

Young Vikings no match for high-flying Bucks

Vernon Vikings are competitive with every team in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, except Kelowna Buckaroos.

Buckaroos continued their domination over Vernon, and the rest of the BCJHL Sunday, when they trounced the visiting Vikings 9-3.

To date, Kelowna has lost only twice, in 11 outings. Both of the losses occurred on a coast road swing.

Vikings had recorded an impressive 7-4 victory over Bellingham Blazers Saturday, but they were simply no match for the older, and more experienced Buckaroos.

Duane Monteith, Rick Denningshof, and Archie McKinnon each notched a pair of goals for Kelowna while Dave Colborne, Wayne Krebs, and Brad Owens scored once.

Centre Bill Ranson had two goals for Vernon while Greg Walmsley added the other.

Buckaroos led 4-1 at the end of the first period and 7-2 after 40 minutes.

Saturday, in Vernon, Bellingham led 3-2 at the end of the first period but were unable to beat Vikings' goalie Jim Scammel again until 17:23 of the final period.

Dwight Beiley led the Vernon attack with three goals while Grant Sidnick added a pair. Darrell Booth and Marty Stein scored the others.

For the Blazers, Paul Enquist, Kevin Schamhorn, Bryan Pearce, and Terry Mikolai, scored one each.

Scammel played a great game in the Vernon nets Saturday making 28 saves,

after replacing the injured Darrell Furmanek, in the first period. Furmanek suffered a broken finger.

Bellingham goalies Carey Walker and Jack Anderson combined to stop 31 shots.

Vikings, like it or not, get another shot at the Buckaroos Tuesday when they visit Kelowna. Bucks lead the interior division with 18 points, five more than second place Penticton, who are two ahead of Vernon.

In other games, Nanaimo Clippers beat Langley Lords 10-5 Saturday, and Penticton Broncos downed Bellingham 7-2 Sunday. The game in Penticton was forfeited when referee Jim O'Neill ordered the game stopped, in the third period, because of several fights.