

Buckaroos hand Vernon second pre-season loss

Kelowna 5, Vernon 4

Vernon Vikings pre-season record dipped to one win and two losses Tuesday when they were edged 5-4 by Kelowna Buckaroos in exhibition action at the Kelowna Memorial Arena.

The same two teams meet in Vernon tonight.

A spectacular goal by Bill Haynes at 6:12 of the third period, broke a 4-4 deadlock. Haynes was fed a pass by Gene Weninger and then promptly belted by a Vernon defenceman.

However in mid-air, Haynes was able to get enough wood on a shot to beat Vernon netminder Darrell Eermenek.

Vernon's Gary Benson

opened the scoring at 8:10 of the first period but the Viking lead lasted for only 31 seconds as Blair Chapman tied the score at 8:41.

Vikings again took the lead in the second period, when goals by John Schammel and Darrel Bilstein, gave Vernon a 3-1 lead. But, again Kelowna came back with a goal by Doug Barrie at 17:53, and just 12 seconds later Rick Benninghof scored to make the score 3-3.

Kelowna took the lead for the first time in the third period when Mark Schnaar scored but, a goal by Brad Schultz, tied the game again.

That set the stage for Haynes' goal.

Dave Caldwell, who left the Vikings last week after a disagreement with Vernon coach Joe Tennant, rejoined the team in time for Tuesday's game and did not take long to get involved.

Although the veteran winger did not score, he was involved in a third-period fight.

Last week, Vernon split a pair of games with Bellingham.

GOALPOSTS: John Schammel, a defenceman, who scored one of Vernon's goals, arrived here from Medicine Hat this week with his brother, Jim, a goalie. Both were late cuts from the Tigers' camp. Jim played here briefly last season.



DAVE CALDOW
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First-place Alouettes