

Buckaroos edged in series opener

Winnipeg (CP) — Selkirk Steelers defeated Kelowna Buckaroos 5-4 Sunday night to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Canada Centennial Cup final playoffs.

The Steelers, members of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, opened strongly and held a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period. The Steelers led 4-2 after the second.

Mike Chubey opened scoring at 15:58 with a shot deflected off a Kelowna defenceman past goalie Bill Stankoven, and Jerry Dudar and Rick Klassen followed with quick goals.

The Buckaroos, who play in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, got on the

scoreboard at 8:31 of the second period when Dale Turner beat Selkirk goalie Chester Reimer.

Ken Neufeld of the Steelers replied with a goal 16 seconds later. Dale Constanzo tallied for Kelowna at 12:10.

Owen Wilkinson scored what proved to be the winning goal at 15:13 of the third period, followed by quick goals by Kelowna's Duane Monteith and Archie McKinnon.

The teams meet here again tonight and if Kelowna wins, a third game will be played in Winnipeg Wednesday night. If the Steelers win the second game, play will shift to Kelowna for the balance of the series.

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