

Vikings settle for third place in BCJHL

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Regular-season British Columbia Junior Hockey League play wound up on the weekend with Penticton Broncos beating Vernon Vikings 5-2, Bellingham Blazers trouncing Chilliwack Bruins 4-1 and Nanaimo Clippers defeating Langley Lords 9-6 Sunday.

On Saturday, Vernon beat first-place Kelowna Buckaroos 5-2, Penticton took Merritt Centennials 10-3 and Bellingham handed Chilliwack a 5-2 defeat.

Kelowna, with 90 points, led both the league and the Interior division, a comfortable 12 points ahead of second-place Penticton. Vernon, in third place with 75 points, was 33 ahead of Merritt.

In the Coast division, first-place Langley was 21 points ahead of Bellingham, with 57. Chilliwack and Nanaimo were well behind with 49 and 44 points respectively.

In Penticton Sunday, Broncos took a 2-0 lead in the opening period and pushed their edge to 4-0 in the second.

Pat Severyn paced Penticton with three goals while Marc Severyn and Reg Kerr

added singles. Sam Bowman and Rod Dyck scored for Vernon.

In Nanaimo, Jeff Frketich, with two goals, paced Clippers in a fight-filled game. Singles came from Clippers' Howard Beamish, Clint Eccles, Allan Hill, Brian Day, Kirk Fyffe, Bob Jeffrey and Dale Ewasjuk. Glenn Krestanovich, with a pair, Ryan Walter, John Gregory, Bob McGillivray and Brian Henderson scored for Langley.

Each club had five majors for fighting. Nanaimo took seven of the 12 minor penalties.

Langley's Barry Beck and Dave Hatheway, and Greg Norbratten of Nanaimo were sent from the game. Clippers' Gordie Dumont was tossed out after taking part in two fights.

Bellingham outshot Chilliwack 52-20 in another fight-filled BCJHL game Sunday. Chilliwack was assessed six majors and three game misconducts while Bellingham took six majors.

Brian McAlister, Paul Enguist, Kevin Schamehorn and Wayne Jeske scored for

Blazers while Marcel Vandergraff scored Chilliwack's lone marker.

FORGED AHEAD

Vernon led all the way in Saturday's game against first-place Kelowna. Vikings forged ahead 2-0 after the first period and 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Tad Campbell and Jeff Boychuk scored twice apiece for Vernon while Bowman added a single. Dale Turner and Archie McKinnon scored for Kelowna.

Broncos led 3-0 after the first period and 6-2 after 40 minutes as they romped their way to victory over Centennials in Merritt Saturday.

Mark Patterson paced Broncos with three goals. Marc Severyn and Doug Lawton each scored twice and singles came from Mike Holmes, Brian James and Greg Milliard.

Darrell Zelinski, Doug Davis and Ron Mykyta scored for Centennials.

In Chilliwack Saturday, Bruins led 1-0 at the end of the first period but Blazers came back to take a 3-2 lead going into the final frame.

Bellingham had goals from Brad Maxwell, Schamehorn, Dan Bliault, Bruce Rolin and Enquist. Wayne Abarnard and Rick Dursten scored for Chilliwack.

The league now moves into best-of-seven semi-final series with the top team playing the basement team and the secondplace team meeting the thirdplace team in each division.

Vernon plays in Penticton Tuesday while Bellingham meets Chilliwack. On Wednesday, Nanaimo travels to Langley.

Stick game back-fired

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Edmonton Oil Kings of the Western Canada Hockey League were behind with a little more than two minutes remaining when coach Ken Hodge called for a measurement of the stick of Calgary Centennials captain Danny Gare.

It was illegal in size and Gare went off. Less than a minute later, Hodge called for a measurement of the stick of defenceman Rick Hodgson. It too was illegal.

But Calgary forward Mike Rogers scored his 60th goal of the season on a breakaway at 19:02.

In other Sunday action the Blades downed Regina Pats 4-2 at Saskatoon and the Bruins stopped Swift-Current Broncos 8-3 at New Wwesminster.

The Bombers trounced Winnipeg Clubs 8-0 at Flin Flon Saturday, the Tigers blanked Edmonton 4-0 at Medicine Hat, Swift Current Broncos beat the Chiefs 6-4 in Kamloops and the Bruins edged the Cougars 3-2.

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Crozier sent to Minors

BUFFALO (AP) — Buffalo Sabres of the National Hockey League have sent veteran goalie Boston Crozier to their

BCJHL playoff schedule

VANCOUVER (CP) — Here are the first-round playoff dates for the British Columbia Junior Hockey League:

SERIES A

Langley vs. Nanaimo
Wednesday, in Langley;
Thursday in Nanaimo; Friday
in Langley; March 9 in
Nanaimo; March 11 in
Langley; March 12 in
Nanaimo; March 13 in
Langley.

SERIES B

Chilliwack vs Bellingham
Tuesday in Bellingham,

Wash.; Wednesday in
Chilliwack; Thursday in
Bellingham; March 9 in
Chilliwack; March 10 in
Bellingham; March 12 in
Chilliwack; March 14 in
Bellingham.

SERIES C

Merritt vs Kelowna Tuesday
in Kelowna; Wednesday in
Merritt; Friday in Kelowna;
March 9 in Merritt; March 12
in Kelowna; March 13 in
Merritt; March 15 in Kelowna.

Vernon vs. Penticton
Tuesday in Penticton;
Wednesday in Vernon; Friday
in Penticton; March 9 in
Vernon; March 11 in Pen-
ticton; March 13 in Vernon;
March 15 in Penticton.

NHL standings

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