

Lakers lose on road

Vernon Lakers travelled to Merritt, Thursday, but according to Head Coach Don Moores, only about six of his players went there to play hockey.

Merritt goalie Lucien Carrigan stopped 42 shots as the Warriors won 6-3 over Lakers in one of three B.C. Junior Hockey League games.

Warriors, who trail third place Lakers by 11 points in Interior Division standings, have caused Lakers serious problems for the past few years. "I can't explain why we don't play well against Merritt," Moores said. "The only thing I can think of is that some of my players are intimidated . . . not the whole team, but some of them are."

Merritt, which held period leads of 3-2 and 4-3, got two goals from Rob Revell. Kevin Horn, Troy Mick, Tim Roux, and Kevin Cheveldave added singles for Warriors.

Lakers, who were outshot 50-45, got their goals from Dennis Holland and linemates Trevor and Troy Pohl.

Moores said his team had better wake up and realize it is still battling for a playoff position. With 10 games remaining, Vernon trails second place Kelowna Packers by 11 points. On the other side, Merritt and Summerland Buckaroos are still within striking distance.

"We only had six or seven guys, including Holland's line, who played well," Moores said. "We have a tough month ahead . . . anything can happen."

The tough month continues with two homes games, against two division leaders, this weekend. Vernon hosts the red-hot Penticton Knights, tonight, and then entertains Richmond Sockeyes, Saturday night.

Richmond started its trip through the Interior Division with an impressive 7-2 win over Summerland, Thursday. In another game, Abbotsford Falcons trounced Sidney Capitals 7-1.