

Buckaroos Notch Two Straight Wins For 2-1 Lead In Best Of Five Series

Vernon Junior Canadians, after winning the first game of the semi-final Okanagan Junior A Hockey League series with Kelowna Buckaroos, fell behind two games to one when they dropped a 5-4 decision here Thursday, then travelled to Kelowna to take a 4-2 defeat Saturday night.

In Thursday night's game at the Civic Arena, Odie Lowe's Canucks had piled up a two goal lead early in the third period only to be cut down with two fast goals by the Buckaroos.

Terry Kasabuchi, up from juvenile ranks to join the Bucks scored the winning goal with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

Saturday night's contest saw the Orchard City crew rack up a lop-sided 3-0 score by the end of the first period, adding another in the second.

TOO MUCH

The deficit was too much for the Canucks. Although scoring two unanswered goals in the final frame, relentless Buckaroo pressure kept the locals disorganized forcing them to rely more and more on stalwart net-minder Bob Jones.

Scoring in the first period was not indicative of play. Vernon outshot Kelowna 10-6, missing two or three chances that had goal marked all over them.

Canucks' fighting spirit which has surprised local supporters during the past few games has not diminished despite the two playoff defeats.

Most of Vernon's troubles in the series has been failing to develop any effective system of clearing from their own territory.

Kelowna's fourth and tying goal on Thursday came after Canucks had been locked in their own end for more than a minute and a half.

The more the Buckaroos put on the pressure, the more the Canucks panicked. Finally after a series of no less than six passes among five Buckaroo attackers, Elmer Arrance batted the puck past Jones.

UNABLE TO CLEAR

The same story was true in the Saturday tilt. After Kasabuchi had opened the scoring on a breakaway halfway through the first period, Kelowna scored again two minutes later as a result of Vernon being unorganized in their own end and unable to set up an attack.

Third goal came immediately after a fruitless Canuck attack, and although all five Blues were back in time, Kelowna kept the puck in the Vernon territory until opportunity presented itself to Sonny Herbst and he fired one that caught Jones moving the wrong way.

Play became faster in the second period, with hard, close checking, a characteristic common to all three games played in the series.

Only one penalty was handed out in the first period. Seven were recorded in the second in-

cluding a two minute holding penalty to Gordie Nuyens with a ten-minute misconduct tacked on.

PRODUCTIVE LINE

So far in the series, Moe Young's third string line of Sonny Herbst, Elmer Arrance and Russ Evans have proved the most effective against the perservering tactics of the Canadians.

Herbst has picked up three goals and two assists, while Arrance has tallied for two goals and three assists to lead the series' point-getters. One point behind is Vernon's Seiko Ouchi.

	G	A	Pts
Sonny Herbst, Kel.	3	2	5
Elmer Arrance, Kel.	2	3	5
Seiko Ouchi, Ver.	2	2	4
Terry Kasabuchi, Kel.	3	0	3
Dave Kowal, Ver.	2	0	2

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