

Buckaroos no match for smooth Broncos

PENTICTON — The precision smoothness of the Penticton Broncos proved too much for the Kelowna Buckaroos yesterday afternoon as the Peach City crew skated to a 5-2 victory and a 3-2 lead in games in the best out of seven series.

Broncos, who opened up a lead of two games in the set, were stopped 4-3 in Penticton last Tuesday evening and then 7-6 in Kelowna (Friday night) before rebounding for the victory yesterday.

The series resumes in Kelowna Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

Gene Peacosh paced the Penticton attack yesterday afternoon with two goals while singles came from Ray Picco, Wayne Schaab and Terry Luxton. Kelowna replies were founded by Brian Fisher and Dave Cousins.

Penticton opened up a 1-0 gash at 10:66 of the first period when Picco used a Kelowna defensive error to his advantage and skated in to paydirt on a Luxton pass. But the Central City's Fisher, who suffered a shoulder separation midway through the first period and thus will be out for the remainder of the season, skated back with the Bucks first goal giving them a 1-1 tie after the first frame.

Dave Cousins scored Kelowna's second marker by bouncing a shot past Broncos goaler Doug Thompson at 9:14 while his team was killing a penalty.

But the Broncos, who had been stifled by netminder Rex Rideout throughout the game, turned on the pressure and blanketed the Bucks 4-0 in the third session. Rideout had played the first two games of the series, which the Pentictons won by scores of 4-2 and 7-3, but came down with an arm injury, necessitating his replacement by Kamloops Kraft Kings Harvey Budarick for two games, both of which Bucks won.

At 6:13 of the finale Peacosh connected with Luxton and Bob Mowatt for his first goal, and Broncos were on the way back. Schaab hit quickly following a face-off in the Kelowna end at 13:47 for the winner; and icing on the Kelowna cake came from Luxton at 19:49 and Peacosh, with his second, at 18:55.

Kelowna's 7-6 win Friday came when they battled back from a 5-3 deficit, scoring three times to Broncos once in the last session.

Penticton jumped to a 2-0 first period lead on two goals by Schaab and Keith Boquist and defenseman Dave Haley replied before Jackie Taggart gave the

Broncos a 3-2 advantage after one frame.

Larry Palanio and Brian Evans shoved the Broncos to their 5-2 difference before Fisher replied with the winners' only counter before the end of the second period.

The all Kelowna finale, however, saw them get markers from John Strong, Cousins and Keith Boquist. Palanio, with his second on the night, provided Broncos only retaliation.

Friday Summary

First period — 1. Pen, Schaab, (Peacosh) 2:05; 2. Pen, Schaab (Mowatt) 11:07; 3. Kel, Boquist (Meehan, Cousins) 11:25; 4. Kel, Haley (Boquist, Cousins) 15:42; 5. Pen, Taggart (Palanio, Picco) 19:52. Penalties — Deadmarsh, Madden, Taggart, Deadmarsh (misconduct).

Second period — 6. Pen, Palanio (Evans) 9:48; 7. Pen, Evans (Palanio, Luxton) 13:10; 8. Kel, Fisher (Couves, Meehan) 13:30; Penalties — Meehan, Evans, Boquist, Meehan (major), Luxton.

Third period — 9. Kel, Coldwell (J. Strong, Darnbrough) 5:25; 10. Kel, J. Strong (Muir, Haley) 6:57;

11. Kel, Cousins (Meehan) 8:23; 12. Pen, Palanio (Peacosh, Mowatt) 10:51; 13. Kel, Boquist (Meehan, Cousins) 12:15. Penalties — Cousins, Deadmarsh.

Sunday Summary

Broncos 5 Bucks 2

First period — 1. Pen, Picco (Pollock) 10:26; 2. Kel, Fisher (Couves, Deadmarsh) 12:35. Penalties — Madden, Madden, Boquist, Palanio, Schmidt.

Second period — 3. Kel, Cousins (Haley) 9:14. Penalties — J. Strong, Couves, Luxton.

Third period — 4. Pen, Peacosh (Luxton, Mowatt) 6:13; 5. Pen, Schaab (Mowatt) 13:47; 6. Pen, Luxton (Picco, Madden) 19:49; 7. Pen, Peacosh (Mowatt, Pollock) 18:55. Penalties — G. Thompson, Evans, Couves and Mowatt.

BRONC BUSTERS... Penticton's Jackie Taggart, who earlier filled a first all-star team berth, was presented the Okanagan Junior Hockey League's rookie of the year award between the first and second periods of yesterday's game... Harvey Budarick, who caused quite a stir in Penticton circles (in fact cost them \$100 when

Blades to give lesson?

Vernon Junior Blades, who went down to the Semi-Old Timers yesterday, will attempt to give Gord Nuyens' Juveniles a taste of the finer points of the game when the two teams meet in Vernon Civic Arena this Wednesday evening.

Game time has been set for 8:30 p.m.

Odie Lowe's boys, who finished with their best season, but were knocked out in five games in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League semi-finals, are all expected to take part in the game.

Juveniles will dress a full complement of players, including those who saw some active duty with the Blades this past year.

they lost a protest over Kelowna's use of him in the two Buckaroo victories) was joined on the sidelines by teammate Wally Denault. Budarick was still maintained as the Bucks number two netminder when Rex Rideout got better and Denault, was picked up to spare for the Penticton unit... The winner of this series will meet New Westminster Royals in the B.C. finals...

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