



UNDER THE PILE of hockey players is the puck, crossing Kelowna Buckaroos' goal line, in Wednesday's B.C. Junior Hockey League game in Vernon. Vikings' forward

Darrell Billsten banged this puck under Kelowna netminder Jerry Nekrasoff, but it was not enough, as Bucks went on to win the game 8-4. Billsten's goal narrowed the gap to 6-4 in the third period,

but Kelowna bounced back, with a pair of goals, to put the game out of reach. Waiting for the rebound, which did not come, is Grant Sidnick (16). (Daily News photo by Don Kendall)

# Buckaroos blast youthful Vikings

**Kelowna 8, Vernon 4**  
Kelowna Buckaroos strengthened their hold on first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's interior division with an 8-4 victory over Vernon Vikings before 550 fans Wednesday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

The win gave Kelowna 14 points, five more than second place Vernon and Penticton Broncos.

Buckaroos led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 3-2 at the end of the second.

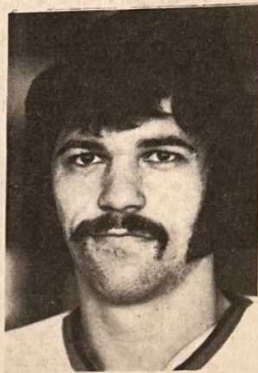
Vikings took the lead for a brief time early in the middle period, when quick goals by Dwight Bailey and Randy McDonald, gave Vernon a 3-2 lead.

## FIVE POINTS

However, that seemed to wake up the Bucks. Veterans

## Clowns to play in Vernon

Basketball fans in the North Okanagan will be in for a special treat Saturday when the world-famous Harlem Clowns play at Vernon Senior



**DUANE MONTEITH**  
... big night

Duane Monteith and Archie McKinnon did most of the damage for Kelowna with five points each.

Monteith scored three and his linemate, McKinnon, notched a pair of goals.

Vernon was able to shutout Kelowna's high scoring line of Doug Berry with Mark and Perry Schaar, but Buckaroos' depth showed as the rest of the club picked up the slack.

Bill Haynes, with two, and Ken Schisler, were the other Kelowna marksmen.

Other Vernon scorers were

Darrell Billsten and Brad Schultz. Schultz also collected a pair of assists.

The game was closer than the score indicated, with the major difference being the experience of Kelowna. Buckaroos had several two-on-one and three-on-two breaks, and seldom missed.

On the other hand, Vernon the youthful, team had similar chances but often lost control of the puck or had it swept away by a Kelowna defender.

## TWO FIGHTS

Vernon was assessed five of 12 minor penalties, with two fighting majors and a game misconduct, handed out by referee Lloyd Johnson, to both clubs.

At 13:56 of the second period, McDonald tangled with Haynes, and Gary Gilchrist battled with Bucks' Doug Colborne. The latter two received game misconducts.

Kelowna goalie Jerry Nekrasoff made 21 saves while Darrell Furmanek and Jim Scammel turned away 21 shots for the Vikings.

Furmanek was lifted by Vernon coach Joe Tennant, with the score 4-3, at 5:54 of the middle period.

In a coast division game Tuesday, Langley Lords edged Chilliwack Bruins 6-5.