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Buckaroos go on goal spree, bomb braves 12-2

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Kelowna Buckaroos and Vernon Braves went on scoring sprees Friday night to split one-two in the Interior Division of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

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The Canadian Press
Bobby Laidens and Brad Gassoff returned from the United States to help Vancouver Canucks as they beat Los Angeles Kings 4-1 Friday night to occupy third place in the Smythe Division of the National Hockey League.

Campbell Conference

W	L	T	P	A
Phil	7	5	2	1
Mont	6	7	1	0
Calif	5	7	1	0
San Jose	5	7	1	0
St. Louis	5	7	1	0
Los Angeles	5	7	1	0
Vancouver	5	7	1	0
Minnesota	5	7	1	0
Chicago	5	7	1	0

Price of Wales Conference

W	L	T	P	A
Buffalo	6	5	1	0
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0
Cleveland	6	5	1	0
Montreal	6	5	1	0
Los Angeles	6	5	1	0
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0
Detroit	6	5	1	0
Washington	6	5	1	0

The other games were also decided by top-end scorers as they snuffed a 3-1 tie on route to a 7-4 win over Maple Ridge Blazers.

Playoffs began before 1,000 home fans. Kelowna grabbed a 6-1 lead after the first period and 10-2 at the end of the third.

SCORED TWO APICES
John Oliver and Red Danchuk each scored twice for the Buckaroos, with singles from Greg Palmer, Greg Dunn and Tom Bred. Danchuk scored his second in the first period but allowed six to get by and was pulled from the net. Ken McNeill made 28 saves for the Braves in the first period but allowed six to get by and was pulled from the net. Ken McNeill made 28 saves for the Braves in the first period but allowed six to get by and was pulled from the net.

Friday Results

Cleveland	4	Philadelphia	4
Buffalo	3	Washington	2
Pittsburgh	2	Pittsburgh	2
Vancouver	4	Los Angeles	1
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Houston Aeros hit 200-win plateau

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Terry Ruskowski and Larry Lund went out of their way Friday night to help Houston Aeros reach a World Hockey Association milestone.

Richard Martens had a busy night in the Abbotsford goal. John Oliver and Red Danchuk each scored twice for the Buckaroos, with singles from Greg Palmer, Greg Dunn and Tom Bred.

Tonight, the Vees met the Vikings at Vernon, the Lords and Kings at Kamloops for a return match at Nanaimo and the Flyers entertain Bellingham Blazers.

Blue Jays pick babies

NEW YORK (CP)—One item on which Toronto Blue Jays ought to save money next summer is razor blades.

Most of the pea-green youngsters they picked Friday in the American League Expansion draft won't need razor blades to shave.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John Matyjanko
Ray Redstone, manager of Star Lawn & Leisure, is pleased to announce that John has joined the staff as mechanic. John is well known in Vernon and area with many years experience in the field.

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East Division

W	L	T	P	A
Quebec	7	3	0	0
Chicago	7	3	0	0
New England	5	4	2	1
Calgary	5	4	2	1
Indianapolis	5	4	2	1
Minnesota	5	4	2	1

West Division

W	L	T	P	A
Winnipeg	8	0	0	0
Edmonton	7	2	0	0
Phoenix	6	3	0	0
San Diego	5	4	2	1
Calgary	5	4	2	1
Edmonton	5	4	2	1

Ruskowski scored four goals and Lund chipped in with three more as the Aeros became the first West team to hit the 200-victory plateau in a 9-1 rout of Phoenix Roadrunners.

Lund fired home a pair of wrist shots in the first period before Ruskowski notched his first goal with a slap shot at the 18:10 mark. Mark Howe scored the third in the second quarter, giving the Aeros a 4-0 lead.

Winnipeg, the defending champions, took full advantage of Minnesota's chippy play that earned the Aeros 13 minor penalties and 76 minutes in total penalties.

The speedy jets also victimized the slow-moving Minnesota defense to score three goals on clean breakaways after three others on partial breaks.

Andrew Hodgberg was a pair of goals for Winnipeg single goals were added by Lars Erik Stokberg, Dan Lebrun, Willy Lindstrom, Ted Green, Val Kocera, Perry Miller and Bobby Guindon. Dave Keon and Steve Carlson replied for Minnesota.

Last year, Canada led 2-2 to Mexico in the second round, it was the fourth time in seven years the two countries have met in the Davis Cup final. The best of the two Mexican players have tripped up the Canadians.

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Long-time curling enthusiast Stewart Fraser, left, was recently awarded a LIFE MEMBERSHIP by the Vernon Curling Club. Making the presentation is Club President Don Watson. (Daily News Photo)

Joe back in action

You can't teach an old dog new tricks; and the old dog, Joe Tennant, came back to his favorite past-time this week.

Since Joe and Vernon Vikings parted ways last summer, he has been enjoying the life of unemployment. During July and August, he ran the highly-successful Enderby Hockey School, but since that time, he turned down several jobs so he could stay near home in Kamloops.

However, the life of leisure was starting to bore him and the opportunity of coaching, close to home, came up. So, Tennant is back in the B.C. Junior Hockey League as coach of Merritt Centennials.

Whether you like Joe or not, you have to admire him. Besides being a good coach, he is a great ambassador for Junior hockey.

Ernie McLean, chairman of the BCHJL's Board of Governors calls Tennant one of the best and most colorful men in Junior hockey.

Certainly, anyone who followed Joe's exploits over the years has to agree with the word, colorful.

HIS EXPLOITS

His 2 a.m. practices became legendary. It seems quite often when Vikings lost in Merritt, Tennant would get upset. After spending two and one-half hours on the bus, Joe would have his troops on the ice as soon as they got home.

Then, there was the time last year, in the playoffs against Penticon, when Vikings were in trouble and a second puck mysteriously appeared on the ice. It came from the direction of the Vee's bench.

Once in a while when Joe disagreed with a referee's call, particularly on disputed goals, he would use his PRIZE PLAY. When the lines dropped the puck at centre ice, his five players would simply stand still and watch the opposition go on attack. In three instances, the opposition was so stunned, they didn't move, and in fact, went offside twice.

When coaching Kamloops Chiefs of the WCHL, he sent an unfortunate message with his captain, Steve Okranik, to the referee. It seems Chiefs were getting trampled by New Westminster and Joe wasn't too happy. He told Okranik to do the following: "Ask the referee if you get a penalty for thinking." After asking twice, Okranik got the reply of no; then Okranik replied, "My coach said to tell you he thinks you're an idiot."

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DAVIS CUP PLAY

Canada, Mexico split openers

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Kamloops Chiefs inch into lead

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The race for top spot in the Western Canada Hockey League's Western Division remains as tight as ever with two points separating the three main rivals.

Kamloops Chiefs temporarily moved into the division lead with a 6-3 victory over Medicine Hat Tigers in one of three games Friday night.

In other action Friday, Calgary Centennials stopped Pin Flon Bombers 4-1 and Saskatoon Blades flattened Regina Pats 9-2.

The Chiefs' win lifted them to a second-place tie with New Westminster Bruins into the divisional lead with 19 points on a 7-0 record. Victoria Cougars are second with 19 points while the Bruins are one point back.

Kamloops held a 4-1 lead after the first period and coasted to the victory.

Reg Kerr scored twice for Kamloops to winners with a goal to Tim Watters, George Wright, and Dies and Ryan Watters. Watters called up from the Kamloops Braves of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, scored his first WCHL goal.

Darrell Durrand, Ron Armstrong and Tom Brad replied for the Tigers, who remain in the cellar in the Central Division, six points behind division leaders Calgary.

In Regina, meanwhile, Saskatoon fired three goals in each period as they outlasted Regina 9-2.

Bruce Hamilton led the Saskatoon attack with two goals and single markers going to Darryl Erickson, Brent Ashton, Ed Chapman and Bill MacNaught. Dirk Graham and Ron Trafford replied for Regina.

The win moved the Blades a little closer to Eastern Division leading Brandon Wheat Kings. Brandon has 20 points on a 14-2 record while Saskatoon, with 19 points, has a 7-5 record. Regina and Pin Flon remain deadlocked in the cellar with identical 3-10-2 performances.

Meanwhile in Calgary, the Centennials scored five goals in the first period and then traded goals in the second period with Pin Flon.

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