

Jr. **HOCKEY**



**TONIGHT**

**KELOWNA  
BUCKAROOS vs  
VERNON VIKINGS**

**Face-Off 8:30 p.m. Sharp**

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# Vikings record two firsts ... edge Bucks ... best crowd

Three big games unfolded in B.C. junior A hockey action Friday night with the game here in Vernon topping them all in thrill minute style of play.

Vernon Vikings recorded two big firsts after 43 starts this season by downing visiting Kelowna Buckaroos 5-3 and winning for the first time against the same Kelowna team after six previous tries this year.

The other big first as far as the Vernon based team was concerned was a record crowd of an estimated 2,500 plus, fans whose wild cheering and boisterous noise was termed later by team officials as one of the main reasons for the Viking victory.

To most onlookers and in particular keen followers of B.C. junior hockey, the game was the best ever played and as former Vernon Senior Canadian



**JEFF BOYCHUK**  
... great goals

ace and coach of Bellingham Blazers last season, Bing Jukes, was concerned, it topped any NHL, WHA or Tier one junior action he has personally viewed this year.

Jukes, who was passing through Vernon from a scouting trip on the prairies had other big news, indicating in an in-

terview during the game, he along with some unnamed backers hoped to put a Spokane entry into the B.C. junior league next season, and with the quality of the Friday night game he watched, Jukes added that junior hockey in the Okanagan would continue to provide fans with the best hockey to be seen anywhere in the world.

While Vernon were busy holding back the first place Buckaroos, Penticton Broncos playing on their home ice, trounced the visiting Chilliwack Bruins 9-1 and at Langley Bellingham Blazers squeezed by coast division leaders Langley Lords 5-4.

In Vernon, both teams battled to a 1-1 tie after the first 20 minutes of play with both goals coming late in the period.

In the second period an early Kelowna goal put the visitors ahead for exactly one minute with Vernon coming back with three unanswered goals to take a 4-2 lead into the final stanza.

In the final frame, both teams again found the mark on single efforts with Vernon taking the game by a two goal difference.

Jeff Boychuk paced the Vikings with his 18th and 19th goals of the season with singles coming from Ken Price, his 22nd, Grant Sidnick with his 11th and Red Dyck his 8th.

Scoring for Kelowna was Dale Costanzo with his 29th and 30th goals, with the single coming from Mark Lofthouse his 29th of the year.

Another aspect to be considered a first for either club was the small total of penalties called by Kamloops referee Eric Reimer who assessed only two minor infractions to each club with Lyle Brewer getting his 49th individual penalty and Dave Caldwell his 37th of the season for Vernon.

Taking the penalty nod for Kelowna was Duane Montieth

and Dale Turner.

One of the brightest spots in the game as far as the Vikings was concerned was the mean brilliant goal-tending on the part of Charlie Briskham who pushed aside 26 drives that came his way, allowing three to get by him.

Sunday night here at home, the Vikings will be looking for

their 29th win in 44 starts as they play host to Chilliwack Bruins.

In six previous meetings with the Fraser Valley club, Vernon have won five times three of these on home ice.

Game time Sunday has been set for 7:30 p.m. and indications are it will be another full house of Viking supporters.



**CHARLIE BRISKHAM** ... stand-out in nets

## BCJHL roundup

High scores were the rule Friday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League as Penticton Broncos blasted Chilliwack Bruins 9-1, Vernon Vikings took Kelowna Buckaroos 5-3 and Bellingham Blazers squeaked past Langley Lords 5-4.

In Langley, Dean Arnett's goal at 19:49 of the final period gave Bellingham the win. Wayne Jeske scored three times for Bellingham and Kevin Schamehorn scored once. Allen Young, Lane Lavik, Bryan Walter and Don Moores scored for Langley, which remains in first place in the league's Coast Division.

Bellingham goaltender Ian McWilliam stopped 37 shots while Langley goalie Mark Earp kicked away 19 shots.

In Vernon, Jeff Boychuk led the Vikings with two goals while Ken Price, Rod Dyck and Grant Sidnick scored once as Vernon picked up its first win in seven tries against Kelowna.

The teams were tie 1-1 at the end of the first period, but Vernon took a 4-2 lead after 40 minutes.

Dale Costanzo scored two for Kelowna and Mark Lofthouse picked up the other.

Vernon outshot Kelowna 36-20 before a season-record crowd of more than 2,500.

### BRONCOS EXPLODE

In Penticton, after coasting through the first two periods to take a 3-0 lead, the Broncos exploded for six goals in the final frame—five of them in the final five minutes—to get Chilliwack off to a disastrous start in a swing through the Okanagan.

Mark Severyn lifted Penticton into a 1-0 lead in the opening period with his first goal of an eventual hat-trick. Doug Lawton also picked up three goals. In between Reg Kerr added a pair of markers with Greg Milliard picking up a single.

For Chilliwack, marcel Van Der Graf picked up the lone goal midway through the third period to rob Penticton's Andy Mydlak of a shutout.

Penticton took 13 of 23 minor penalties. Each club was assessed one five-minute major for fighting and a misconduct.

The Broncos held a definite edge in play as they peppered Chilliwack's Greg Hayes with 50 shots while the Bruins mustered just 30 on Mydlak.

In league action tonight, Chilliwack travels to Kelowna.

## Canucks front-office squabble made public

VANCOUVER (CP) — Front-office squabbling continues to take the play away from the players as Vancouver Canucks officials air more dirty linen in public.

Assistant general manager Bud Poile said Friday of general manager Hal Laycoe:

"I can't work with that man. He asked me for my resignation, but I said I have no intention of resigning. You only resign when you know you've done a bad job.

ager. He later replaced Poile as general manager when illness forced Poile to step down. He refused comment on the latest altercation.

Acting club president Coley Hall, who runs the organization from his winter home in Hawaii while American owner Tom Scallen is barred from the board pending appeal of a four-year prison sentence for theft of \$3 million, said via telephone Friday night:

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