



VERNON DEFENCEMAN Jim Scott keeps Kelowna's Ward Carlson (19) away from his net during BCJHL action, Sunday night, at the

Civic Arena. Vernon netminder Daryl Dickens dove to block the shot, from the point, and cover the rebound. Kelowna rebounded from a

2-1 deficit to defeat Lakers 4-2 and strengthen its hold on first place in the Interior Division.

(Jeff Brandt Photo)

Packers in first place after defeating Lakers

Kelowna Packers strengthened their hold on first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division with a 4-2 win over Vernon Lakers, Sunday night, at the Civic Arena.

Packers (21-5) now have 42 points, three more than Lakers (19-8-1). Penticton Knights occupy third place with 38 points (19-4).

Kelowna Coach Wayne Naka said his club was lucky to leave Vernon with two points.



TREVOR POHL

"We were mentally tired after back-to-back games with Penticton, Friday and Saturday," Naka said. "Lakers outworked us, but we got a few breaks. I'll take any win I can get."

Kelowna opened the scoring at 4:55 of the first period when Ward Carlson banged in a shot, from the slot area, during a delayed penalty.

Lakers dominated the period, but were unable to get the puck past former team-mate Frank Romeo. Romeo was sent to Packers earlier this season after discipline problems in Vernon.

Trevor Pohl tied the game in the opening minute of the second period, on a powerplay. Pohl picked up Dennis Holland's rebound and banged it past Romeo, who was down on the ice after making the initial save.

Stacey Hartnell put Lakers in front for the first, and only, time at 6:27 with a short-handed goal. Hartnell's long slapshot went through Romeo's pads.

Pat Mangold got the equalizer for Packers, at 17:43, when he picked up a rebound in front.

Mangold's second goal of the night, early in the third period, was the prettiest of the night. Shawn Harrison fired a rink-wide pass to Mangold, during a powerplay, and the stocky forward blasted a high shot past Vernon netminder Daryl Dickens before he could get across his net.

Shawn Swail added an insurance goal at 8:45, on a breakaway.

Romeo and John Colvin combined to block 43 shots for Packers. Colvin played for four minutes, in the second period, after Romeo was shook up in a goal crease collision. Dickens made 31 saves for Lakers, who saw their unbeaten streak end at 11 games.

Naka said, "Frank (Romeo) has been playing like that for us every night. He has been making all the big saves."

Vernon took nine of 19 minor penalties and a 10-minute misconduct.

Lakers were without slick defenceman Shawn Lofroth, who suffered a charleyhorse in Friday's 10-4 win over Abbotsford Falcons. Lofroth's absence was particularly noticeable during powerplays and four-on-four situations when his speed and puck-handling skills are invaluable.

Holland played with a visor after he received cuts above and below his eye, when clipped by a stick, during Friday's game.

Vernon is idle until Friday night when it hosts Merritt Warriors.

In other Sunday games, Summerland Buckaroos beat Shuswap Blazers 11-7 while Nanaimo Clippers trounced Langley Eagles 10-4. In Saturday's games, Kelowna downed Penticton 9-5, Shuswap trounced Abbotsford 7-2, Delta nipped Merritt 7-6.

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Delta outplayed and outshot visiting Merritt 50-32 but four power-play goals by the Warriors kept the game close.

Todd Decker scored three times for the Flyers.

Merritt got two goals each from Kevin Cheveldave and Troy Mick.

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Van Der Meulens compete in finals

Two Vernon swimmers reached the finals in the Esso International Short Course Swim Meet, Saturday, in Toronto.

Gary Van Der Meulen, who now lives in Calgary, was sixth in the 100 metre butterfly with a time of 56.99 seconds. He was 2.93 seconds off the pace set by gold medalist Tom Ponting, also of Calgary.

Steven Van Der Meulen, of the Vernon Kokanees, placed eighth in the 50-metre freestyle final. The younger Van Der Meulen was clocked in 23.84 seconds, 68 seconds behind first place Steve Volery, of Toronto.

Meanwhile, Mark Tewksbury was a 17-year-old unknown member of the Canadian Team, Friday. By Sunday night, double Olympic gold medalist Rick Carey, of the United States, knew him all too well.

The Calgary teenager turned in the upset of the three-day meet when he beat Carey by .17 seconds in the men's 100-metre backstroke.

Tewksbury clocked 55.52 seconds for the win. Carey, who won the 100- and 200-metre backstrokes at the Los Angeles Olympics, was second in 55.69. The bronze medal went to Sandy Goss of Toronto in 56.90.

"I had no idea where he (Carey) was in that final length," said Tewksbury, the Canadian Amateur Swim Association's junior male athlete of the 1984-85 season. "I wasn't afraid of him, but I

really wasn't expecting to win."

On Friday night, Tewksbury pushed Carey in the 200-metre backstroke before finishing runner-up to the American star by three-tenths of a second.

Tewksbury also earned a bronze medal in the 200-metre individual medley in 2:05.58.

Deke Botsford of Toronto won the 200-metre individual medley in two minutes 4.13 seconds. Rob Chernoff of Calgary was second in 2:04.32.

Botsford earned two gold — he also won the 400-metre IM — a silver and a bronze in the meet. "I'm actually a little surprised I did this well, but I'm very lucky that Alex Baumann wasn't competing in the IMs," he said.

Baumann, the Sudbury, Ont., native who holds world and Olympic records in the 200- and 400-metre individual medleys, competed in freestyle and breaststroke events at the meet, but not in the medleys.

Elizabeth Gyuran of Toronto won the 200-metre butterfly in 2:16.96. Suki Brownson of Calgary, who collected two silver and two bronze in the meet, was second in 2:17.70.

In other races, Tom Ponting of Calgary followed his gold-medal performance in the 100-metre butterfly Saturday with a victory in the 200-metre version Sunday, while Debbie Wurzbarger of London, Ont., won the 800-metre freestyle in 8:39.67.

Panthers trounce Hornets

Vernon Panthers trounced Oliver Hornets 92-69 in senior boys' exhibition basketball action Saturday night.