BLAZERS, BUCKAROOS WIN IN JR. HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

Bellingham Blazers scuttled Nanaimo Clippers 9-4 and Kelowna Buckaroos humbled Vernon Vikings 7-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final action Wednesday.

Bellingham leads their best-of-seven series 3-2 while Kelowna holds a 3-0 strangle-hold on its series.

Playing in Langley, Don Hobbins led the Bellingham attack with three goals.

Kim Hilkewich scored twice for Nanaimo. Dale Ewasiuk and Rod Guimont added singles for the Clippers who trailed 3-1 at the end of the first period and 7-3 at the end of the second.

Bellingham outshot Nanaimo 41-23.

In Kelowna, the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period but Kelowna led 4-3 at the end of the second.

Archie McKinnon blasted three goals for Kelowna and Mark Schnarr added two.

Darrell Billsten, Marty Stein and Dwight Bailey scored for the Vikings who were outshot 41-23.

The series resumes Friday at Nanaimo and Vernon.