Two games here . . . *. . . Sat. and Sun.*

Home teams show strength so far in B.C. Jr. action

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With only eight games played in the new 1973-74 B.C. junior A hockey so far this season, one can hardly expect to see any patterns of what is to come in the remainder of the 256 game schedule, but one thing does stand out, the home teams have taken advantage of their more familiar ice to win seven of those eight games.

Wednesday night two games unfolded in the lower mainland area with Chilliwack Bruins hosting White Rock Centennials and coming through with a 5-4 win for their second victory in three starts and in the other game, visiting Langley Lords edged Bellingham Blazers 6-5 for the Blazers second defeat in three starts.

Interesting aspect of the eight games show White Rock having played in four of these encounters, losing each one to hold the cellar position of the eight team league.

Chilliwack Bruins with three games played so far hold down first place on a two win, one loss record with Penticton, Vernon, Kelowna, Bellingham, Nanaimo and Langley tied for second with single victories.

This weekend the league really move into a busy schedule as eight games are on tap starting Friday night through to Sunday.

Here in Vernon, the Vikings will play a double header on the weekend as they host Bellingham Saturday night then come back to civic arena on Sunday with a game against Langley.

Game time Saturday is set for 8 p.m. with the Sunday night encounter due for a 7:30 start.

Wednesday's summary

British Columbia Junior Hockey League fans were treated to two close games Wednesday night as Chilliwack Bruins edged White Rock Centennials 5-4 before a hometown crowd and Langley Lords scored two goals in the final period to sneak past Bellingham 6-5 on the Blazers' ice.

In Chilliwack, White Rock held a 3-2 edge after the first period but Chilliwack was ahead 5-3 going into the final frame. In Bellingham, the score was 3-1 for Langley at the end of the first period but the Blazers rallied in the second period to tie it 4-4 going into the third.

Lane Lavik's second goal of the night, at 12:30 in the final period, gave the Lords their victory. Dwight Bailey scored two goals for Langley while singles were added by Rayn Walter and Allan Young.

Brad Maxwell had two goals for Bellingham. The other Blazers goals were scored by Miles Zaharko, Paul Enquist and Doug Davis. Both teams had 40 shots on goal.

Chilliwack's Tom Zelke scored two goals to lead the Bruins. Gary Huth, Marcel Van Der Graf and Claude Schillings added the other Chilliwack goals.

Daryl Zelinsky scored two goals for the Centennials, who lost their third straight league game Wednesday night. The other White Rock goals were scored by Fred Berry and Fran Thiessen.

Chilliwack outshot White Rock 33-28.

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