

# Kelowna joins Vikings for BCJHL leadership

By DOUG BULWER

Penticton 6, Vernon 5

The six game winning streak of the Vernon Vikings came to an abrupt end Friday night and so did their supremacy atop the eight team B.C. Junior A hockey league.

While Vernon was busy in Penticton losing by a 6-5 difference to third place Penticton Broncos, the surging Kelowna Buckaroos were also hot on the victory trail as they put together their sixth straight win to whallop hapless Langley Lords 11-4 and move into a first place tie with faltering Vernon crew.

A come back effort with three unanswered goals in the final period at Penticton put the game on keen edge right to the final seconds but it wasn't enough after Penticton had taken a 3-2 first period lead and added three of their own unanswered markers in the middle stanza.

Two of the Penticton markers came on power plays and a third can be attributed to a power play effort as a goal was scored fractions of a second after Vernon returned to full strength.

With the loss, their third in 15 games, Vernon now can only hope Kelowna will suffer the same fate soon as the Buckaroos will have two games in handover the Vernon squad but have a better record with only two losses as compared to a dozen victories as does Vernon for identical 24 points.

Penticton still hold a comfortable third, or second place hold with 10 wins in 14 tries, for 21 points after tying one game with Nanaimo and losing three so far.

Well back in fourth place is White Rock Centennials, who they say may change city locations which is rumored to be either Merritt or Revelstoke. The Cents have played 17 games, winning six for 12 points.

Nanaimo follow with five wins in 13 tries for 11 points and close behind them is Bellingham

Blazers with 10 points based on five wins too but no ties in 16 games played.

Chilliwack are in seventh place with a poor four win record in 17 games played with Langley in the cellar with only three wins but having only played 10 games so far because their arena was not completed until last week so unable to play any home games.

In the Friday night action, only real bright spot on the Vernon end of things was the stellar performances of Don Murdoch and his linemate Bob Burgoyne who teamed to score a pair of goals each with defenceman Tim Sanche scoring the single.

Alternate goalie Ken Holland also came up with a solid game after he replaced regular netman Charlie Briskham at the mid-point of the second period who allowed all six Penticton goals.

At Kelowna, the Buckaroos allowed Langley to jump into an early 3-0 lead but sagged completely when the Buckaroos outscored them 11-1 the rest of the way to take the victory by a 11-4 reading.

Curt Fraser paced Kelowna with a hat trick with pairs from Murray Hanson and Steve Paolone. Single came from Dave Costanzo, Dale Turner, and Tom Onno.

At Penticton, Broncos goals were single efforts from Mark Patterson, Bryan James, Daryl Ferner, Dan Ditlof, Mike Holmes and Rod Dyck.

Tonight, Vernon play host to Langley Lords and should regain first place at least for the moment as Kelowna take a weeks rest before meeting White Rock at home next Friday.

Sunday tonight, Langley move into Penticton and a win

for the Broncos could put them within one point of Kelowna and Vernon, should the Vikings lose tonight.

Game time here at civic arena is 8 p.m.

## Ernie Gare helps Jets tie Nelson

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spokane Jets managed only a 4-4 tie against Nelson Maple Leafs Friday night in one of two Western International Hockey League games, but the one point was enough to move the Jets into a share of first place.

In the other game, Trail Smoke Easters edged Kimberley Dynamiters 6-5, outscoring the Dynamiters 3-2 in the final period.

In Nelson, Ernie Gare scored late in the third period to give the Jets the tie and neither team was able to score in the 10-minute sudden-death overtime session.

Bob Trembecky, Brian Strimbiski and Ken Gustafson scored the other Spokane goals, with Tom Foxcroft, Larry Simon, Gary Crosina and Bob Lesley scoring for the Leafs.

Nelson took a 4-3 lead into the final 20 minutes.

In Trail, Mitch Bozak led the Smokies to victory with three goals. Dan McCarthy, Ken Uzeloc and Gordie Nielson also scored for the home team.

Dale Booth had two goals to lead Kimberley, with Aurel Beaudin, Terry Robitaille and Dick Vincent each counting once.

Trail and Spokane are deadlocked atop the WIHL, with Cranbrook Royals second and Kimberley third. Nelson is last.

## Looking for immediate victories says Judy

TORONTO (CP) — While many Canadian athletes may be making plans for the 1976 Olympics, skier Judy

should be able to place regularly in the top six or seven."

Dubois calls Judy