

Vernon downed 4-2

Home teams snap up BCJHL action

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PENTICTON Vees found the going a little tougher outside the Okanagan Valley, falling to their first defeat in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Friday night.

The Vees, on their first road swing to the Coast Division, absorbed a 5-3 defeat at the hands of Maple Ridge Bruins in one of three games.

In the other contests, the home teams found friendly crowds to their liking, as Kelowna Buckaroos trounced Langley Lords 13-3 and Kamloops Braves defeated Vernon Vikings 4-2.

Stu Robertson was the hero for Maple Ridge, scoring a short-handed goal early in the their third period to snap a 3-3 deadlock. Dean Pronyk added

a power-play goal minutes later for insurance.

Robertson also scored an earlier goal, with Guy Berkner and Evan Williams adding Maple Ridge markers. Craig Berezowsky, Shawn Dineen and Romeo Profeta scored for the Vees.

Mike Wills, defending BCJHL scoring champion, had three goals and three assists to power Kelowna past Langley.

John Olver had three goals and Scott MacLeod added a pair for the Buckaroos, with Brad Palmer, Robbie Wright, Bill Audycki, Rod Danchuk and Drew Carlson adding single goals.

Terry Jackson had two goals and Brian Henderson added the third for Langley.

Reg Remple scored two goals, including the winner, to

pace Kamloops. Glen Merkosky and Lance Lestander had the other goals for the Braves.

John Schmitz and Gary Huth scored for Vernon, who carried much of the play, firing 38 shots, including many from point-blank range, at Andy Moog in the Kamloops goal.

Keith Ferner didn't have as many tough chances in blocking 35 shots for the losers.

In games tonight, Langley visits Vernon and Penticton plays at Abbotsford and Sunday, Vernon is at Kelowna, Merritt hosts Langley, Penticton travels to Bellingham and Abbotsford visits Maple Ridge.

In Thanksgiving day games, Penticton is at Nanaimo and Kamloops entertains Langley.

Fighting juniors assessed \$100 fines

WINNIPEG (CP) — The commissioner of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League took action Friday against the teams and players involved in a third-period brawl Thursday night that resulted in a game being called with more than seven minutes left to play.

Bill Addison assessed \$100 fines against Kenora Thistles and Kildonan North Stars for the players' failure to return to their benches when the

fight broke out.

He also cracked down on a number of players. Among them, Brad Ireland of Kildonan was given a five-game suspension for being the third man in on a fight and Paul Charles of Kenora was suspended for five games for deliberately striking an unsuspecting opposition player without provocation.

In addition, Addison issued a directive to all 10 teams in

the league that in future, if players fail to return to the bench during a fight the offending teams will be fined \$100 the first time, \$200 the second and \$300 the third. Any further infractions will result in team suspensions.

If the infraction occurs during the last 10 minutes of a game, the offending players will be suspended for the next league game.

Addison issued the penalties following Thursday's game in which more than 60 penalties, including numerous match and game misconducts, were given to each team. Kildonan was leading 6-2 when the game was called by referee Dave Megill.

Greg Lacomy, coach of the North Stars, said Friday that centre Kim Koswin required stitches for an eye injury received in the game. No other serious injuries were reported.

Addison, who attended the game, said both coaches kept control of players who remained on the bench during the fighting and for that reason the coaches weren't disciplined.

For unrelated incidents in previous games, Addison issued suspensions against several players for infractions ranging from disrespect for an official to incurring a match penalty.

Canadians use arena hot-line

MONTREAL (CP) — As if their wealth of talent weren't enough, Montreal Canadiens now are using technology to humble the National Hockey League opposition.

During the club's 10-1 thrashing of Pittsburgh Penguins at the Forum on Thursday night, injured winger Murray Wilson was strategically located in the aisle near the Canadiens bench, wearing a headset to provide communication with assistant coach Claude Ruel overhead in the press gallery.

Coach Scotty Bowman was the beneficiary of the Ruel-to-Wilson hotline.

"I wouldn't pass along everything he said," Wilson recalled Friday of Ruel's spotting. "But I'd tell Scotty most of it."

A sample?

"Well, when we were ahead 4-1, they started trying to beat the man at the blueline and they were getting rough. (Dennis) Owchar cross-checked Pete Mahovlich and Guy Lafleur, so Claude said to dump it in more. I told Scotty and that's what we did."

Wilson wasn't sure if he'd get the call for the game tonight against Vancouver Canucks. Ruel turned down a request for \$10 for services rendered.