

# Buckaroos tighten their grip

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Kelowna Buckaroos strengthened their grip on first place in the Interior Division with a 6-3 victory over Penticton Broncos, while Merritt Centennials coasted to a 9-4 victory over Nanaimo Clippers in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Tuesday night.

The Buckaroos' victory gives the team 80 points, 15 ahead of second-place Vernon Vikings.

Playing in Kelowna, the Buckaroos led 2-1 after the first period and took a 5-2 lead into the third.

Archie McKinnon scored a goal in each period to lead the Buckaroos, while Duane Monteith, Mark Lofthouse and Brad Owens each picked up singles.

Mark Sevryn had a pair of goals for the Broncos, who

outshot Buckaroos 38-34. Esko Siipolla scored the other Penticton goal.

Merritt led 4-2 after one period and 6-4 after the second in the game played in Merritt Tuesday night.

Darrell Zelinski scored twice for the Centennials, with singles coming from Fred

Berry, Jim Cotton, Al Holcomb, Danny Rota, Ed Lisogar, Gary Criss and Greg Agar.

Nanaimo marksmen were Al Hill, Senton Gale, Steve Buckley and Clint Eccles.

Merritt outshot Nanaimo 41-34 and picked up nine of the 13 penalties handed out.



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