

Lakers and Young end lengthy slumps

Vernon Lakers and veteran centre Al Young both broke out of lengthy slumps this weekend.

Young, who had just nine goals in this first 42 games this season, scored once Saturday in an 8-6 win over Summerland Buckaroos; and added a three goal performance — the second of his career, Sunday, to help Lakers beat Salmon Arm Blazers 10-2.

The two wins mean Lakers have moved closer to clinching third place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League Interior Division. Their magic number where Merritt is concerned, is now two — any combination of Lakers' wins or Merritt losses equalling two means the club clinches third place.

Young, now optimistic he can score 20 goals before the season ends, cen-

tres a line consisting of Wes Gentles and Greg Guest. Combining for five goals this weekend, Young feels a significant scoring contribution by his checking line will help to turn things around for the club in the playoffs.

"If everyone gets goals in the playoffs then I know we'll win," said Young who is in his third season with Lakers. The speedster missed an open net late in the game in Salmon Arm that would have given him four goals.

Troy Pohl also had three goals against Blazers while Doug Spooner, Steve Humphrey, Dennis, Holland, and Sandy Moger also had goals.

Marty Yewchuk and Richard Van Ry had Blazers' goals.

Saturday night Mark McLeary had two goals for Lakers with singles from

Gentles, Holland, Troy and Trevor Poh., Campbell Blair and Young.

Randy Olson had two for Summerland which led 3-2 after one period before falling behind 8-4 after two periods. Ed Tuckwood, Craig Bedard, Dave Tomlinson, and Andy Polupec added singles for Bucks.

The game featured more than 200 minutes in penalties as the two teams vented a season of frustration on one another.

"It's been a very frustrating season for us against Summerland and it came to a head in the third period," suggested Lakers' Coach Mike Enemark.

Enemark improved his record to 2-1 since taking over the team from the reigns of Don Moores last week. With five games remaining, three of those on the road, Enemark hopes the team can gain some momentum heading in to the playoffs.

"We've already built up some confidence and maybe we can build up a little momentum for the playoffs," explained Enemark. "Realistically, the way we're playing now, we have an excellent chance to win three of our next five."

In other BCJHL action Saturday night, Merritt Warriors upset league-leading Penticton Knights 6-1 and Kelowna Packers beat visiting Abbotsford Falcons 9-4.

In the only other game Sunday Delta Flyers edged Langley Eagles 7-5.

Local skiers on B.C. team

Two Vernon skiers have been named to the 12-member B.C. team that will compete in the Canadian Junior Cross-country Ski Championships, in Whitehorse, March 6-12.

Lars Taylor and Grace-Ann Webb were selected on the basis of their performances at the provincial championships in Kelowna, last Saturday, and the recent Western Canadian Championships, held at Revelstoke.



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Webb qualified in the juvenile girls division while Taylor qualified in the junior boys (16-17) category. Taylor won the 10 km junior race with a time of 41 minutes, 29.5 seconds.

Taylor combined with Richard Tomley of Penticton and Bryce Stephens of Kelowna to win the 10.5 km boys' relay race.

Other members of the junior team are: Clark Rasmussen, Brian Rasmussen, Randy Otsby, Jason Twamley, and Debra Steitzer of 100 Mile House; Stephens; Mark Longedijk of Vancouver; Adam Vyse of Kamloops; Chris Paulson of Burns Lake; and Rhonda Delong of Rossland.

Foyt enters

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A.J. Foyt, the only four-time winner in Indianapolis 500 history, has entered five cars for the May 25 race, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced Sunday. The 51-year-old driver will be seeking to extend his record string of Indy starts to 29 years.