Strong goaltending gives Packers victory

By The Canadian Press

Dusty Imoo's strong performance in nets helped earn the league-leading Kelowna Packers a 5-2 victory over the Juan de Fuca Whalers in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action in Victoria Thursday night.

In the league's other matchup Thursday the Merritt Warriors clobbered the Summerland Buckeroos 8-1.

The Whalers outshot the Packers 33-27 but Imoo made the difference as Kelowna pulled out to leads of 3-1 and 4-1 by periods.

Bruce Bianchini, Pat Mangold, Rob Steele, Kerry Russell and Mike Murinko tallied for the Packers while Sheldon Nohr and Phil Soukoroff replied for the Whalers.

Kelowna remained comfortably atop the league's Interior division as well as first overall with a record of 40-3-2. Juan de Fuca's record dropped to 16-30.

In Merritt, Steve Manuel fired three goals to lead the Warriors.

Merritt, which held period leads of 4-1 and 6-1, outshot the Buckeroos 60-28.