

Vikings trounced 6-1 in pre-season opener

Vernon Vikings were thumped 6-1 by Bellingham Blazers in their first pre-season game Wednesday, in Revelstoke.

The game was a wild one with a total of 38 penalties, including 25 to Bellingham. The teams were assessed 15 fighting majors, and three game misconducts, to Vernon's Bob Burgoyne, and Blazers' Sheldon Geary and Paul Enquist.

The first two periods took two and one-half hours to play.

Rookies Don Hobbins and Brian Bierce scored two goals each for Bellingham with singles from Enquist and Randy Rudnyk.

Rod Dyck notched Vernon's only marker.

NOT SURPRISED

Vikings' coach Joe Tennant said he was not surprised that several of his players had the first-game jitters.

He said, "It was Bellingham's fourth exhibition game and only our first, that probably made quite a difference."

Vernon had several good scoring opportunities but they were nullified by erratic shooting.

Bellingham led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-0 after 40 minutes.

Of the Vikings, rookie winger Clyde Goodwimmer,



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Canada not surprised by speed and stamina

TORONTO (CP) — Bruce MacGregor, an unsung hero in Team Canada's 3-3 deadlock with the Soviet Union in the opening game of the 1974 hockey summit series, raised a question Wednesday about Canada's ability to play two good games in a row.

"Sometimes, when you're not in top shape, you can't reach back for the extra energy you need," said the red-haired right winger, who jumped to Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association from New York Rangers of the



confidently Wednesday about Team Canada's prospects for the rest of the series.

Mahovlich made no apologies for missing the net by inches when Gordie Howe sent him in on Tretiak with 36 seconds remaining. He accepted the fact that Tretiak did what he had to do—forcing the Big M to wait a fraction too long before shooting.

"Frank made a great play to get in front," said Harris. "Tretiak made even a better play to beat him."

was the most consistent. He played on a line with Marty Stein and Grant Sidnick.

The same two clubs meet in Vernon tonight, but there will be several different faces in the Viking line-up.

Tennant said he plans six or seven line-up changes so he can get a look at the other players in camp during a game situation.