

Bucks Beat Trail Jrs. In Overtime

It took 12 minutes of overtime to do it but Kelowna Buckaroos edged Trail Junior Smokeaters 2-1 Sunday afternoon to grab a one-game lead in the best of three B.C. junior hockey semi-final playoffs.

Marcello Verna fired in the winning overtime goal for the Okanagan champs after the two clubs had fought to a stubborn 1-1 deadlock in regulation time.

Second game of the series will be played Monday night in Trail and a third if needed, Tuesday.

New Westminster Royals struck back with a pair of 8-1 and 3-2 decisions to win the other semi-final playoff over Prince George. They dropped the series opener 4-3.