

Bucks and Rockets In OMJHL Final

Kelowna Eliminates Vernon In Sudden-Death Final

Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Vernon Junior Canadians 5-1 at Kelowna Saturday night to win the best of five Okanagan-Mainline Junior A Hockey League semi-finals 3-2. They will meet Kamloops Rockets in the finals beginning this week.

Buckaroos, backed by sensational goaltending of Sid Shussel, squeezed out a 2-1 lead by the end of the second period, then banged in three unanswered goals in the third although outshot 33-20 by Odie Lowe's hustling Canucks.

Lowe commented on the series after the game: "It was a well-played affair providing a pretty good estimate of how entertaining junior hockey can be."

GOOD SERIES

"Our boys gave a good account of themselves," said the coach, "they gave the Buckaroos all the opposition they could handle."

In the dressing room of the victors, coach Moe Young agreed. "The team and Kelowna fans weren't expecting such a hotly contested series."

The coach of the league's most-penalized team suggested that the Buckaroos had been a little too chippy during the season. "But we're taking better penalties than before," said Young, "and against a team like Vernon, this is an important factor."

NO PREDICTION

Young, who recently stepped into Buckaroo coaching chores, would make no prediction on the forthcoming series with Kamloops.

"I've never seen the Rockets before. I'll be able to tell better after the first game."

The Kamloops team entered the finals by defeating Penticton Junior Vees in a best of five series 3-1.

Both Vernon and Kelowna coaches were in agreement that all five games provided as much excitement and action as senior hockey in the valley ever did.

Buckaroo all-star defenceman Phil Larden opened the scoring at 7:04 of the first period when he picked up a loose puck at centre and drove it as he moved across the blue line.

ONLY GOAL

Most positive goal of the night came off the stick of Vernon's Bob Stein, young ace with four years of junior hockey remaining in his future.

Defenceman Harry Wynnychuk, proving invaluable to Canucks during the five-game series, dumped two would be attackers at centre ice, stealing the puck

and passing ahead to Stein galloping across the blue line.

Stein, at full tilt, looked for his wingmen, looked at the net, then fired. The puck screamed 20 feet and into the upper right hand corner to tie the score.

George "Sonny" Herbst, picking up two goals in the contest for the leading total of five in the series, scored the only goal of the second period from Ken Haminishi to give the Bucks a 2-1 edge.

TOP TWO

Fred Thomas, tied with Herbst in total points, opened

the scoring in the third period when he finished off a three-way play with Perry Romeo and Bob Gruber by stickhandling in alone for the tally.

Kelowna's fourth goal came with 15:09 clocked and Vernon playing a man short. Terry Kasabuch deflected a shot by Larden.

Herbst scored his second counter when he won the face-off in Kelowna territory, skated out and shot into an empty net.

Goaltender Bob Jones, also a standout during the series, had been taken off the ice in favor of six attackers.

Leading Point-Getters:

	G	A	Pts
Sonny Herbst, Kel.	5	2	7
Fred Thomas, Kel.	3	4	7
Seiko Ouchi, Ver.	2	3	5
Bob Stein, Ver.	2	3	5
Elmer Arrance, Kel.	2	3	5
Dave Kowal, Ver.	4	0	4
Terry Kasabuchi, Kel.	4	0	4

300 In Action Thursday For Minor Hockey Show

Nearly 300 Minor Hockey players will stage their annual Jamboree at Civic Arena Thursday evening as a part of the current Winter Carnival activities.

For parents of all boys currently playing in the local Minor Hockey organization it will be an opportunity to see their sons in action.

All five divisions from Pups, Peewees, Bantams, Midgets and Juveniles will be icing teams to demonstrate how things are done on ice in the local hockey organization.

It is the parents' opportunity to acknowledge, too, the time and efforts put out by coaches and Minor Hockey officials in teaching and promoting Canada's national sport in Vernon and district.

All Minor Hockey players and coaches are reminded that the show gets underway at 7:00 p.m. as the Pups take to the ice and stage their "three ring circus." Immediately following will be three games played by the six teams in the Peewee division.

All Minor Hockey players and coaches will be on the ice immediately following as the grand march encircles the arena ice surface.

An intermission will follow, at which time presentations will be made and a draw held for prizes.

This year, radio station CJIB has provided Minor Hockey with three autographed hockey sticks from the Detroit Redwings and

the Chicago Blackhawks, last year's Stanley Cup finalists.

Some lucky lads are going to go home with these, while dad has a chance to win the electric drill donated by B.C. Hydro.

Annual Okanagan Relay race for the Bennett Trophy will follow, with a three-player team each from Kelowna, Vernon and possibly Salmon Arm competing. Vernon will be out to defend the trophy it won in last year's event.

To close the evening, a combined Midget-Juvenile team will play, giving spectators some idea just how young hockey players develop as they grow through the various divisions in Minor Hockey.

Parents and interested fans are asked to reserve Thursday evening for Minor Hockey's annual show. It's your best opportunity to see Vernon's young hockey players in action. Action starts at 7:00 p.m.

A nominal charge of 50c for adults and 25c for students will apply. Children will be admitted free.

BEST TIME FOR PAINTING

Avoid painting in the direct rays of the sun, because sun heat may cause the paint to dry improperly, with resulting cracks, blisters or other faults.

A good time schedule is to paint the east side in the afternoon, the south and west sides in the morning.