

More Than 1,200 Fans Watch As Canucks Blow 4-2 Lead

VERNON (CP) — Kelowna Buckaroos scored three unanswered goals late in the third period for a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over Vernon Canadians in Okanagan Hockey League semi-final action here Thursday night.

More than 1,200 fans, the largest crowd to watch junior hockey in the Okanagan, watched the Canadians blow a 4-2 lead.

The series is tied at one game apiece with the third game slated for Kelowna Saturday night.

Both clubs matched strides for a 1-1 deadlock in the first period, but Vernon came away with a 2-1 scoring edge after two periods.

Another goal by the Canadians had the crowd delirious early in the final, but shoddy defensive play let the hustling Bucks in for three straight goals.

Handling the Kelowna scoring were Bob Gruber, Fred Thomas, Sonny Herbst, Elmer Arrance and Terry Kasabuchi. For Vernon it was Dave Kowal, Warren Henry, Jim Stephens and Gordie Kineshenko.

Gruber sent Bucks into the lead early in the first period, but Kowal netted a blistering shot at 18:59 to tie it.

Defenceman Henry lifted Vernon into the lead with a sizzling slapshot while playing a man short in the second but Thomas tied it up before Stephens regained the lead for the Canadians in a goalmouth scramble.

With 2:01 gone in the final, Kineshenko moved Canadians into a 4-2 lead, but goals by Herbst and Arrance tied it again and diminutive Kasabuchi came through with the winner at 15:01.

Next semi playoff game will be held Saturday between the same teams in Kelowna. The fourth game in Vernon Tuesday. The series stands 1-1.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Kelowna, Bob Gruber (unassisted) 3:26
2—Vernon, Dave Kowal (unassisted) 18:59
Penalties — Wynnychuk (V) charging 3:54; Arrance (K) high sticking 5:08; McKay (V) high sticking 5:08; Sherk (V) boarding 10:52; Romeo (K) boarding 10:52.

Second Period

3—Vernon, Warren Henry (Seiko Ouchi) 5:14
4—Kelowna, Fred Thomas (Sonny Herbst) 8:50



TERRY KASABUCHI

... fires winner

5—Vernon, Jim Stephen (Dale Sorochuk) 18:41
Penalties — Sorochuk (V) hooking 3:21; Nuyens (V) roughing 6:26; Thomas (K) roughing 6:26; Romeo (K) holding 10:30; Sorochuk (V) high sticking 13:17; Wishlow (K) high sticking 13:17.

Third Period

6—Vernon—Gord Kineshenko (Bob Stein) .. 2:01
7—Kelowna, Sonny Herbst (Elmer Arrance) 4:07
8—Kelowna, Elmer Arrance (Sonny Herbst) 7:38
9—Kelowna, Terry Kasabuchi (unassisted) 15:01
Penalties—Arrance (K) fighting 12:22; Morris (V) fighting 12:22.

Shots on goal:

Shussel 7 6 5-18
Jones 4 10 7-21

Wilt The Stilt Does It Again

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Wilt Chamberlain struck for 59 points Thursday night erasing his own National Basketball Association season scoring record and leading Philadelphia Warriors to a 136-120 victory over New York.

His showing pushed his season scoring mark to 3,039 points, breaking the record he established last year with 3,033.