

BCJHL ROUNDUP

Penticton and Kelowna both chalk up victories

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Five goals from Gord McKay pushed Penticton Vees to a 9-4 victory over Langley Lords in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Friday night.

In Kelowna, the Buckaroos defeated Chilliwack Bruins 6-2 before 900 fans. The games left the standings unchanged.

Vernon leads the league with 65 points, followed by Nanaimo with 57. Kelowna and Langley are tied with 49 each, and Penticton is fifth with 42. Merritt has 39, Maple

Ridge 34 and Chilliwack 21.

McKay's five goals in Langley tied a league record set two weeks ago by Kelowna's Perry Schnarr. McKay also had two assists.

He scored four consecutive goals in the second period to erase a 3-2 Langley lead and line-mate Robin Feenie added a goal to give the Vikings a 7-3 advantage going into the third period. Feenie also had five assists.

Other Penticton goals came from Darrell Becker, with a pair, and John Uvegas.

Rob Jones scored twice for the Lords, with the other goals coming from Ron Kolman and Mark Taylor.

Penticton goalie Dennis Ewanchuk played a strong game after replacing Pat Murphy who gave up three quick goals in the early minutes. Ewanchuk stopped 24 shots while Langley's Al Wiebe handled 37. Murphy had turned aside seven.

John Olver and Brad Owens each scored twice for Kelowna while Tad Severyn and Mike Wills scored the other goals. Gord Chadwick and Greg Hollett replied for the Bruins.

The Buckaroos led 3-2 at the end of the first period and 4-2 after the second. Buckaroos' goalie Vic Malli stopped 29 shots while Rick Nitchke turned aside 25 for the Bruins.

Kelowna took five of the nine minor penalties and each team had one major penalty.

Tonight, Chilliwack travels to Vernon, Penticton plays in Nanaimo and Langley meets Maple Ridge. On Sunday, Chilliwack is at Merritt, the Vees are at Maple Ridge, Nanaimo is at Langley and Vernon plays in Kelowna.

Ice auto racing growing rapidly

Several North Okanagan area racers are now competing in the Carling O'Keefe Ice Challenge '76 series.

The races, held at Barnes Lake near Ashcroft, attracts drivers from throughout B.C.

At the last race in early January, about 120 competitors took part in the two-day meet.

One of the Vernon racers,

Ashcroft Arena, which burned down last year. Winning drivers get only trophies and the thrill of competing.

Wright said, "There are about seven racers from the Vernon area now, and more seem to be appearing all the time."

Speeds on the straight-away, often top 100 miles per hour. The course covers a two-mile area, and despite