

Vikings win thriller in over-time period

Vernon Vikings have come through again with what can only be termed a roof-raising fan thriller as it took a sudden death overtime victory to win over visiting Chilliwack Bruins by a 7-6 difference Sunday night.

Vikings showed strong form in the early stages of the game.



BOB BURGOYNE
... overtime winner

Bernard, Ken Weninger, Jim Slater, Vern Quaroni and Ken Widmeyer.

MURDOCH WALKS OUT

In other Viking happenings Sunday night, Vernon goal scoring ace Don Murdoch walked out of the game early, saying later he was fed up with the coaching of the team.

"When a guy leads in goals, he shouldn't have to have the coach complaining all the time at him when he has an off-night, there is always just too much bitching from Dye (coach Vern Dye) and he is never satisfied," concluded Murdoch after the game.



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BCJHL roundup

Kelowna Buckaroos smashed Penticton Broncos 8-4; Langley Lords squeaked past Bellingham Blazers 3-2; and Vernon Vikings edged Chilliwack Bruins 7-6 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League games Sunday.

In Saturday games, Chilliwack Bruins defeated Kelowna Buckaroos 10-3, and Nanaimo Clippers dumped Merritt Centennials 5-1.

Playing in Bellingham, Wash., Sunday, the Blazers and Langley Lords were scoreless at the end of the first period.

Bellingham led 2-0 at the end of the second, but a goal by Sandy Bain in overtime won the game for Langley.

Other Langley scorers were Bob MacGillvray and Allen Young. Wayne Jeske and Kevin Schamehorn scored for the Blazers.

In Kelowna Sunday, Archie McKinnon and Dale Turner each scored twice for the Buckaroos. Murray Hanson, Dale Costanzo, Mark Lofthouse and Duane Monteith added singles.

Esko Siipolla, Doug Holmes, Pat Sevryn and Doug Lawton scored for Penticton.

MANY PENALTIES

Kelowna outshot Penticton 38-23. Twelve of 22 minor penalties, two of three 10-minute misconducts and three of five fighting majors went to Penticton.

Each team had a game misconduct.

Chilliwack outshot Vernon 31-24 in Sunday's game in Vernon, but the Vikings won with a goal by Bob Burgoyne in overtime.

Vernon led 3-1 at the end of the first period and 5-3 at the end of the second. Chilliwack scored three goals in the third period to force overtime.

Burgoyne and Rod Dyck each scored two goals for Vernon. Tad Campbell, Dave Caldow, and Jeff Boychuk added singles.

Tom Zelke, Wayne Bernard, Ken Weninger, Jim Slater, Vern Quaroni and Ken Widmeyer scored for Chilliwack.

Dennis Walsh and Greg

Hayes were in the net for Chilliwack, and Ken Holland and Charlie Briskham were goalies for Vernon.

In Nanaimo Saturday, the Clippers led 1-0 after the first period, and 4-1 after the second.

Dale Ewasiuk scored twice for the Clippers, with singles added by Bryan Day, Wade Smith and Dale Dreilich.

GOALIE ASSISTS

Merritt's only goal was by Don Fersterling early in the second period.

Nanaimo goalie Dan Rogers picked up an assist for the second game in a row.

Saturday's game in Kelowna saw seven unanswered first-period goals by the Chilliwack Bruins. Weninger scored three goals for the Bruins, while Widmeyer, Bernard, and Tom O'Neil each scored twice. Tim Zelke scored a single.

Hanson scored twice for Kelowna, and Curt Fraser scored once.

Kelowna took only four minor penalties in the game, but lost coach Don Culley in the first period when he was ejected from the game after an altercation with a lineman.

taking a 3-1 lead after the first period, then swapped a pair of goals with the Bruins in the middle stanza, but fell back in the final or regulation time third period, to allow the visitors to outscore them 3-1 and tie the game.

However, as they have done in the past, Vikings came up with the pressure goal with a minute and 42 seconds gone in the overtime session to have Bob Burgoyne score from a mad scramble in front of the net, his second of the night, by the way.

Those in the half empty rink were treated to surges of good hockey throughout with Vernon showing signs of excellent play at times but letting down too often for their own good as the period scoring indicates.

One of their weakest aspects on the defensive end of things was the rather poor effort shown by goalie Ken Holland who allowed at least four of the six goals to slip past him when he should have made ordinary saves.

As the second string goalie for the Vikings, Holland has not seen too much ice time and his problem Sunday night could steam from the fact he is out of shape for lack of games played to date.

For Holland, those soft goals looked like a simple case of jitters but still this cannot be given as an excuse, as his ability will be questioned next time he dons the pads, particularly if regular netman Charlie Briskham has an off-night or leaves the game because of injuries.

Getting back to the scoring pattern, Rod Dyck also had a big night as he joined Bob Burgoyne with a pair of goals with the singles coming from Tad Campbell, Dave Caldow and Jeff Boychuk.

Scoring for the Bruins saw six solos led by Tom Zelke. Wayne

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