

Holland hot in Richmond

Vernon Lakers have knocked off the big guys this week.

Lakers doubled the top team in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division, Penticton Knights, 8-4 last Sunday. On Thursday, in Richmond, Vernon downed the Coast Division leading Sockeyes 6-4.

Lakers continue their Coast trip tonight, in Langley, and Saturday night, in Abbotsford. Two victories against those weaker Fraser Valley opponents would move Vernon back into contention for first, or second, place in the Interior Division.

Penticton currently leads the division with 34 points (17-2 record) four points more than Kelowna Packers (15-3). Lakers now boast 22 points (11-7) and play eight of their next nine games at home after returning from the coast.

In Richmond, two empty-net goals by Dennis Holland the final 65 seconds lifted Lakers past Sockeyes.

The Sockeyes, trailing 4-3, pulled goalie Ray Woodley in the second last-minute. Holland, who finished the game with three goals, scored to make it 5-3.

Richmond's Pete Holmes then scored his second of the night with 14 seconds left, but Holland put the game away with another empty-netter with 10 seconds to go, right off the centre-ice face-off.

Vernon's other goal scorers were Frank Dutoff, Al Young, and Greg Guest. Dutoff, who spent the 1984-85 season with Lakers, was making his first appearance of the current campaign. He rejoined the club last weekend after completing a job in the Alberta oil fields.

Kevin Weremy and Jeff Crossley rounded out the scoring for Richmond.

Woodley ended the night with 24 saves while Daryl Dickens stopped 30 shots for the Lakers.

Next home game for Vernon is Nov. 15 against Langley.

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