

Vikings win but fights spoil BCJHL game here

Vernon Vikings outscored Penticton Broncos on the scoresheet and outpointed the visitors in the fist-cuff department in what can only be termed one of the worst displays of hockey seen locally in a long while.

Playing before a sparse Wednesday night crowd here at home, the Vikings came through with an 8-6 victory in one of two BCJHL fixtures and while they were at it chalked up 69 of 111 penalty minutes and 14 of 26 penalties recorded in a slug-fest termed one of the worst ever witnessed here.

Contracts not accepted

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Contracts for a March 25 title defence by heavyweight champion George Foreman against Ken Norton are unacceptable to the World Boxing Association, Bill Brennan, chairman of the WBA championship committee, said Wednesday.

Brennan said lawyers for both fighters have agreed to rewrite the contract and submit it by Friday.

A point in Norton's contract that was unsatisfactory said should Norton win, the promoter would have first refusal on a title defence by Norton, Brennan said.

Another unsatisfactory point, Brennan said, was the one which would give Foreman the right to approve the rules governing the fight.

The contracts did not specify a site for the fight.

While the first period of the game left much to be desired where playing ability was concerned for either club, the second period fiasco near the halfway point of the period, really capped it all as it took referee Henry Reynen of Kelowna along with Vernon linesmen Mike York and Wilf Tantrum 26 minutes to get the game underway after five different fights erupted with three Vernon players and one from Penticton given game misconducts for their part in the fray.

The mass of fighting also left some casualties as linesman Mike York headed to the hospital after the game to have his left knee x-rayed and Terry Anaka, one of those banished, received a very bad cut over the left eye as did one of the Penticton players.

Two bright spots did however stand out in the game for Vernon as Brian Greise and Rod Dyck put on a stellar performances with Dyck scoring a hat trick of three goals and Greise staging an amazing display of good defensive hockey and at the same time picking up a hard earned goal.

Others doing the goal scoring for the Vikings was Don Murdoch who tallied his 46th and 47th markers of the season to take the league lead in this department.

Tad Campbell and Jeff Boychuk added the final two singles to end the Vernon scoring.

Hat trick honors also went to Doug Lawton of the Broncos as he scored singles in each of the three periods.

Solo goals for Penticton game from Kirk Aulin, Mark Severyn and Esko Siipola.

Next home stand for the Vikings takes place this Sunday night when they host Kelowna Buckaroos with game time set for 7:30 p.m.

Nanaimo Clippers shut out Chilliwack Bruins 4-0 and Vernon Vikings edged Penticton Broncos 8-6 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League games Wednesday.

In Nanaimo, two goals by Brian Day gave the Clippers a 2-0 lead in the first period. Wade Smith and Kirk Fyffe scored in the second and third.

Clipper goalie Dan Rogers blocked 31 shots for the shutout, while Greg Hayes stopped 40 shots.

The win put the Clippers within two points of the third-place Bruins in the Coast Division, and within six points of second-place Bellingham.

A penalty-riddled game in Vernon featured a major fight near the halfway mark of the second period which took referee Henry Reynen of Kelowna 26 minutes to sort out and get the game under way again.

Four game misconducts and six fighting majors were handed out, with as many as five fights going on at the same time.

Vernon led 2-1 after the first period, and each team scored three goals in the second. Vernon outscored Penticton 3-2 in the final period.

Rod Dyck paced the Vikings with three goals. Don Murdoch scored a pair and singles came from Brian Griese, Tad Campbell and Jeff Boychuk. Doug Lawton got three goals for Penticton, with singles coming from Kirk Aulin, Mark Severyn and Esko Siipola.



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