

Kelowna Buc's Whip Blades 7-2

Kelowna Junior Buckaroos continue to share top spot in the Okanagan Mainline Junior "A" Hockey League after trouncing third place Vernon Blades 7-2 in Kelowna Friday night.

Friday night's win leaves Kelowna and Kamloops Rockets in a tie for first place.

Diminutive Terry Kasabuchi and captain Bob Gruber both gathered a pair for the winners while Fred Thomas, Ralph Kirschner, and Don Evans added singles.

Bob Stein and Dale Sorochuk accounted for the Blades scoring.

Both clubs played fast, bruising, heads-up hockey in the first two periods, then the Bucs opened fire with four big goals in the final period.

Kelowna led 2-1 after the first period, and only managed one more goal in the second period before they found their mark.

Thomas opened the scoring at 1:41 of the first period, unassisted.

Then at 8:04 of the same period Kasabuchi, assisted by Kirschner and Gruber, put the Bucs ahead 2-0. Sorochuk put the Blades on the score sheet at 11:28 to end the scoring in the period.

Gruber notched the only Buckaroo goal in the second period, assisted by Thomas at 8:11.

Kirschner, Evans, Kasabuchi and Gruber each tallied in the third period along with Stein for the Blades.

Gordon Kinschanko was handed a game misconduct at 15:25 of the second period after throwing his stick to the ice in dispute of a referee's decision.

Kelowna outshot the Blades 61-35.

In other junior league action the Kamloops Rockets scored two unanswered goals in each period to shut out the cellar dwelling Penticton Vics in Penticton.

Glen Madsen scored twice for the Rockets. Singles went to Sandyske, Pilkey, Richards, and McShane.