BUCKS SWEEP PAST VIKINGS INTO B.C. JUNIOR FINALS

VERNON — Kelowna Buckaroos advanced to the B.C. Junior Hockey League final by whipping Vernon Vikings 9-5 Friday night. One of these nights, they might just find out who they'll meet there.

That question could have been answered last night, but a power failure at the Nanaimo Arena further delayed the problem-plagued Bellingham-Nanaimo series.

The series was originally delayed when Bellingham's arena was closed down by creditors, forcing them to move their home games to Langley.

The game has been rescheduled for tonight, where the Blazers, holding a 3-2 lead in games, could wrap things up in the best-of-seven set.

The Buckaroos did just that last night, easily completing a four-game sweep of their series against the hapless Vikings.

Kelowna burst to a 5-0 first period lead and then lengthened it to 8-1 in the middle stanza before Vernon struck back in the third.

Bill Haynes, Rick Benningshoff and Duane Monteith all collected two goals for the winners, while Gord Gibson, Brad Owens and Perry Schnarr chipped in with singles.