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Sudden-death claims Kelowna

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A timely goal and a goalie's hot hand enabled Chilliwack Bruins and Merritt Centennials to post upsets in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League Friday night.

In Enderby, Randy Takenaka scored at 4:54 of sudden-death overtime to give Chilliwack Bruins an 8-7 victory over Kelowna Buckaroos.

Randy Struch made 37 saves in Penticton as the visiting Centennials, doormats of the Interior Division, drew to within a point of the Vees with a 5-2 win.

The Chilliwack victory enabled Vernon Vikings to move four points ahead of second-place Kelowna in the Interior as the Vikings whipped Langley Lords 7-4 in Langley.

Nanaimo Clippers padded their lead in the Coast Division to five points over the Lords as they cruised to an 8-3 conquest of the Blazers in Maple Ridge.

In Enderby, Tim Hollett paced the winners with three goals while Gordie Brandt, Doug Derksen, Rich Fournier and Murray Slezak scored the others.

TWO FOR WILLS

Mike Wills scored twice for the Buckaroos who led 3-1

after the first period and trailed 4-3 after 40 minutes. Bill Audycki, John Uveges, Perry Schnarr, Pat Severyn and Jeff Norby were the other snipers for the Buckaroos who were outshot 44-35.

In Penticton, Struch's supporting cast was Bobby Wasson, Darryl Zelinski, Kevin Willison, Dan Rota and Paul Chadwick as the Centennials held period leads of 2-0 and 3-1.

Gord MacKay scored both markers for the Vees who outshot the opposition 39-34 before 650 fans.

Darcy Wilkinson and Gary Huth scored two goals each to lead the visiting Vikings past Langley. Ken Stroud, Ken Oulton and Brian Griese were the other Vernon marksmen while Randy Larsen, Terry Lesicisim, Russy Wilderman and Eddy Lebler scored for the Lords.

In Maple Ridge, the Clippers outshot the opposition 42-33 to pile up a 6-3 lead after two periods.

Tonight, Vernon is at Nanaimo, Chilliwack visits Merritt and Penticton is at Kelowna while on Sunday, Vernon is at Maple Ridge, Chilliwack plays in Penticton and Nanaimo is at Langley.