



VERNON VIKINGS' GOALIE Darrell Furmanek made a great save on this shot from the point by Bellingham Blazers' Kevin

Krook. Despite being screened and having three Blazer forwards waiting for a rebound, the rookie net-minder was able to steer the

puck away. Vikings won the game 11-7. One person Furmanek will not have to beat out for the starting goalie's job is Ken Holland.

Holland, a Vernon product who played with the Vikings last year, has apparently stuck with Medicine Hat Tigers. However, Tigers,

Vernon's parent club, released goalie Jim Schammel Thursday and he is on his way to Vernon. (Daily News photo by Don Kendall)

Sports

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Argonauts own eastern basement

TORONTO (CP) — Quarterback Jerry Keeling collaborated with Rhome Nixon and Gerry Organ Thursday night to lead Ottawa Rough Riders to a 29-12 Eastern Football Conference win over Toronto Argonauts who finally hit rock bottom.

There were 32,081 fans at the CNE stadium, but their hearts were elsewhere as they watched the Argonauts tumble into last place and the Riders claim third.

The Riders, Canadian Football League defending champions, now have eight points, while the Argos, have managed only three victories in 10 games.

Keeling, whose arm has been suspect this season, passed for two touchdowns to Nixon, while Organ reeled off five field goals and two converts. One of Keeling's passes was for 68 yards and the other for four.

A two-yard run by Ed Shuttlesworth produced the only touchdown for the Argonauts. It was converted by Zenon An-



WAYNE GIARDINO ... successful switch

exhibition hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Keeling said he thought the victory would ease the barrage of criticism of the Riders in recent weeks—by Ottawa coaches as well as their supporters.

"Yeah, we've been feeling a little heat," said Keeling. "All of us. It might be off for two or three days."

Vikings dump Blazers in fight-filled contest

Vernon Vikings dumped Bellingham Blazers 11-7 in exhibition B.C. Junior Hockey League action Thursday night before 400 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena.

As far as Bellingham goalie Gary Scott is concerned, if he never sees Viking defenceman Terry Anka again, it will be too soon.

Anaka spearheaded Vikings' attack with three straight goals, all on slap shots from the vicinity of the blue line. He came close to notching his fourth, third period goal on another slap shot, however, it was deflected in off Cam Sirdiak.

The amazing thing about Anaka's scoring is that the stocky defenceman scored a total of two goals during the 1973-74 season.

Vernon coach Joe Tennant was pleased with his team's performance Thursday, particularly the effort displayed by the veterans.

Tennant said, "We lost 6-1 to Bellingham Wednesday and not only did we get beaten on the scoreboard, they also beat us physically. Our guys showed a lot of guts tonight coming up with a game like this."

LOOKS GOOD

The best of the Viking forwards was smooth-skating Gary Benson. Benson, playing

on a line with Rod Dyck and Greg Walmsley, scored twice and set up two others.

Walmsley scored once and added two assists while Dyck picked up three assists.

Other Vernon marksmen were Owen Lloyd, Marty Stein, Grant Sidnick, Bob Areshenkoff and Sirdiak.

Kevin Krook scored twice for Bellingham with singles from Brian Pearce, Don Bliault, Rob Anderson, Randy Betty, and Terry Nicolai.

Vikings outshot the Blazers 31-27.

Bellingham, New Westminster Bruins' number one farm club, came out in the first period with the idea of running Vernon out of the rink. As a result, there were two fights in the opening minute, and a total of seven during the game.

Viking forward Bradley Schultz was cut in the first fight of the night and did not return.

PLAYER MOVEMENT

Several player moves have been made as a result of the first two exhibition games.

Veterans Dave Caldwell and Bob Burgoyne left the team Wednesday after a

disagreement with Tennant. Apparently, Burgoyne and another Viking vet, Dave Dubbin, who was Tuesday, are going to try out with Nanaimo Clippers.

Tennant said, "I am running the hockey club and that is the way it has to be. Burgoyne and I just could not agree on that. If Caldwell wants to rejoin the team, and abide by the rules, he is welcome."

Gary Gassoff suffered a severe arm injury in the first game and could be out for a long period of time.

Promising Clyde Goodswimmer, left the Viking bench after 15 minutes of the first period Thursday. He had not played, and felt he was doing no good warming the bench.

Tennant said, "I had 23 players dressed and happened to choose the second-half of the game to have a look at Clyde. It was just a disagreement and I hope to settle it today."

Vikings take on Kelowna Buckaroos in the Regatta City next Tuesday and host the defending provincial champs back here Wednesday, in exhibition play.

Yankees folding