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Minor Hockey Playoffs Set For Two Games Total Goals

Playoff dates for Juvenile, Midget, Bantam and Pee-wee Hockey Leagues were agreed upon and announced Sunday by the various Minor Hockey Associations in the Okanagan.

Juvenile action sees Vernon open at Penticton February 12 with the return game played in Vernon February 15

Canucks Start Playoffs Tomorrow

First round of the first Okanagan-Mainline Junior A Hockey League playoffs gets underway Tuesday when Junior Canadians travel to Kelowna to take on the Junior Buckaroos.

Teams will return to Vernon Thursday for the second game of the best of five series with the third game going back to the Orchard City Saturday, February 10.

The other semi-final series between Kamloops Rockets and Penticton Junior Vees opens Saturday at Kamloops with the second game in Penticton Sunday afternoon.

Despite the second place standing of the Bucks and the last place finish of Odie Lowe's

locals, not too many persons are jumping up and down for a chance to call the series.

Canucks have been a thorn in the side of each club in the league during the regular season, especially on home ice, and judging by their showing towards the end of the season and in subsequent practices could surprise a number of persons.

During regular season play, Canucks have met Kelowna on ten occasions. Out of the ten, Vernon chalked up one win and one tie while two games went into overtime and two others were won by a one goal margin of the Buckaroos.

Up until Christmas, usually not more than 10 or 11 players

were able to make Junior Canadian road trips accounting largely for their poor showing away from home.

However, with a slackening off of employment commitments and a general increase of enthusiasm on the part of the players themselves, coach Lowe has fin-

ally something to work with.

As for the series, Lowe's hopes are at a keen level. "We're as good as the Bucks," suggested the coach, "and while no coach can promise wins, I can at least promise Vernon fans one of the best games of the season Thursday night."

Locals Split Back To Back Juvenile Series On Weekend

Vernon and Kelowna Juveniles split a home and home series during the weekend to wind up regular season play as preparations begin for Okanagan Juvenile League playoffs.

Dave MacKay's team traveled south Saturday night and

Kelowna notched two fast goals to bounce back in the



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