

BATTLE FOR SECOND

Lakers host Packers

Veteran forward Al Young returns to the lineup tonight as Vernon Lakers host Kelowna Packers in BCJHL action at the Civic Arena.

Team owner Carl Enemark said the Lakers, who are 2-0 in league play against the Packers, are expected to increase the win streak.

A win tonight would boost their overall record to 6-2, putting them in second place over Kelowna, who have a 6-3 record going into tonight's game.

Darryl Dickins will be in goal for the Lakers.

"He's had a good record against the Packers," said Enemark.

Enemark said he will be using Young either at centre or on the wing but he probably won't see much ice time.

"We'll use him sparingly until he gets into shape," said Enemark.

The club is beginning a new puck shoot promotion tonight. Four fans tickets will be drawn and each will have one shot at winning \$1,000.

Each night the prize is not won, the pot will be increased by \$100. All participants win a pizza from Boston Pizza. Game time is 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, in play Friday, Kelowna Packers used three third-period goals, two on the power play 13 seconds apart, to beat Shuswap Blazers 7-4 in the B.C. Junior Hockey League Friday night.

In the only other BCJHL game, Penticton Knights overpowered Langley Eagles 6-0.

At Kelowna, the Packers got three goals from Shawn Harrison in a game that closed with a brawl and a penalty total of over 300 minutes.

The Packers, second in the Interior

Division behind Penticton, were down 3-2 after the first period and the score was 4-4 going into the third. A Salmon Arm high-sticking major led to Kelowna power-play goals at 6:31 and 6:44 to decide the game.

In addition to Harrison's hat trick, Kelowna — which had a 39-19 preponderance in shots — got goals by Shawn Swail, Kevin Harder, Rick Viens and Wade Stubley.

The Shuswap goals were by Kevin Scott, Murray Yewchuk, Tod Sawtell, Kevin Nohr and Tony Bobbitt.

The end-of-game brawl led to an automatic suspension of at least three games for Kelowna's Jamie Kurki, who took a match penalty for abuse of an official. And Salmon Arm faces a fine for having the first man off the bench.

In Langley, the Eagles stayed with the Knights during a scoreless first period, then fell behind 3-0 in the second.

Langley goalie Ed Jones, a new arrival from Regina Pats of the Western Hockey League, faced 57 shots, including 30 in the second period. Penticton's Jamie Loewen made 24 saves for the shutout.

Chris Anderson scored twice for the Knights, and singles came from Peter DeGraaf, Lane Jeanotte, John DePourcq and David Shields. Shields also had three assists.

The Eagles, a young, rebuilding team with four new players in the lineup, saw their record drop to 1-6.

Today's schedule has Penticton at Abbotsford, Kelowna at Vernon, Merritt at Summerland, Langley at Nanaimo and Richmond at Delta.