

Merritt surprises third-place Bucks

Last-place Merritt Centennials edged third-place Kelowna Buckaroos 5-4 before 450 fans in Merritt in the only B.C. Junior Hockey League game played Thursday.

Kelowna led 1-0 at the end of the first period but Merritt had taken a 5-4 edge by the end of the second.

Bob Wasson tied the score for Merritt and 10:03 of the second period and Darrell Zelinski got the winner at 16:20.

Other marksmen were Neil Robinson, Kevin Willison, and Kirk Aulin.

Wayne Nelson paced Kelowna with two goals while John Olver and Wayne Krebs each scored once.

Vernon Vikings still lead the Interior Division with 34 points, six more than Penticton Vees. However, Vikings have four games-in-hand.

Kelowna has 25 points and Merritt 24.

Vernon is back in action Saturday when they host the Coast Division leaders, Nanaimo Clippers.

Vikings had hoped to have winger Clyde Goodswimmer back in the line-up but his charleyhorse is not responding to treatment and he may be out of action for another week.

Whirlwinds record win

Whirlwinds and Typhoons recorded victories Thursday in Major Men's Volleyball action at the Recreation Centre.

Whirlwinds dumped the Hurricanes 15-0, 13-15 and 15-13, while Typhoons beat the Cyclones 13-15, 15-13 and 15-11.