



PRICE LEADS THE WAY

Vernon Vikings face a couple of crucial tests this weekend as they meet arch rivals Kelowna Buckaroos in back to back games starting tonight. Current leaders by four points over second place Kelowna in the BCJHL, the two games will really tell the tale on who is going to be the undisputed leader as the league nears the halfway mark of season games. A pair of wins by Kelowna could tie the two teams for first place but on the other hand Vernon could jump eight points out in front to take a strangle hold on the eight team standings.

One of the big reasons why Vernon are doing so well stems from the excellent playing of centreman Ken Price. Price leads the team with 13 goals and 30 assists for 43 points so far and is so to top his last years mark of 20 goals and 45 assists for 65 points. So far Vernon have won 15 of 16 home games played and on the road have a five and five win loss record. Game time tonight in Kelowna is 8:30 and the return game here at Vernon tomorrow night starts at 8 p.m. sharp.

In the NHL

Old rivals head for showdown

Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs, perennial rivals among the old members of the National Hockey League lodge, appear to be headed for a showdown over second place in the East Division.

The Canadiens defeated New York Islanders 4-2 Thursday night to close within four points of the leading Boston Bruins who were idle, but when the ice chips settled, Montreal was only

and no one came to the top. There's no reason to change. All three of them have been great." The Leafs gave up an average of 3.58 goals per game last year. This season, it's about 2.50. "We all want to play more," said Favell. "But we're close friends and we're happy ... as long as we're winning we're satisfied." "He was hellish," said North Star Coach Parker MacDonald.

Sports

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Lords triumph again

LANGLEY (CP) — Langley Lords Thursday scored a 6-1 British Columbia Junior Hockey League triumph over Nanaimo Clippers.

It was Lords' 10th straight hometown victory although they have not been as successful out of town.

Langley held Clippers scoreless until the third period when Glen Leedahl finally got one for Nanaimo.

Brian Henderson and Ryan Walter each got two goals for Langley while Sandy Bain and Dave Hathaway added singles.

Langley goalie Mark Earp stopped 15 shots on goal while beleaguered Rene Bourcier stopped 19 and relief goalie Dan Rogers stopped eight for Nanaimo.

There were no other BCJHL games Thursday.

Tennant fined

Goalie wasn't sick . . . was on his way home

SASKATOON (CP) — Coach Joe Tennant of Kamloops, B.C. has been fined \$400 for failing to have a backup goaltender dressed for a game Dec. 4 against Saskatoon Blades, president Ed Chynoweth of the Western Canada Hockey League announced Thursday.

Regular netminder Tim Priestley of the Chiefs was injured in the first period and could not continue. The Chiefs were forced to borrow netminder Brian Hepp from Saskatoon Olympics of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League because Andy Mydlak, regular backup netminder, was ill.

two goals to pace the Blades. Pat Price, Fred Williams, Blair Chapman and Neil Hawryliw added the other goals. Brandon goals were scored by Peter Wurster, Wayne Naka and John Paddock.

Saskatoon goalie Brian Holderness kicked out 22 shots, while Jim Rankin of Brandon blocked 42.

In Kamloops, Jack Patterson scored two goals to lead the Chiefs. Other Kamloops goals were scored by Rob Flockhart, Ron Poole, Randy Andreachuk, Ron Boskill and Darryl Ferner.

Roy Russell was the only Winnipeg player to beat goalie Tim Priestly, who made 39 saves for Kamloops. Winnipeg's John Memryk made 32 saves.

Tonight Brandon plays at Saskatoon, Swift Current at Edmonton and Flin Flon at Regina.

Regina leads the Eastern Division with 35 points, Swift Current has 32, Flin Flon 29, Brandon 28, Saskatoon 21 and Winnipeg 14.

In the Western Division, Calgary leads with 37 points, New Westminster has 25, Edmonton 23, Medicine Hat 22 and Victoria and Kamloops 13.

Clubs clubbed

Saskatoon Blades whipped Brandon Wheat Kings 6-3 and Kamloops Chiefs trampled Winnipeg Clubs 7-1 in Western Canada Hockey League action Thursday night.

Kamloops and Victoria now are tied for last place in the Western Division with 13 points apiece. Saskatoon still is in fifth place in the Eastern Division with 21 points.

In Brandon, Dan Arndt scored