

Merritt gets hot on final weekend

Merritt Warriors won their last two regular season games and will carry the momentum into the playoffs which get under way Tuesday night in Kelowna and Penticton.

Warriors edged Shuswap Blazers 8-7 in overtime Saturday night and blasted Kelowna Packers 9-5 to earn their first win, in eight outings, over Packers.

In another Sunday game, in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, Langley Eagles downed Sidney Capitals 6-4. Saturday night, Abbotsford Falcons grabbed the final Coastal Division playoff spot with a 5-4 overtime win against Capitals and Delta Flyers beat Nanaimo Clippers 6-4.

John King, Kevin Cheveldave and

John Tent each scored two goals to pace Warriors. Troy Mick, Brad Smiley and Kevin Thorlakson scored singles.

Warriors will face Interior division leading Penticton Knights in the opening round of playoffs Tuesday night.

Shawn Harrison, Darren Swartz, Carey Fisher, Kerry Russell, and Joel Savage counted for Kelowna.

Saturday night, a goal by Cheveldave 1:51 into overtime gave Warriors the win. Mike Catchpole, Mark Greyeyes, Alan Wall, Thorlakson, Smiley, King and Brad Woitas also scored for Warriors.

For Blazers, last in the Interior for the third consecutive year, Darren Kwiatowski scored three times.

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The British Columbia Junior Hockey League has announced the playoff schedule for the opening round. All series in opening round are best-of-seven:

Tues., March 4 Abbotsford at Richmond
Nanaimo at Delta
Merritt at Penticton
Vernon at Kelowna

Wed., March 5 Abbotsford at Richmond
Nanaimo at Delta
Kelowna at Vernon

Thurs., March 6 Penticton at Merritt

Fri., March 7 Richmond at Abbotsford
Delta at Nanaimo
Merritt at Penticton
Vernon at Kelowna

Sat., March 8 Richmond at Abbotsford
Delta at Nanaimo
Penticton at Merritt
Kelowna at Vernon

Sun., March 9 (if necessary)
Abbotsford at Richmond
Merritt at Penticton
Vernon at Kelowna

Mon., March 10 (if necessary)
Nanaimo at Delta

Tues., March 11 (if necessary)
Richmond at Abbotsford
Delta at Nanaimo
Penticton at Merritt
Kelowna at Vernon

Wed., March 12 (if necessary)
Abbotsford at Richmond
Nanaimo at Delta
Merritt at Penticton
Vernon at Kelowna