

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lakers hope to avenge loss

Vernon Lakers host Summerland Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena. Lakers dropped an 8-7 decision to the Buckaroos, Saturday night, in Summerland. Vernon defenceman Shawn Lofroth, who has been sidelined for 10 days with a charleyhorse, is listed as a doubtful starter for tonight's contest.

DECISION DELAYED

BCAHA to meet Knights

PENTICTON (Special) — The British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association will hold a special meeting Dec. 20 to consider a fine and suspension it levied two weeks ago on Penticton Knights.

Knights' coach Rick Kozuback, also general manager of the defending B.C. Junior Hockey League champions, received a 10-game suspension from the association for using an ineligible player earlier this season. The team was fined \$1,000.

Last Wednesday, the Knights won an ex-parte court injunction in Kelowna setting aside the suspension and fine, pending a full court hearing scheduled for today.

But the Knights said the team and the association decided Monday the issue should be considered at a special meeting.

At issue is the Knights' use of Bill Thomas, 18, formerly with Calgary Spurs of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. Thomas has been playing for the Knights since Sept. 24, but the association says he wasn't properly registered to play in the B.C. league until Nov. 4.

Meanwhile, the BCJHL is expected to hand down penalties later this week against teams using ineligible players.

Ten teams are under investigation by the BCJHL.

Only Vernon Lakers and Richmond Sockeyes have been cleared, said Don Lancaster, league vice-president.

BCJHL President Les Jeboult said penalties could include fines and loss of points.

The league is investigating players whose registration cards had not been cleared through the BCAHA.

Jeboult said only teams that deliberately violated the rules will be penalized. Clubs that had the necessary paperwork in the mail or who violated the rules because of ignorance will not be penalized.

"We're not on a witch hunt," he said.

JUVENILE HOCKEY

Vernon settles for split