

# Vikings win over Nanaimo

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A match between the top and the bottom teams of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League's Interior Division ended predictably as Duane Monteith led Kelowna Buckaroos to an 8-3 victory over Merritt Centennials Thursday night in Merritt.

In other BCJHL action, Vernon Vikings edged Nanaimo Clippers 4-3 in Nanaimo, and Chilliwack Bruins and Penticton Broncos played to a 4-4 draw in Mission.

Monteith scored three goals for Kelowna, one in each period. Kelowna led 3-2 after the first period, and 6-3 after the second, with two goals from Murray Hanson and two from Archie McKinnon. Brad Owens scored once for Kelowna in the third period.

Fred Berry and Darrell Zelinski scored singles for Merritt in the first period. Berry scored Merritt's only other goal, in the second period.

The game leaves Kelowna in a strong first-place position in the Interior Division, with 72 points, and Merritt in the basement with 33.

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The tie between Chilliwack Bruins and Penticton Broncos leaves Penticton in third place in the Interior Division, with 54 points, and Chilliwack in third place in the Coast Division with 37 points.

The Bruins led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 4-3 at the end of the second. Rick Durstan led the Chilliwack attack with two goals. Tom O'Neil and Ken Widmeyer added singles.

For Penticton, Mark Severyn scored twice. Esko Siipolla and Doug Lawton added singles.

Thursday's game left Vernon Vikings in second place in the Interior Division with 63 points, and Nanaimo Clippers in the basement of the Coast Division with 32 points.

Nanaimo led 1-0 at the end of the first period, but Vernon led 4-2 by the end of the second.

Rod Dyck, Ken Price, Marty Stein and Dave Dubbin scored for Vernon. Bob Jeffrey, Jeff Frketich and Allan Hill were the Nanaimo marksmen.