

Struggling Lakers play in Summerland

Vernon Lakers will attempt to break out of their current four-game losing streak tonight when they travel to Summerland to take on the Buckaroos.

Lakers are currently in third place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League with a record of 25-17-3 and lead fourth place Merritt Warriors by nine points. Bucks are battling for the last playoff spot with Warriors.

Lakers have not enjoyed consistent success this season against Buckaroos, winning just twice and tying on two other occasions. Bucks suffered a 9-6 setback at the hands of Kelowna Packers Friday night and desperately need the win tonight as well as Lakers.

The game will mark the second appearance of Coach Mike Enemark behind Lakers' bench. Enemark took the place of Don Moores who was fired by club President Carl Enemark last week following the club's three consecutive losses.

Meanwhile, Sunday night the local team visits Salmon Arm where Blazers have been Lakers' personal patsies all season. The last time these two teams met, Lakers earned a 13-3 decision.

In BCJHL action Friday night, Joel Savage scored three times to lead Kelowna Packers to a 9-6 win over Summerland Buckaroos. In other games, Langley Eagles edged Richmond Sockeyes 10-9 in overtime and Penticton Knights dumped Abbotsford Falcons 12-2.

Despite the win, Kelowna Coach Wayne Naka said: "We were far too lax in the third period. I'm looking for a better defensive effort tomorrow (Saturday) when we play Abbotsford."

Packers' other goals were scored by

Greg Moberg, Shawn Swail, Kevin Harder, Kevin Taillefer, Shawn Harrison, and Ward Carlson.

Craig Bedard replied with three goals for Summerland, while Dave Tomlinson, Dino Sol and Randy Olsen scored one goal apiece. Kelowna led 4-1 after one period and 7-3 after two.

Darryl Anderson led Langley with two goals, including the winner at 8:41 of overtime, while teammates Brian Moller and Todd Hilditch also had two apiece.

Wayne Stripp, Richard Sloan, Dave Apps, and Ray Guenther added singles.

Dan Baker, Peter Holmes and Kevin Weremy notched a pair each for the Sockeyes, while David Holmes, Paul Bifano and Darren Servatius had singles.

In Penticton, David Shields and Chris Anderson scored two goals each to lead the high-flying Penticton Knights to a 12-2 dusting of the Abbotsford Falcons.

Knights jumped to a 7-2 first period lead and were ahead 10-2 after the second frame.

Marc Rousseau, Kevin Therrien, Tim Flanagan, Greg Cyr, Bill Thomas, John DePorcq, Laine Jeannotte and Scott Rawson had singles for the league-leading Knights.

Mike Dutton and Shawn Sneser scored for Abbotsford which is fifth in the Coastal Division.

Jamie Loewen made 18 saves in goal for Knights while Jamie Stewart and Darcy Damours took turns for Abbotsford turning aside 52 shots.

In other action tonight, Abbotsford is at Kelowna, Penticton takes on Merritt, and Richmond goes against Delta.

Clippers' owner suspended

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clipper owner Doug Harding has been suspended from his duties for an indefinite period, B.C. Junior Hockey League president John Johnson announced Friday.

Johnson made the decision after a meeting with Harding, who is also a league governor.

In a press release, Johnson said the league has relieved Harding because of "reasons prejudicial to the league."

He said the daily operations of the club will be under the direct supervision of the league and named Nanaimo resident Cliff McNabb as interim governor.

Johnson was not available for further comment.

Harding said the dispute centres around more than \$7,000 in unpaid bills that he owes both the league and a group of Nanaimo residents. He said the league wants him to repay more than \$6,500 in billeting costs incurred during the 1984-85 season, \$350 in gate receipts, \$200 for an insurance policy.

Last November, Harding was ordered by Judge Robert Metzger to pay the billeting costs.

McNabb said the decision to suspend Harding was taken after the families who billet players during the season threatened to exercise a court order against the Clippers.

The group includes a former Clippers' booster club president and the parents of one of the players.

"What has happened is the creditors have said they will seize the hockey club's assets because of past debts," McNabb said. "They could have taken anything they wanted, all they had to do was have the sheriff take action on the writs."

At the beginning of the season, McNabb and a group of Nanaimo residents offered to buy the club.