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Vikings win again to strengthen lead

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League-leading Vernon Vikings grabbed their 20th win of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League season Wednesday, defeating Penticton Broncos 7-5 in Vernon. The Vikings, of the interior division, have 40 points.

Bellingham Blazers moved into a third place tie with Chilliwack in the coast division by defeating Nanaimo Clippers 3-0 in Bellingham. Merritt Centennials remained in last place in the interior division with 20 points after defeating Chilliwack 5-1 in a game at Chilliwack.

Bellingham and Chilliwack have 18 points apiece.

In Vernon, Don Murdoch and Greg Howe scored two goals each for the Vikings. Singles were added by Ken Price, Barry Dye and Abe Dubbin. Penticton's Mark Patterson scored two goals, while Dean Dyer, Tim Peck and Mike Holmes connected for singles.

In Chilliwack, three goals by Darryl Zelinski powered Merritt to the 5-1 victory over the Bruins. Fred Berry and Paul Mulvey scored the other Merritt goals and Brad Bateman scored the lone Chilliwack goal.

In Bellingham, the Clippers outshot Bellingham 39-24 but failed to get on the scoreboard. Bellingham goals were scored by Dean Arnett, Harold Phillipoff and Neil Robertson.

Kelowna Buckaroos are second in the interior division with 36 points and Penticton Broncos have 31. Langley Lords lead the coast division with 26 points, followed by the Clippers with 21 points.

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