PICK UP THREE POINTS

Bucks Picture Brighter

A brighter picture confronted the Kelowna Buckroos after a productive weekend in the B.C. Junior A Hockey League.

The Bucks, who had lost five of their past six games going into weekend action, picked up three of a possible four points in games Saturday and Sunday to boost their Interior Division lead to nine points over Vernon Vikings.

Sunday, the Bucks claimed a single point with a 4-4 tie with the Vernon Vikings in Vernon and Saturday they broke their scoring slump in an impressive fashion with a 7-2 whipping of Penticton.

Don Murdoch's 48th goal of the season at 16:09 of of the third period gave the Vikings the tie Sunday, capping a come-from-behind effort.

Duane Montieth gave the Buckaroos a 1-0 lead in the first period, while markers by John Stone and midget rookie Ken Schisler put Kelowna up 4-1 by the 7:52 mark of the second. Greg Howe had replied for Vernon.

Rod Dyck began the Vernon comeback less than a minute after Schisler's marker, as he put two by goaltender Jerry Nekrassoff, setting the stage for Murdoch's goal.

The two teams played a hustling but scoreless overtime period, Kelowna outshooting their hosts 4-1. In all the Bucks fired 30 shots at the Vernon net while Vernon replied with 28.

One of the most frustrated Kelowna skaters was captain Archie McKinnon, who was stymied on three breakaways and a couple of other golden opportunities.

One player who made the best of his chances was Schisler and his goal last night was the first in the BCJHL this season.

Schisler, 16, was a standout in filling in for Barry Berezowski and the Bucks feel he has deserved a shot at a regular spot on the club as as soon as the Kelowna midget reps finish their schedule.

Meanwhile Berezowski has had personal problems and his play with the Bucks has been less than gratifying. He's left for home in Vancouver and his future with the Kelwona club is still uncertain.

In Penticton Saturday, most of the Buckaroos came up with solid effots in their sound victory over the Broncos.

Kelowna laid the groundwork for their Friday 3-1 loss in Kelowna, with a 2-1 lead in the opening period, and then exploded with four unanswered goals in the second. Each team scored in the final period.

Murray Hanson, after being shut out for the first time in 36 games the night before, Rallied for four points against the Broncos — two goals and two assists — to lead the Bucks attack.

John Stone came up with one of his best efforts of the season, scoring two goals while McKinnon, Costanzo and Lee Strachan added singles.

Mark Patterson and Esko Siipolla were the Penticton marksmen.

The Bucks now await a four-game road trip before returning to the friendly confines of the Memorial Arena.

But before that venture, eight Buckaroo players will be taking part in the anual BCJHL All-Star game in Bellingham Wednesday.

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FOURTH THIS SEASON

Voodoos Again Take Tourney



Rutland Voodoos made it look tough, but still came up with their fourth tournament victory this season by defeating St. Thomas More of Vancouver 80-61 in the Rutland Invitational AA Basketball tournament Saturday.

Down 34-32 at half time, the Voodoos began their comeback

Blazers, Merritt Claim BCJHL Wins

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bellingham Blazers trounced Chilliwack Bruins 5-1 and Merritt Centennials edged Nanaimo Clippers 6-4 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Sunday.

Kelowna maintained its lead in the BCJHL Interior Division, with 70 points, while Vernon, with 61 points, remained in a strong second-place position. Bellingham's win maintained its second place in the Coast Division, with 42 points, while Merritt's win left the club in the basement of the Interior Division with 35 points. Langley leads the Coast Division with 59 points.

In Saturday games, Chilliwack smashed Nanaimo 9-1, and Merritt nipped Bellingham 7-6.

Playing in Bellingham Sunday, the Blazers forged ahead with two unanswered goals in the first period and maintained their lead, ending the second period 4-1.

Harold Phillipoff scored twice for the Blazers, with Stanley Smyl, Mark Arnett and Bruce Roland each adding singles.

Chilliwack, in third place in the Coast Division with 36 points, had its only goal scored by Ken Weninger.

In Sunday's game in Nanaimo, Merritt and Nanaimo were tied 1-1 after the first period, but Merritt led 5-4 after the second.

Merritt's marksmen were Fred Berry, who scored twice, and Gord Adomiet, Darrell Zelinski, Ron Mykyta, and Dan Rota, each with singles. Dale Ewasiuk scored twice for Nanaimo, and Clint Eccles and Allan Hill got a goal apiece.

The game left both teams at the bottom of their divisions, with Nanaimo in the basement of the Coast Division with 32 points.

Chilliwack Bruins won their first game in nine starts this season in Chilliwack Saturday.

Ken Widmeyer led the Bruins with four goals. Wayne Barnard and Tom O'Neill each added two and Vern Quaroni got the other.

Morley Anderson scored for Nanaimo.

On Wednesday, Bellingham hosts the BCJHL All-Star game.

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