

# Game of the year on tap here tonight

Vernon Vikings and Kelowna Buckaroos will carry on tonight where they left off Friday as the two top rated B.C. Junior A hockey teams battle it out for first place in the eight team league.

Vikings will put their two point edge as leaders on the line tonight here at home after running out of steam late in the final period at Kelowna last night to let the Bucks take the game before over 2,000 home town fans by a 8-4 final scoreboard reading.

The large score was not indicative however of the fast paced game with many fans agreeing it was one of the best games observed in the BCJHL this season.

Kelowna jumped into a 2-1 first period lead, moved three goals out in front at the end of the second period only to have the Vikings come on strong in the early stages of the final 20 minute session with a pair of fast goals to come within a single marker of tying the game.

However Kelowna came back with three more of their own in the second half of the period to wrap up their 19th win in 24 starts. The loss for Vernon, their seventh, leaves them with a 20-7 win loss record for 40 points and a slimmed down two

point edge over the same Kelowna boys.

Tonight here at home, fans are sure to see a repeat of the same excellent hockey with Vernon having the advantage with home town fans giving them the incentive much the same as Kelowna received by their boistrous fans Friday night.

Added attraction tonight will see a preliminary game at 7:30 featuring Vernon minor hockey Pups meeting up with Enderby with both these teams taking to the ice again between the first and second periods of the junior game.

Viking promoters are also inviting Enderby fans to the games tonight as their guests and with the possible starting of Enderby born Billy Stankoven in the nets for Kelowna, (as he did Friday) the North Valley fans should really get a fine nights entertainment handed them. Game starts at 8 p.m. by the way.

Vikings will be coming out strong with their leading goal scorer, Don Murdoch sure to continue his torrid scoring pace. Friday night he added his second hat trick of the season to bring his goals scored total to 26 in 20 games played to date.

Others sure to be up for the game is current point leader Ken Price who has 45 points in 27 games played with 13 goals and team leading 32 assists to his credit.

Second place on the point standings is Greg Howe who is also due to break out with a strong point showing as he looks to add to his 16 goals and 22 assists. Picked up in 26 games played so far.

Fans may also get a look at newcomer Tim O'Donnell from Taber Alberta who wore sweater number 8 Friday night. Rumour has it Vikings also have other newcomers in their camp ready to don uniforms at the call of coach Dye.



DON MURDOCH  
... 2nd hat trick

## Scoring leaders

Vernon Vikings individual point standings to and including 27 games played to Friday, Dec. 7, 1973.

Player	Gp	G	A	Pts
Price	27	13	32	45
Howe	26	16	22	38
Burgoyne	27	14	22	36
Murdoch	20	26	10	36
Caldow	25	13	18	31
Boychuk	27	14	13	27
Stien	27	5	19	24
Brewer	27	6	18	24
Sanche	23	6	19	25
Sidnick	24	7	8	15
Kokotilo	18	6	9	15
Campbell	14	7	6	13
Dubbin	27	4	9	13
Anaka	21	1	11	13
Munro	23	3	4	7
Dye	21	3	3	6
Chapman	16	1	5	6
Greise	20	1	5	6
Areshnekoff	14	4	1	5
McGillvray	6	1	2	3
Chappell	2	1	0	1

## BCJHL roundup

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Penticton Broncos were the only successful road team in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League Friday night as they defeated Merritt Centennials 2-1 while Kelowna Buckaroos smashed Vernon Vikings 8-4 and Langley Lords squeaked past Nanaimo Clippers 5-4.

In Langley, Dwight Bailey's second goal of the night after 48 seconds of overtime made the difference for Langley.

Brian Henderson, Barry Beck and Bob MacGillvray also scored for Langley. Fenpon Gale led Nanaimo with two goals while Wade Smith and Jeff Frkekich scored singles.

In Merritt, league scoring leader Fred Berry notched Merritt's only goal in the first period to give the Centennials a 1-0 lead going into the middle frame.

Brian Day and Gord McKay

tallied in the second period to give the Broncos the victory.

Penticton goaltender Mario Dibella handled 23 shots while Merritt goalie Ernie Glandville kicked away 28 shots.

And in Kelowna, the Buckaroos scored three times in the third period to earn the win.

Mark Lofthouse and Dale Costanzo each scored twice for the Buckaroos, who took period leads of 2-1 and 5-2. Kurt Fraser, Steve Paolone, Randy Naito and Duane Monteith rounded out Kelowna's scoring.

Don Murdoch fired three goals for Vernon, which took two early goals in the final period before Kelowna pulled away. Jeff Boychuk scored Vernon's other tally.

In league action tonight, Kelowna travels to Vernon, Bellingham Blazers meet the Bruins in Chilliwack and Langley travels to Nanaimo.

## BCJHL standings

B.C. Junior A hockey standings to and including Friday, Dec. 7, 1973.

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Vernon	27	20	7	0	152	110	40
Kelowna	24	19	5	0	154	87	38
Penticton	27	16	10	1	142	124	33
Langley	24	14	10	0	115	107	28
Nanaimo	26	10	15	1	100	114	21
Merritt (WR)	30	10	20	0	122	163	20
Chilliwack	30	9	21	0	112	175	18
Bellingham	28	9	19	0	100	117	18

## Old country soccer scores

LONDON (CP) — Old Country soccer results Saturday:

- ENGLISH LEAGUE**  
Division 1  
Birmingham 1 Newcastle 0  
Burnley 1 Norwich 0  
Chelsea 3 Leicester 2  
Coventry 1 Wolverhampton 0  
Derby 1 Arsenal 1  
Everton 0 Liverpool 1  
Ipswich 0 Leeds 3  
Man United 0 Southampton 0  
Queen's PR 0 Sheffield U 0