

Vikings need two wins to take second place

Vernon Vikings, just home from a disastrous road swing, are now faced with the task of having to win two of their three final games to capture second place.

The third-place Vikings trail Penticton Broncos by one point and the Broncs have two games remaining.

Vernon would dearly love to capture second spot so they get the extra home game in the best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-finals which open next week.

Vikings final games are Friday night in Kelowna, Saturday in Vernon against

Kelowna, and Sunday in Penticton when they face the Broncos.

Vernon Coach Vern Dye feels his club will have to beat Kelowna once and also down Penticton to capture second place. Penticton's other remaining game is against Merritt Centennials.

High-scoring Don Murdoch is back in the line-up after being side-lined with an injury for several weeks and according to coach Dye, Murdoch is almost at top form now.

He played the final two games of the road trip, and although, not in good shape



DON MURDOCH
... back from injury

yet, was a welcome addition to the line-up.

Dye blamed at least one of the three road losses on a bus breakdown Friday. The team bus broke down near Spences Bridge, the day after the Vikings had played well enough to beat Merritt.

After a three and one-half hour wait, the team was again underway and they arrived in Langley shortly before game time Friday night, a tired hockey club. And, Langley is at no time an easy club to beat on home ice.

Girls hoop tournament in Winfield

George Elliot High School in Winfield will be playing host to the Senior A girls secondary schools valley championships Saturday.

First game will be at 1 p.m. when Winfield plays host to Princeton. Second game at 2:30 p.m., will put Armstrong up against Merritt.

The afternoon losers will play at 6:30 p.m. and the championship game is set for

Nanaimo dumps Centennials 4-2

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Nanaimo Clippers beat Merritt Centennials 4-2 Wednesday night as the two lowest ranking British Columbia Junior Hockey League teams met in Nanaimo.

Decision delayed on suspension

SEATTLE (AP) — The president of the Western Hockey League has delayed his decision in the case of Denver Spur player Connie Forey, who slugged a referee.

Forey broke Referee Malcolm Ashford's nose during a game with Seattle Storms Feb. 13. And McFarland had said he would announce his decision on disciplinary action against Forey Wednesday.

But McFarland said B.C. J.

In Chilliwack, Bellingham Blazers edged Chilliwack Bruins 5-4.

Merritt, with 41 points, is in the league basement but Centennial's Fred Berry and Darrell Zelinski are the top scorers in the BCJHL.

Nanaimo is at the bottom of the Coast Division with 42 points, five less than third-place Chilliwack. Langley Lords, with 75 points, are 21 ahead of second-place Bellingham.

Kelowna Buckaroos, with 88 points, are a comfortable 24 ahead of second-place Penticton Broncos in the interior. Third place Vernon Vikings are one point behind the Broncos.

Berry got his 60th goal of the season and Zelinski got his 59th Wednesday. Nanaimo goals were scored by Morley Anderson, Brian Hay, Alan Hill and Dale Ewasiuk.

No details were available from the Chilliwack game.