

Coaches' all-stars

Vernon left out of best player pick

PENTICTON — Coaches of the four Okanagan Junior Hockey League teams chose Tuesday night's play-off game between the Kelowna Buckaroos and the Penticton Broncos to release the names of 14 players who make up this year's all star team.

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Headed by Most Valuable Player Larry Palanio of Penticton, the all star selection included only one player who did not toil for the Broncos or the Bucks this past season.

The first team includes goalie Doug Thompson, who recorded the second best goals against average in the league with a 3.66 finish. Other first team members are rearguards Palanio and Jackie Taggart, both of Penticton; and forwards Gene Peacosh, also of Broncos, and John Strong and Brian Fisher, from Kelowna.

Jack Taggart of Penticton was chosen to the first team as coach.

The second team is composed of goalie Rex Rideout of Kelowna and Wally Denault of Kamloops, in a tie; defensemen Dennis Daws of Kamloops and Dave Haley of Kelowna; and forwards Keith Boquist and Mike Meehan, Kelowna, and Ray Picco of Penticton.

The second team coach was named as Don Culley of Kelowna.

Sports writers in the four member cities, who came up with a selection of their own exactly one week ago today, find the two compare favorably.

Writers poll had the two top goalers. Thompson and Rideout, exchanging positions on the two teams. They only digressed with one other selection on the initial team, that which saw Boquist named to it and not the second.

Writers also went along with the choice of Dave Haley at one defense but had the post shared by Terry Strong and not Daws. They also had Ray Picco at the centre spot, but teamed with Terry Luxton of Penticton and Ivan Malinosky of Vernon Blades. John Strong, named to the coaches first team and Meehan, for the second, did not place among the sports-writers selections.

First team all stars chosen by coaches received a trophy for their respective positions.

Harvey helpful as Bucks put stop to Broncos

PENTICTON — The Okanagan Junior Hockey League distributed its all-star awards here Tuesday evening during the Kelowna Buckaroos 4-3 win over the Broncos, but the person who played the most important role in the victory, was not in the silver line-up.

That person? Harvey Budarick, the Kamloops Kraft King netminder, who was pressed into a Kelowna Buckaroos uniform when Central City regular Rex Rideout came up with a sore arm following Saturday night's 7-3 loss to Broncos. Penticton had won the first game of the series 4-2 and now hold a slim 2-1 lead in games as the series resumes in Kelowna Friday evening.

Budarick, who spent most of the season working nights and thus unable to perform in many Kraft Kings games, turned in a superb display of goaltending, kicking, batting and smothering a total of 32 shots to hold the pressing Pentictons at bay long enough for his new club to overwhelm the Broncos.

Kelowna managed 24 shots for its goals.

The Bucks opened up an early 2-0 first period lead, traded two goals in the second session and were ready to push the panic button when Broncos scored their third goal with just 15 seconds remaining in the match.

Wiry Mike Meehan and burly Keith Boquist, both named as second all-star choices in the annual coaches poll, and Dave Cousins, produced all four Kelowna goals.

Meehan opened up the game at 7:49 of the first period by slamming in the puck in a goalmouth scramble while the Peach City crew was playing a man short.

Penticton's Mr. Wonderful, Larry Palanio, named as the league's most valuable player and a first all-star choice at a defensive position, led a Bronco rush right through the whole Kelowna club before being halted on the goal-step by Budarick. The stocky Hub City youngster, who is also credited

with snatching the OJHL crown from the Buckaroos last year, turned back Gene Peacosh later in the game, but it was the stop on Palanio that gave the Bucks the necessary momentum.

Meehan teamed with Dave Cousins with the Bucks two goal lead at 14:29 when he tripped up a Penticton defender to steal the puck and feed his unguarded line-mate parked in front of the Broncos cage.

Wayne Schaab almost brought the house of 2000 down when the Broncos finally reached the scoresheet. He snarled the puck from Central blueliner Guy Thompson and scooted in to beat Budarick at 1:04 of the second session with a deceptive rolling shot into the lower left hand corner of the net.

Cousins shoved the score to 3-1 at 4:42 catching Penticton goaler Doug Thompson on his knees, and Peacosh would have brought his club back within reach earlier, but he looked like a candidate for an instant surprise when

Budarick banged the door shut on his breakaway attempt.

Terry Luxton speared the puck at 10:10 to set up Ken Conner and still had time to high stick Kelowna rear-guard Dave Haley for the goal that made the score 3-2. But Boquist wasted no time sending Bucks back to a two goal front at 16:17 while Palanio was off for interference.

The third period saw each team take a turn at playing two men short for over a minute and one-half, but neither could break through some staunch defending until Ray Picco chalked up Broncos third goal at 19:45 of the finale while Bucks Dave Haley was incarcerated.

Referee Dale Cassell called 15 penalties, eight to Kelowna. There were no double sentences issued in the contest.

The fourth game of the best of seven series is slated for an 8:30 start in Kelowna Friday night. The fifth will see the set return to Penticton Sunday afternoon.

Kelowna 4, Penticton 3

Summary—
First period—1. Kel, Meehan (Cousins, Boquist) 7:49; 2. Kel, Cousins (Meehan) 14:29. Penalties—Cousins, J. Strong, Evans, Deadmarsh, Cousins.

Second period—3. Pen, Schaab (un-assisted) 1:04; 4. Kel, Cousins (Meehan, Boquist) 4:42; 5. Pen, Conner (Luxton, Picco) 10:10; 6. Kel, Boquist (Cousins, Meehan) 16:17. Penalties—Mowatt, Palanio, Conner.

Third period—7. Pen, Picco (Lux-

ton, Taggart) 19:45. Penalties—Schaab, Peacosh, Boquist, Haley, Fisher, Peacosh, Haley.

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