



BRISKHAM MAKES THE BIG SAVE

Versatile Charlie Briskham, ace netminder for the Vernon Vikings comes through with a big save early in the first period Friday

night as Randy Naito (16) in dark jersey tries to regain control of the puck after it bounced off the outstretched pads of the Vernon goalie who

made a fantastic sliding stop on Maitos' initial hard slap shot. Kelowna Buckaroos however went on to take the

game by a 6-3 margin in the exciting B.C. junior hockey league encounter played at Kelowna before 1400 fans.



BUCKS BOB KLIM EFFECTIVE TOO

It was a frustrating night for the big marksmen of the Vernon Vikings Friday at Kelowna as Kelowna Buckaroos aided by sharp

goaltending by former Vernon goalie Bob Klim came through with solid defence in the latter stages of the B.C.J.H.L. encounter to go on

and hand Vernon their first defeat in seven starts. Above photo shows Klim making a save on a hard shot from Tad Campbell (white jersey

extreme left) with Greg Howe, centre (foreground) and Jeff Boychuk near the goal, ready to try and pick up a rebound.

First loss . . .

Buckaroo storm sinks Vikings

Home teams cleaned up nicely and comfortably Friday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

In Kelowna, Dale Costanzo scored four goals to lead the Buckaroos to a 6-3 victory over Vernon Vikings.

And in Penticton, four goals was the key again as the Broncos scored four times in the second period to cream White Rock Centennials 7-4.

Costanzo's four goals cut the winning streak of the Vikings, who lead the Interior Division of the league, to six games and gave Kelowna its fifth win in six starts.

Mark Lofthouse and Archie McKinnon added singles for Kelowna while Vernon got markers from Ron Areshenkoff, Marty Stein and Jeff Boychuk.

Areshenkoff's goal in the opening period put the Vikings ahead 1-0 and they were up 2-1 at the end of the second period. But four Buckaroo goals, two by

Costanzo, put Kelowna ahead to stay.

Bob Klim stopped 30 Vernon drives while Charlie Briskham handled 40 shots in the Vernon net.

In Penticton, the Broncos, after settling for a 2-2 tie in the opening period, broke the game open to take a 6-3 lead in the second period.

Bryan James led the Penticton scorers with two goals, while Dale Ferner, Gord McKay, Pat Severyn, Wayne Jewett and Dean Dryer scored singles.

For White Rock, Greg Agar potted a pair, while Daryl Selinski and Jim Hendricks each scored once.

The referees handed out 35 minor penalties in the two games, three fighting calls and two 10-minute misconducts.

In today's B.C.J.H.L. action, White Rock travels to Vernon, Bellingham Blazers meet Nanaimo Clippers and Langley Lords' travel to Chilliwack to meet the Bruins.

WIHL roundup

Cranbrook Royals edged Nelson Maple Leafs 3-2 on home ice and Spokane Jets plowed Trail Smoke Eaters 7-2 Friday night at Spokane, Wash.

In Cranbrook, the Royals pleased the 1,400 fans with a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period and a 2-1 edge going into the final. It was the third straight victory for the Cranbrook players, who lead the Western International Hockey League with eight points.

Geoff Powis, Derek Spring and Mary Ferg scored for Cranbrook. The Nelson goals were scored by Leroy Mowrey and Tom Foxcroft.

Leo Karchi was outstanding in the Nelson net, making a total of 45 saves while Wayne Doll blocked 29 drives on the Cranbrook net. The Maple Leafs took 10 of 13 penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct.

At Spokane the Jets, playing without Brian Harper, Dwight Carruthers and Larry Palanio, pushed 55 shots at Trail's two goalies, while holding the Smoke Eaters to only 27 attempts.

Harper and Carruthers have had colds, while Palanio is expected to miss at least a month of play after severing one of his fingers in an industrial accident.

Sports Sports Briefs

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ALI SCORES AGAIN

JAKARTA (AP) — Former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali scored a unanimous 12-round decision over Dutch heavyweight champion Rudi Lubbers in a non-title fight today.

The fight, Ali's first since he scored a 12-round split decision over Ken Norton on Sept. 10 at Inglewood, Calif., was a tuneup for Ali's return bout against ex-world champion Joe Frazier in New York Jan. 28.

The relaxed, confident Ali, weighing 217½ pounds went into the ring a 4-to-1 favorite. He had predicted that the Dutchman would not last more than five rounds.

But the 196-pound Lubbers showed the American more staying power than he expected. Ali hit the stocky Dutchman often, but he couldn't knock him down before a crowd of 25,000 at outdoor Senayan Stadium.

by Chay Blyth, for almost two days, but the experienced British yachtsman was reported to be closing in on Burton Cutler.

OUTSIDER WINS

NEWMARKET, Eng and (Reuter) — Allez France, the outstanding French filly, suffered her second big race setback in two weeks when she was beaten Saturday by Irish outsider Hurry Harriet in the Champion Stakes.

Allez France was rupper-up to Rheingold in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 13 days ago and she again failed to justify being made favorite here in the final furlong of the 1¼-mile race.

Hurry Harriet, who started at 33-1, overhauled Daniel Wildenstein's filly in an exciting finish to win by three-quarters of a length and carry off the \$36,100 (\$90,250) first prize.

A's backs to wall today

OAKLAND (AP) — Back home and backed against the wall, Oakland Athletics began their last stand today against New York Mets in the 1973 World Series.

"If we don't win Saturday," said Oakland's subdued Vida Blue, "there is no Sunday."

The Mets, who astounded many in baseball by first winning the National League East title and then the National League pennant, had their big gun going—right-handed ace Tom Seaver.

Hoping to choke off a Met clincher at the Oakland Coliseum, the Athletics started their top pitcher, Jim (Catfish) Hunter.

The game, scheduled for 4 p.m. EDT, was threatened by a 30-per-cent chance of rain. Nearly 50,000 fans were expected to be on hand with the Mets holding a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven affair.

JACKSON LOOKS AHEAD

"They've got the big man going," said Oakland outfielder Reggie Jackson about Seaver. "We've got to be tough or we'll get the small end of the pay cheque."

Seaver and Hunter were matched in Game 3 at New York's Shea Stadium last Tues-

day. Neither stuck around long enough for the decision as the Mets won 3-2 in 11 innings.

"The Mets' pitching has been good," said Oakland third baseman Sal Bando, "but what has been beating us is that we can't get the key hits and we're hitting the ball right at somebody every time."

That may be due in part to the slick Met defence, the intangible that got them here in the first place.

"You know who has impressed me the most of their guys, other than Tom Seaver?" says Jackson. "Buddy Harrelson, their shortstop. I admire his hustle and the way he plays the game."

Jackson, who has been silenced for the most part except for a four-hit day last Sunday, took an optimistic view of today's game despite the dire circumstances.

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