

Bucks Dump Canadians In Fast 5-3 Collision

Maintaining the attack throughout the game, but still bricking in their defence, Kelowna Buckaroos overcame a player shortage and downed Vernon Canadians 5-3 before 200 fans Tuesday night.

The Bucks played with 11 links, while Vernon came up with a full house in cards. The Canadians came up with a marker in the first period that was answered by Buckaroo Fred Thomas, ending the period in a 1-1 match.

Vernon's slick Dave Kiwal slapped the puck in from a scramble at the 8:31 mark, as the Vernon crew persistently drove into the heart of the Bucks' defence and tried to shake it up to create a gap. Gary Roland and Dale Soro-chuk made it payday, passing the puck.

Fred Thomas notched his first of a two-goal performance on a 20-foot slapshot after the Buckaroos worked the puck around the net, keeping the Canuck squad guessing all the way. Thomas was part of a new line of Gruber, centre, Pyle right wing that made four of the evening's five goals reality.

Fred Thomas scored only 32 seconds into the second frame as the Bucks surprised the younger, more inexperienced club from Vernon with a surge of power. Thomas moved the puck around the defence and put it to use on a pass from Pyle.

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Seconds later the line worked again, with centre iceman Bob Gruber picking it up from a pass from Thomas and back handed it in.

But Vernon was far from swamped.

They retaliated late in the second frame for a pair within 45 seconds to draw alongside the Bucks.

Both goals belonged to Selko

Oulich. The first came from within feet of the net front and parted the net. Buck Sherk recorded an assist. The second marker went through a puzzled Buckaroo battery after a scramble in which Kennedy fell. Oulich picked the puck up and tipped it in.

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Both goals were registered when Kelowna was shorthanded. Phil Larden, Kelowna's ace defenceman was taken out for five minutes on a slashing penalty. Larden has filled the holes in Buckaroos defence extremely well this season.

Gruber scored from Thomas seconds later.

The final goal belonged to Elmer Arrance, left winger, who made use of a demoralized defence to send the puck past goalie Bob Jones, and end the scoring.

Kamloops visits Kelowna to-

night, in a battle of league leaders that will prove nothing in terms of league supremacy. Unless it proves that the Bucks are back on their feet after having their league leadership scotched by the Rockets earlier in the season.

Game time is 8 p.m.

BITS AND PIECES: Buckaroos are working overtime under coach Moe Young, who appears at a glance to keep the play concentrated around the puck. His workable theories have given the Bucks two wins over Vernon, a team that has consistently bounced the Bucks on home ice.

Wayne Horning is back in Kelowna after playing in Jasper. All-Star Junior 'A' clubs are expected to be announced in the near future. League officials are compiling results of a press and hockey official poll.

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SKELETON TRAIL CLUB NIPS ROSSLAND WARRIORS 10-3

ROSSLAND (CP)—Trail Smoke Eaters playing with a skeleton crew, trimmed the Rossland Warriors 10-3 Monday night before 325 Western International Hockey League fans.

Trail led 1-0 at the end of the first period, 4-3 at the end of the second and six goals in the final 20 minutes.

Norm Lenardon, playing his first game since Smokies won the World Hockey tournament last March, scored the first goal of the game.