and scored four goals in his first junior game to lead Nanaimo Clippers to a 15-6 home ice win over Summerland Buckaroos.

Elsewhere, Delta Flyers downed Langley Eagles 8-3.

Mayor, a 17-year-old, six-foot-one right winger, played last season for the Clippers' midget affiliate, but after a summer of unrestrained enjoyment of junk food he reported to camp at 224 pounds.

"I've stopped snacking," he said after his four-goal night, which probably saved him from getting cut forthwith. "I've been on a weight program, I've lost quite a bit of weight and I feel much better."

"One of the things that kept Brett out of the lineup was his inability to get in shape," said Nanaimo coach Rich Dutka, who coached Mayor last year in midget.

"In the last three weeks he's shed 20 pounds. I had to get him into the lineup, because I've always known he could score goals."

In addition to Mayor's four, linemate Jamie Cayford had three goals and five assists as the Clippers went ahead 5-3 in the first period and led 11-4 going

into the third. Sean Stotts, Brian deLeeuw, Bill Hardy and Kent Lewis each scored a pair.

The Buckaroos, who were outshot 49-30, got two goals from Curtis Yoak.

In the Kelowna game, the Packers got a 39-save performance from Frank Romeo as they won 5-3 and tied the Knights with 10 points for the early lead in the Interior Division.

Romeo was playing his first game for the Packers since being acquired from the Vernon Lakers.

Kelowna, which trailed 1-0 after the first period but edged ahead 2-1 in the second, got goals from Darren Schwartz, Shawn Swail, Shawn Harrison, Ward Carlson and Wade Stublely.

The Knights' goals came from David Shields, Cal Brown and Peter DeGraff, while Jamie Loewan stopped 29 Kelowna shots.

The Packers and Knights play a rematch tonight at Penticton, while Summerland is at Abbotsford, Sidney at Delta and Salmon Arm at Vernon.

Bowling Green Gossip



By LAURA PAGET

Activities at the lawn bowling greens are winding down as the cooler days approach, as evidenced at the weekly Hat play this week. Only three greens were in play.

Kay Wilson, John Ricketts, Ida Herr opposed Lillian Thom, Bob Parkes and Dorothy Gustafson. Lillian was in a generous mood as her team scored on only two ends for three points, allowing Kay's trio to romp along to a 28 finish. There are those days!

Germaine Helie, Pat McGillivray and Bill Newell drew Nora Monk, Stewart Fraser and Marj Hind as opponents. The game was tied at 8-8 on the ninth end, Nora collected only two more while Germaine collected 10 on the remaining four ends for an 18-10 win.

Liz Parkes, with N. Simon and Dick Hind, had a close tussle with Eleanor McGillivray, Noellia Peeters, George Wiederspick. Liz was leading 9-1 on the fifth, Eleanor got in the game then, holding Liz at nine for five ends, tying 9-9 on the 10th. Liz then collected five points on the last four ends to Eleanor's single, for a 14-10 final.

John Sherwood, of the Vernon club, was elected president of the Interior Lawn Bowling Association at its annual meeting, held in Vernon last weekend. Laura Paget will serve as secretary-treasurer and Paul Mallory, of Armstrong, is vice-president. Ladies representative to the ladies' provincial division is Kay Norman, of Armstrong.