

## Torrid weekend

# Vikings just a point back of Kelowna Bucks

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Kelowna Buckaroos were the only British Columbia Junior Hockey League team to gain a point on the road Saturday and Sunday and the one they got from a 3-3 overtime tie in Chilliwack was enough to give them first place in the Interior division.

The Buckaroos now have 45 points, one ahead of Vernon Vikings who lost 6-2 at Bellingham Sunday and 7-4 in Nanaimo Sunday. Kelowna suffered a 5-2 defeat Sunday in Langley, and in Saturday's other game Merritt bounced Penticton 7-2.

Kelowna and Chilliwack were tied 1-1 after one period and the Bruins led 2-1 at the end of the second. The Buckaroos came back to tie it 3-3 by the end of regulation time and the teams played a tenminute sudden-death overtime session without scoring. Archie McKinnon scored twice for Kelowna and Murray Hanson got the other goal. Ken Widmeyer had two for Chilliwack and Ken Weninger notched a single. There were only five minor penalties in the game, four to the Buckaroos.

Langley Lords led all the way to their 5-2 win over Kelowna with goals from Dave Hathway, Ryan Walter, John Gregory, Dwight Bailey and Brian

Henderson. Murray Hanson and Dale Costanzo counted for the Buckaroos, who outshot the Lords 34-23. Langley had the game's six penalties, including a misconduct.

Nanaimo and Vernon were tied 1-1 at the close of the first period, but the Clippers led 5-2 at the end of the second. Clipper goals were by Bruce Van Camp, Kirk Fyffe, Dale Iwasiuk, Allan Hill, Gord Genereux, Glenn Leedahl and Al Dreger. The Vikings got two goals from Greg Howe and one each from Ken Price and Rod Dyck. General Manager Cliff McNabb coached for Nanaimo, after the dismissal of Bob Briscoe as coach Saturday.

At Bellingham, the Blazers took a 2-1 lead out of the first period and were in front 3-2 starting the third. Doug Davis,

Bruce Rowland, Brad Maxwell, Brian McAllister, Innes Mackie and Mark Arnett counted for the Blazers. Viking goals were by Martin Stein and Dyck.

Merritt's 7-2 victory at home over Penticton came despite a 36-22 edge in shots on goal for the Broncos. The Centennials led 3-1 at the end of the opening frame and 6-1 at the close of the second. Darrell Zelinski, Lee Newport and Greg Agar had two goals apiece for Merritt and Bob Ditterigh got a single. Mike Holmes and Esko Suppulla counted for Penticton.

The Broncos remain in third place in the interior division, nine points behind Vernon and 11 ahead of last-place Merritt.

On the Coast, division-leading Langley has 35 points, Nanaimo and Bellingham are tied at 24 and Chilliwack has 23.

## BCJHL standings

TEAM	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Kelowna	30	22	7	1	186	108	45
Vernon	32	22	10	0	184	139	44
Penticton	32	17	14	1	162	139	35
Langley	29	16	12	1	132	124	33
Bellingham	32	12	20	0	119	124	26
Nanaimo	29	11	16	2	112	129	24
Merritt (WR)	33	12	21	0	139	178	24
Chilliwack	35	11	23	1	126	193	23

B.C. Junior A hockey league standings to and including Sunday, Dec. 16, 1973.

## NHL leaders