

Vikings say they will stop Kelowna tonight

All eyes will turn toward Vernon tonight as the battle of the giants unfolds in B.C. junior A hockey action.

First place Kelowna Buckaroos and second place Vernon Vikings will clash head on in the continuing push to be the leagues best.

Kelowna, with three games in hand and just three points ahead of the Vikings, come to town vowing they will not be beaten by the local squad this season while on the other hand, the Vikings say they have played it too easy in three previous games with the Regatta city boys allowing the Bucks to outscore them by a wide 23-9 difference.

Vikings are said to be really up for this one and have promised they will revenge the 9-2 drubbing handed them here in Vernon by the Bucks on Dec. 8.

Word out of Kelowna early today indicates Don Culley and company aren't saying too much about the outcome, but does admit Vikings are the only team in the league they take time to be concerned about.

"If we take them on their own ice tonight, then and only then will I feel we can take a more relaxed feeling about how our chances are of taking this years B.C. title" said Culley.

With the odds already being predicted on Kelowna taking the championship, their continuing dominance over every other club at this point of the season, seemingly will bear this prediction out.

Team officials already look to 12 of their 19 signed players to register over 20 goals apiece with four to five of these big

BRONCO LOSES JOB

SOUTH YARMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Coach Bronco Horvath was dismissed Thursday by Cape Cod Cubs of the North American Hockey League.

The dismissal was announced by team president John Newkirk.

Horvath was the Cubs' first coach and led the team last year—its first season—to the Central Division title of the old Eastern Hockey League.

Buckaroo guns aiming at better than 40 or more goals this season.

Fans can look to a tough line of youngsters who all hail from North Vancouver to spearhead the Kelowna attack.

Mark Lofthouse with a 22-27 goals and assists record for 49 points, Curt Fraser with a 14- 6-30 record and 16-year-old Barry Berezowski are figured for big things by the Kelowna owners and with their team leader, Dale Costanzo who has a 21-37-58 record along with Archie McKinnon, Murray Hanson and Dale Turner backing them up, Kelowna may just be in the unbeaten situation they now feel they have.

Vikings with the likes of Ken Price who has 17 goals and 41 assists, Don Murdoch who has 33 goals and 18 assists and Greg Howe who has 23 goals and 25 assists may have something to say about the changes in the Kelowna pre-playoff plans of being the new champions.

Game time tonight has been set for 8:30 p.m. and fans can look for a possible two newcomers as predicted by Vern Dye a week ago. It is known he has been shopping around and tonight might be the time to see his proposed line changes.

Comedy of Errors

LEOPARDSTOWN, Ireland (AP) — Twelve lucky Irish sweepstake ticket holders around the world—six of them Canadians—picked up prizes of about \$115,625 each Thursday as Comedy of Errors galloped away with the Irish Sweeps hurdles.

The English champion hurdler, starting 5-to-4 favorite, finished eight lengths in front of Brendon's Road. Captain Christy, last year's winner, was another two lengths behind Brendon's Road in third place.

That meant prizes of \$46,250 for ticket holders who had drawn Brendon's Road in the sweepstakes, and \$23,125 for holders of Captain Christy.

Four Canadians held tickets on Brendon's Road with nine more having tickets bearing