

Knights end losing ways

Penticton Knights ended a six-game losing streak with a vengeance Friday, trouncing Merritt Centennials 15-0 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

In other league games, Abbotsford Flyers went past Burnaby Bluehawks 11-2, New Westminster Royals shut out Cowichan Capitals 2-0 and Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Richmond Sockeyes 7-5.

The Knights scored five short-handed goals and five power-play goals en route to their victory in Penticton.

Derrick Ruppel led the Knights with four goals while Brett Hull added three and Camille Simard had a pair.

Four of the Knights' short-handed goals came in the first period and all five power-play goals were scored in the third.

Penticton had to stave off an 11-minute power play by the Centennials early in the second period to preserve the shutout by Mike Jeffrey.

In Burnaby, Bill Shibicky scored three goals to pace the Flyers to their victory over the Bluehawks.

ADDED TWO GOALS

Paul Lelievre added two goals for Abbotsford, who led 3-1 after the first period and 7-2 after the second. Jim Hochstetter and Paul Bifano had the Burnaby markers.

Peter Saunders made 42 saves in Burnaby goal while Scott Bradley stopped 22 shots for Abbotsford.

Abbotsford remains in first spot in the league's Coastal Division, while Burnaby is fourth.

Meanwhile, Dave Roach kicked aside 53 shots as the Royals took their win over the visiting Capitals.

Grant Popwich opened the scoring in the first period and Mike Hallat added a goal in the second.

Ed Jones, in net for the Capitals, had 48 saves.

In Kelowna, Don Barber had two goals for the victorious Buckaroos, while singles were added by Shawn Swail, Simon Wheeldon, Scott Shoffstall, Marcel Raby and Enzo Caccazo.

Brooke Odenvald scored twice for Richmond, while singles came from Randy Ilrick, Derick Waters and David Wensley.

Kelowna goaltender Scott Prower made 24 saves, while Randy Beres stopped 35 shots on goal.

League action resumes tonight when Penticton plays host to Richmond, Merritt is at Revelstoke, Kelowna visits Shuswap and Esquimalt faces Abbotsford.