

Vernon hockey stars shine with Winter Hawks

The Mick and Holland Show moved to another city, in another country, over the weekend.

Troy Mick and Dennis Holland, the most prolific scoring duo in Vernon minor hockey history, were reunited Saturday night by Portland Winter Hawks, of the Western Hockey League. And they didn't disappoint their new team.

Holland, playing his first game in the WHL, scored three goals and added two assists to help Portland trounce New Westminster Bruins 13-5, before 9,340 fans, in the Oregon State city.

Mick, who was recalled by Winter Hawks last week after Merritt Warriors were eliminated from the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs, scored twice and added three assists.

Ron Jones, the third member of the all-rookie line, added a goal and an assist. Jones starred for Detroit Compuware this season.

"It was great to be back with Troy," Holland said. "I sure didn't expect to get five points . . . I just wanted to go out there and work hard."

Holland and Mick played together for eight years before Mick quit Vernon Lakers last October after a dispute over the amount of ice time he was receiving.

Holland said, "It was really an exciting night. The highlight for me was my first goal."

Holland's first goal was scored at 15:52 of the second period. Less than two minutes later, the 16-year-old centre blinked the red light again.

Mick is remaining with Winter Hawks for the WHL

playoffs while Holland has returned to Vernon to complete grade 11. However, Portland has indicated they may bring Holland back during spring break.

"They've got a few injuries right now and if they don't get everybody back, they'll probably call me up for a game or two," Holland said.

Portland is hosting the Memorial Cup finals in May.

Holland said, "One of the newspapers (in Portland) suggest we (Jones and Mick) might play on the same line next year . . . that would be fine with me."

Meanwhile, Seattle Thunderbirds clinched the fourth and final playoff berth in the WHL's Western Division with a 3-2 victory over New Westminster.

Knights trounce Sockeyes

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Scott Rawson scored four goals and assisted on three others Sunday night to lead Penticton Knights to a 12-7 British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoff victory over Richmond Sockeyes.

The win gives the defending champion Knights a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven final series which continues tonight in Richmond.

Marc Rousseau and Greg Cyr each scored twice for the winners who also got goals from Kevan Melrose, David Shields, Laine Jeannotte and Arron Scott.

Mike Scardina scored twice to lead the Sockeyes who were tied 3-3 after the first period but trailed 10-4 after 40 minutes and were outshot 49-33.

Ron Popoff, Dan Baker, Paul Bifano, Sean Harder and Jeff Crossley also counted for the Sockeyes who got five power-play goals.