

## BCJHL action

# Battle of giants goes here tonight

What can be considered a battle of the giants takes place here in Vernon tonight as two undefeated B.C. junior A hockey teams take to the ice.

Vernon Vikings will play host to the Penticton Broncos with one of the teams coming out the important point winner.

Vernon have wrung up five straight victories in a similiar number of home ice appearances while Penticton have done the same thing, while having only played four games at home however, with tonights game the first road trip of the season for the Peach City boys.

With only a two point difference between the two clubs, Vikings will be looking to stretch their league lead by two more points while Broncos would like to join Vernon at the top and leave Kelowna and White Rock to battle out the second place position. At this writing all three teams have a share of second with eight points each.

While not too much is known of the Penticton lineup, word has it they are going to be a tough team to beat this year, having several key players back in their lineup from last season when they easily wrapped up the B.C. championship, then won over Alberta before losing to Manitoba.

Big news from the Viking

bastion is they will add more of last years stalwarts the form of Don Murdoch and Tad Campbell. Murdoch has been playing with the Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada league while Campbell has made a move to the U.S. where he was to have attended college.

Apparently little is known why Murdoch did not remain with the Chiefs but rumour has it he was unhappy with coach Joe Tennant because he was sitting the bench too much.

Murdock is also to have been rumoured to say on his arrival here he only intends to stay for a couple of weeks then go back to Kamloops.

Campbell is reported to have been disallusioned with the college hockey program he was on, saying it was a farce.

The addition of these two players brings to four the number of last year veterans who have returned to the Vernon fold. Earlier, Tom Sanche came back from a tryout with Kamloops and Gerry Howe came back after an unsuccessful WCHA tryout.

Vernon have three big tests coming up before the week is out. As mentioned, they take Penticton here tonight and then Friday travel to Kelowna for their first road trip and then Saturday play host to White Rock.