

Hat trick by Howe...

Vikings swamp Blazers 4-1

By DOUG BULWER
 Vernon 4, Bellingham 1
 Pentiction 8, Chilliwack 5
 Vernon Vikings continued their winning ways in B.C. junior A hockey action as they came up with their fifth straight victory and the 11th in 13 starts Friday night by downing Bellingham Blazers 4-1.



GREG HOWE
... hat trick

this weekend (tonight) they still could be back in third if Kelowna also continues their winning ways with games to be played tonight and Sunday.

Vikings have 22 points based on their 11-2 win loss record. Pentiction follow with an 8-2-1 win loss, tie record.

Kelowna have also the same loss record as Vernon and Pentiction with eight wins and two losses, but have two games in hand over Vernon and one over Pentiction.

Here at home Friday, Vikings again showed superior skating and puck control and with alert netminding on the part of Charlie Briskham never were in too much trouble as far as offensive drives being put on by Bellingham.

Actually, the scoring margin should have been much wider with only Blazer netman Greg Hayes able to hold back the Vikings who stormed around the hard working goalie time and again.

In the three games now having been played against the Blazers, Vernon have found the going in their favour with three straight wins, for a total of 16 goals scored as opposed to 10 goals being returned by Blazer forwards.

The victory Friday night was by the widest margin as the first game ended in a 7-5 difference, played Oct. 6 here in Vernon and the second game played Oct. 25 at Bellingham saw a single goal margin with the Vikings winning this one 5-4. Blazers got on the scoreboard first in the initial period when Bruce Robin picked up a loose puck at centre ice and broke

past defencemen Lyle Brewer and Brian Giese who were slow in getting back with Robin getting a 15 foot shot away which sped past a startled Charlie Briskham with the goal coming at the 12:14 mark.

HAT TRICK FOR HOWE
 With nearly seven minutes gone in the middle stanza, and followed by several near hits, Vikings finally got on the scoreboard with Greg Howe scoring the first of his three consecutive second period markers.

Eight minutes later, it was Howe again on a power play, with only a minute and 20 seconds to go in the period, Howe made it number three with another great effort.

The three goals plus the assist to Don Murdoch's goal in the third period vaulted Howe in second place from fourth in the Viking team point standings.

He now has eight goals and 11 assists for 18 points, just four less than Viking leader Bob Burgoyne who was held off the point parade. Burgoyne has nine goals and 13 assists for 22 points.

Murdoch's goal coming at 2:04 of the final stanza was his tenth in six games played to give him the goal scoring lead, one more than Burgoyne.

Penalties again played a major part in the game with a total of 22 being handed out, 12 going to Vernon. Total penalty minutes came to 85.

Of the penalties, three were misconducts, one each to Brewer and Price of Vernon and the other to Mark Arnett of the Blazers.

Sunday night Vikings again play host to a Coast club as Chilliwack Bruins come to town. In two previous games, Vernon have come through with wins over the Bruins by 6-3 and 5-4 scores. Game time at civic arena is 7:30 p.m.

WHA roundup

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Ron Clmie of Edmonton Oilers blamed his curved stick Friday after he missed a break-away goal in a World Hockey Association game, but linemates Brian McKenzie and Jim Harrison weren't upset.

McKenzie scored two goals and Harrison one in a third-period rally that carried Edmonton a 5-4 victory over Quebec Nordiques in a battle of division leaders. All three were set up by Clmie, who broke in alone against goaltender Serge Aubry of the Nordiques in the second period. Aubry made a brilliant save but Clmie said the curved stick forced him to shoot too high.

The victory kept Edmonton ahead of the second-place Minnesota Fighting Saints, who toppled Los Angeles Sharks 5-1, and set up another battle at Edmonton Sunday night.

The Saints defeated Edmonton in a sudden-death game last season to settle the fourth and last playoff spot in the Western Division after Edmonton apparently won the berth during regular play. A vote of league governors forced the two clubs to play off.

In the only other game Friday, Ron Snell earned two goals to lead Winnipeg Jets to a 3-1 victory over New York Golden Blades.

Pierre Guite scored two goals in less than a minute in the third period before 5,200 fans at Edmonton to give Quebec a 4-2 lead that appeared safe in view of the tough checking laid down by the Eastern Division leaders.

But McKenzie scored twice in quick succession to tie the score and Harrison stepped into the clear in front of Aubry to steer home Clmie's pass for the winner.

Sports

DOUG BULWER, Sports Editor

Rookie goalie key to Canucks loss

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 John Davidson is not a normal National Hockey League rookie goalie.

He does not suffer from bad nerves, does not let in easy shots and does not leave rebounds lying around the crease.

And he does not often lose. Davidson, 20, was a key factor Friday night as St. Louis Blues came from behind to take the Canucks 3-1 in Vancouver.

The Blues scored their three goals in the third period, but Davidson did most of his damage in the second, when he twice robbed Canucks right winger Bobby Schumatz.

With 1:10 remaining in the game and the score 2-1, David, the product of the Victoria Centennials of the Western Canada Junior League, made a fine save off Schumatz from directly in front of the goal. That stop preserved the victory, and left Davidson with only one loss in six NHL starts.

Jocelyn Guevrement gave Vancouver a 1-0 lead in the second period on a power play goal from 20 feet before the Blues took over in the final period to register their third victory of the season.

Glenn Sather started the Blues' comeback by flipping a back-

hander over Vancouver netminder Jacques Caron at the 24-second mark of the third period and Pierre Plante added his third goal of the season five minutes later.

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 Gary Unger provided the insurance goal with less than a minute left in the game.

Davidson made 26 saves, Gary Smith and Jacques Caron combined to stop 19 Blues' shots.

Meanwhile, the great NHL showdown mystery will begin to unravel tonight.

The series, involving 20 top NHL players in a penalty-shot contest, makes its debut during intermissions on the CBC Hockey Night in Canada telecast of the Montreal Canadiens' home game against California Golden Seals.

Not even the players involved in the \$80,000 series know who will be the winners although the series was filmed Oct. 2 at Peterborough, Ont., arena.

In other NHL action tonight, Atlanta Flames are at Philadelphia Flyers, St. Louis travels to Los Angeles Kings, Chicago Black Hawks move to Minnesota North Stars, Boston Bruins are at New York Islanders and Pittsburgh Penguins travel to Toronto Maple Leafs.

Old country soccer scores

LONDON (CP) — Soccer results Saturday:

- ENGLISH LEAGUE**
 Division I
 Arsenal 0 Liverpool 2
 Coventry 0 Ipswich 1
 Derby 1 Queen's PR 2
 Everton 1 Tottenham 1
 Leeds 4 West Ham 1
 Man United 2 Chelsea 2
 Newcastle 2 Stock 1
 Norwich 1 Leicester 0
 Sheffield U 1 Birmingham 1
 Southampton 2 Burnley 2
 Wolverhampton 0 Man City 0
- Division II
 Aston Villa 1 Sheffield W 0
 Blackpool 5 Portsmouth 0
 Bolton 2 Oxford 1
 Cardiff 0 West Brom 1
 Crystal P 0 Notts F 1
 Fulham 2 Bristol 1
 Hull 2 Sunderland 0
 Middlesbrough 2 Luton 1
 Notts G 3 Millwall 3
 Orient 2 Preston 2
 Swindon 2 Carlisle 2
- Division III
 Blackburn 2 Plymouth 0
 Brighton 0 York 0
 Bristol 1 Chesterfield 0
 Charlton 0 Wrexham 0
 Grimsby 1 Cambridge 0
 Halifax 1 Bournemouth 1
 Oldham 3 Shrewsbury 0
 Port Vale 3 Rochdale 1
 Southend 5 Huddersfield 2
 Watford 2 Aldershot 1
- Division IV
 Barnsley 3 Bury 2
 Brentford 4 Mansfield 1
 Chester 1 Rotherham 0
 Crewe 1 Darlington 1
 Doncaster 3 Swansea 1
 Lincoln 3 Newport 0
 Northampton 1 Hartlepool 0
 Peterborough 2 Exeter 0
 Reading 0 Gillingham 1
 Torquay 1 Bradford 0

NHL standings

National East Division

W	L	T	F	A	P	
Boston	7	2	1	51	28	15
Buffalo	7	3	0	36	33	14
Montreal	6	2	1	29	21	13
Toronto	5	3	3	38	26	13
Vancouver	4	1	27	26	9	
NY Rangers	3	5	2	29	25	8
NY Islanders	1	4	5	19	29	7
Detroit	2	7	1	33	51	5

West Division

W	L	T	F	A	P	
Philadelphia	7	3	0	28	13	14
Atlanta	5	3	1	27	22	11
Los Angeles	4	4	2	26	30	10
Pittsburgh	4	1	27	26	9	
Chicago	2	3	2	20	16	8
St. Louis	3	4	2	20	23	8
California	3	7	0	24	42	6
Minnesota	0	5	24	37	6	

Do or die tonight for B.C. Lions

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Two Western Football Conference games this weekend provide a nightmare for coaches but a dream for fans. Saskatchewan Roughriders visit Edmonton Eskimos Sunday in a game to settle first place while Calgary Stampede players play British Columbia Lions at Vancouver tonight for the right to enter the playoffs.

Coaches of all four clubs have been careful not to give away their strategy. Saskatchewan leads the WFC by two points over the second-place Eskimos and will retain top spot—and the ultra-valuable bye into the western final—if they win or tie at Clarke Stadium. By winning, Edmonton would create a tie in the standings and

receive first place on the basis of two wins in three games with Saskatchewan. In the battle for third place conditions are almost exactly the same. The Lions can only tie in points, but a victory would give them the final playoff berth on the basis of a 2-1 edge in head-to-head combat this season.

Williams is worried

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Coach Jerry Williams of Hamilton Tiger-Cats talks like a man prepared for defeat.

Even if the Tiacs beat Montreal Alouettes in their final Eastern Football Conference schedule game Sunday, the defending Grey Cup champion Tiacs could be out of the playoffs.

"A 7-7 record is usually good enough to get a team in the playoffs," Williams told a fan club meeting this week.

"Last year a team (Montreal) got in the plays with only four wins."

The Tiacs could finish with a 7-7 record Sunday if they beat Montreal but it wouldn't be enough to take the final playoff spot over Toronto if the Argonauts can finish with a 7-5-2 record by beating Winnipeg Blue Bombers today.

To underline the possible fu-

tility of winning Sunday, Williams even talked about the possibility of using backup quarterback Bill Etter who has had little chance to gain experience this season. "I had hoped to get Bill in more often but our games have been so tight this year," said Williams.

The Lions shunted Winnipeg Blue Bombers out of the play-offs last week but Winnipeg plays Toronto Argonauts in Canadian Football League contest vital to Toronto's playoff hopes in the Eastern Conference. A Winnipeg victory and a B.C. loss would leave the Bombers fourth and B.C. fifth. Quarterback Ron Lancaster of the Roughriders said Friday there is no point in either club practising trick plays.

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