

Kelowna edged in third game

WINNIPEG (CP) — Bill Whitehead's second goal of the game at 17:34 of the third period gave Selkirk Steelers a 5-4 win Wednesday night over Kelowna Buckeroos in the third game of their best-of-seven western Centennial Cup hockey series before a crowd of 3,980.

Selkirk leads the series 2-1. The remaining games will be played in Kelowna beginning Saturday.

Murray Thomson lifted the Steelers to a 4-4 tie early in the final period after Kelowna had taken 4-3 edge at the end of the second frame.

Other Selkirk goals were scored by Gord Kaluzniak and Marlin Vanrobaeys. Mark Lofthouse, Curt Fraser, Archie McKinnon and Murray Hanson got the Kelolna goals.

Clyde Gray uninterested in his fight

TORONTO (CP) — Clyde Gray of Toronto says he is having trouble getting interested in his 10-round welterweight bout here Monday against Art Kettles of Asbury Park, N. J., but he doesn't dare relax.

"Sure, it's tough to get really up for fights like this one when a shot at the title is what I really want," said

After a heavy-hitting, hard-checking first two periods, Selkirk netminder Norm Tesluk was replaced by Andy Stoesz who played a brilliant final period and sparced the Steelers to take a large territorial edge in play.

The Selkirk due turned aside 31 shots while Bill Stankove faced 50 shots in the Kelowna nets.

Kelowna coach Don Culley was livid after the game.

He verbally attacked referee Bud Ulrich, Selkirk coach George Dorman and the Steelers for the bruising game.

"They had two good referees in the first two games then they bring in someone like that. The Manitoba representative ought to have his head examined," he said.

Turning to the Steelers, who generally play a rough style of hockey, Culley said they wouldn't win another game once they get to Kelowna.

"If they played that way to get here, they shouldn't be here. Any team that has to use a ref to win is a disgrace to junior hockey."

Across the arena, Dorman said his team hit a little, but not like they can.

"They tell me the ice at Kelowna is small like Selkirk. We should be able to hit more there and on the smaller ice we'll really be able to shoot."