

BEAT LANGLEY 9-3

Bucks win BCJHL title

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Kelowna Buckaroos won their first British Columbia Junior Hockey League title in 13 years Wednesday night, whipping Langley Lords 9-3 to end the best-of-seven series after five games.

The Buckaroos will now advance in the Centennial Cup playoffs for the Canadian Tier II junior hockey title against Red Deer Rustlers, who won the Alberta Junior Hockey League crown Wednesday.

Kelowna put the deciding game away with a four-goal

outburst in the final eight minutes of the second period that was triggered by Dale Costanzo's second goal of the night. The four goals gave the Buckaroos a 6-2 lead and they never looked back.

Murray Hanson, Ken Shewchenko, Curt Fraser, John Stone, Duane Monteith, Dale Turner and Ton Onno each got single goals for the Buckaroos, while Dave Hatheway, Ryan Walter and Don Moores scored for the Lords.

The series matched the

firstplace finishers in the league's two divisions, but the Lords couldn't keep pace with the Buckaroos, losing all but the third game of the series.

Kelowna dominated play throughout, blistering Mark Earp in the Langley net with 51 shots. Bill Stankoven faced 31 shots for Kelowna.

First game in the Kelowna-Red Deer series is April 10 in Red Deer, with the next game the following night, also in Red Deer. Next three are in Kelowna, with the last two, if needed, in Red Deer.