

Vikings and Buckaroos tough on lowly Clippers

Nanaimo Clippers have one more swing through the interior before the B.C. Junior Hockey League season ends in March, and you can bet they aren't looking forward to making the trip.

Clippers, besides having miserable weather to travel in, did not receive much Okanagan hospitality over the weekend as they were dumped 9-3 in Vernon, by the Vikings Saturday, and then suffered a 11-4 setback Sunday in Kelowna.

Clippers, who have occupied the coast division's cellar all season, were no match for the Vikings or the Buckaroos.

In Vernon, Greg Walmsley, Jack Lefley, and Jeff Boychuk scored two goals each for the Vikings. Singles came from Marty Stein, Dwight Beiley, and Darrell Billsten.

Clint Eccles scored twice for the Clippers while ex-Viking Bob Burgoyne, one of Nanaimo's few bright spots, added a single marker.

Vernon led 1-0 after the first

period and 4-1 after the second. Vikings outshot Nanaimo 43-18.

In Kelowna Sunday, Bill Haynes led the Bucks against the Clippers with three goals.

However, the weekend was not completely successful for the league-leading Buckaroos who lost a 5-4 decision Saturday in Merritt.

Stan Alstad led the Centennials in that game with three goals, including the tying and winning markers.

In other weekend games, Bellingham Blazers moved into first place in the coast division with wins over Chilliwack Bruins 7-2, and Langley Lords 4-3.

Kelowna leads the interior with 68 points. Penticton is in second place with 45 points, one more than Vernon. Merritt trails with 33 points.

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Kal stretches unbeaten streak

Kal Hotel continued its domination of the North Okanagan Hockey League as they dumped Armstrong Cougars 7-3 Sunday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

In Sunday's other game, Winfield Raiders edged Vernon Screaming Eagles 6-5.

For Kal, it was their 10th straight game this season without a defeat.

Veterans Jim Moro and Jackie Howard led the winner's attack with two goals each while Ed Nield, Gerry Zaichowsky, and Andy Vadan added singles.

Roger Muschaluk, Jeff Davy, and Larry Plante replied for the Cougars.

Kal goalie Mike Smithson turned away 27 shots while Barry Dinwoodie, in the Armstrong goal, blocked 22 shots.

Each team was assessed three minor penalties.

In the other game, Eagles led 4-3 after the second period but Winfield bounced back and outscored Vernon 3-1 in the final 20 minutes.

Ross McKenzie scored a pair for the Raiders while Fred Parent, Ron Armstrong,



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Rob Lacroix, and Dan Flasch added one each.

Jeff Todd notched two for the Eagles with singles from Tony Sparrow, Lane Marchand, and Larry Louis.

Eagles' goalie Daryl Leier stopped 22 shots while Dee Kutschera made 17 saves for the Raiders.

Winfield was handed 11 of 20 minor penalties.