



CRUCIAL FACEOFF FRIDAY

Vikings will be looking for their first win in seven starts against the Kelowna Buckaroos, when they host the first place team Friday starting at 8:30 p.m. A win for the Vikings would be one of their biggest in the season thus far . . . a loss will go a long way to solidifying Kelowna's grip on first place. From all indications, tomorrow night's crowd for

the game could be a dandy. As many as 300 fans may be coming from Salmon Arm for the game . . . it's Salmon Arm night at the Vernon Civic Arena. A spokesman for the Salmon Arm minor hockey association, Rev. Father Don Malin said yesterday, most of the juvenile team will be on hand, plus many minor hockey players and parents. One of the features of

tomorrow night's game will be another minor hockey exhibition game, this time between the Boston Senior Pups from Vernon and the Salmon Arm senior Pups. Salmon Arm fans of course will be particularly interested in the performance of Randy Krantz, who came to the Vikings recently from the Salmon Arm Juvenile Hockey team.

Tomorrow night's game is one of two for the Vikings this weekend. On Sunday, the Vernon squad takes on the Chilliwack Bruins in the Vernon Civic Arena. And the following week they have three tough games . . . back to back encounters with the Penticton Broncos, followed by another against the Kelowna Buckaroos.

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Cents bomb Bruins

Chilliwack Bruins couldn't get to Merritt because of snow-blocked roads Tuesday night, but unfortunately for Merritt

the highways were open again Wednesday.

This time it was Merritt's turn to play in Chilliwack, and the Centennials were bombed by the Bruins, 9-4.

They also lost the services of goaltender Ernie Glanville in the third period, after he collided with two Chilliwack attackers.

Glanville, who suffered a back injury, was taken to hospital for treatment. He was later released.

Vern Quaroni and Ken Widmeyer sparked Chilliwack, Quaroni collecting two goals and four assists, while Widmeyer scored four times. Tom Zelke, Jim Slater and Marcel Van Der Graff had a goal apiece.

The league's top sniper, Fred Berry, scored three of the Merritt goals, Don Festerling getting the other.

The Bruins outshot Merritt 55-32.

In Bellingham Wednesday night, the Langley Lords nipped the hometown Blazers 3-2, on goals by Allen Young, Brian Henderson and Sandy Bain. Mark Arnett and Kevin Shamehorn scored for the Blazers.

Tournament ticket blitz next week

The Pee Wee Hockey Tournament Ticket Blitz takes place in Vernon, Wednesday January 23.

The Third Annual Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament is being held February 1, 2, and 3 in the Vernon Civic Arena.

This is one of the major events being staged during the Vernon Winter Carnival.

There will be eight teams participating, including Vernon, New Westminster, (Carnival Host City) Nanaimo, Prince George, Kamloops, Castlegar, Fort St. John, from B.C. and Lethbridge, Alberta.

There will be 10 games in all, four to be played Friday, four Saturday, and the two final games Sunday.

Boys from the Vernon Minor Hockey ranks will be out in force Wednesday January 23 selling \$2 tickets which will