

PLAY PENTICTON SATURDAY

Lakers play host to Salmon Arm

Vernon Lakers have their hands full this weekend as they host a pair of games at Civic arena tonight and Saturday evening.

Tonight the local club plays host to Salmon Arm Blazers in B.C. Junior Hockey League play while Saturday night the local club will be the first BC-JHL team to play Penticton Knights since the Interior-Division leaders returned from exhibition play in Czechoslovakia.

The Vernon squad has an excellent opportunity to extend their current unbeaten streak to nine games when they host Blazers tonight. The streak of consecutive wins was halted Tuesday night when Lakers tied Summerland Buckaroos 3-3 at Civic arena.

If Lakers hope to gain valuable ground on both Penticton and Kelowna Packers in the Interior Division struggle, they have to take full advantage of their current home stand which includes five more games before the Christmas break as well as a pair of road games in Summerland.

Blazers are currently in the basement of the tough Interior Division with a record of 6-14-1. However, Summerland Buckaroos came into Civic arena Tuesday night with a record only slightly better than Blazers and emerged with a single point. On any given night Blazers have proven themselves capable of playing with the best teams in the Interior and Lakers have had difficulty with Blazers so far.

Meanwhile, Lakers' star centre Dennis Holland will be looking to break out of his mini slump. The click centre who's just 16 years of age, was held off the scoreboard Tuesday night . . . a rare occurrence for Holland who averages more than two points per



DENNIS HOLLAND

game. Holland trails the division leaders in the individual scoring department by only a handful of points and a good weekend could vault him into contention for the League scoring championship.

Though Blazers haven't been overly successful in winning games this season, they are a big, tough physical hockey club.

Lakers' management is extending a special invitation to any hockey fans in the Enderby, Armstrong, Salmon Arm area tonight. Any of these hockey patrons will be admitted half price tonight with proof of their residence.

There were no games in the BCJHL Thursday night.