

Some 1,300 Fans Cheer On As Kelowna Grabs 3-0 Lead

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Kelowna Junior Buckaroos Saturday night tripped the lights fantastic trouncing Vernon Junior Canadians 4-3 to snaffle a 2-1 edge in the best-of-five semi-finals.

Cheered on by some 1,300 excited fans, shouting "Go Bucks Go" the Buckaroos opened the scoring in the first period and never looked back throughout the remainder of the game, displaying some of the finest calibre since senior hockey fell to its death last season.

BUCKS EXPLODED

Both teams were unable to get organized until halfway through the first period when the Bucks exploded like dynamite, slamming home three unanswered goals.

Leading the Kelowna attack was Sonny Herbst with a pair followed by Don Culley and Elmer Arrance with singletons.

Vernon marksmen were captain Seiko Ouchi and Dave Kowal with singles.

Hellable Don Culley opened the scoring at 9:19 of the first period displaying remarkable stick handling finesse in skating through the Vernon defence and to slam home the rubber for the opener.

Two minutes later Arrance picked up his second goal of the series on a pass from defenceman Ken Haminishi to drive home a sizzler from the point.

At 18:15 it was Herbst picking up his first of the night on a pass from Arrance and Russ Evans, with Arrance clearing

the puck to Herbst in front of the Vernon net. Herbst hit the skelp on a screen shot to wind up the scoring in the first period.

Teaming up with linemates Evans and Arrance, Herbst picked up his second tally of the night at 14:20 of the second period. It was Arrance passing the puck behind the Vernon net to Evans who centred it in front of netminder Bob Jones with Herbst tipping it in, putting the Bucks ahead 4-0.

CANUCKS FIRST

Canadians first counter came at 2:40 of the third period from the stick of diminutive Ouchi scoring on a screen shot from ten feet out assisted by Buck Sherk and Wayne Morris.

Canadians second goal came at 17:15 with Morris and Ouchi clearing the path for the Vernon crew and Kowal firing the puck home.

Kelowna custodian Sid Shusnel came through with another stellar performance turning away 20 shots.

Not to be neglected, the Kelowna defence led by stalwart Phil Larden again came through with a brilliant performance in breaking up the Vernon attack.

The fourth game of the series goes tomorrow night in Vernon and the Bucks again will be looking for greater support from the Orchard City than before.

MEET WINNERS

If the Buckaroos can wrap it up on Tuesday night they will meet the winner of the Kamloops-Penticton series.