



IT'S TOO LATE for Merritt Centennials' goalie Jerry Price to make a save on this blast from the wing

by Vernon Vikings' Grant Sidnick, not in picture. With two Vernon players planted in front of Price, a perfect

screen allowed Sidnick to score Vikings' eighth goal, an insurance marker, in Vernon's 8-6 victory Wednesday.

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(Daily News Photo by Don Kendall)

Vikings record second victory

Vernon 8, Merritt 6
Vernon Vikings battled from behind twice to defeat Merritt Centennials 8-6 Wednesday in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action at Merritt Memorial Arena.

For Vikings, it was their second win against four losses this season.

Dwight Bailey, acquired by Vernon last week from their parent club, Medicine Hat Tigers, led the attack with three goals and two assists.

However, it was some sparkling netminding by Darrell Furmanek, playing with an injured hand, which led Vernon to victory. It was his first start in the nets, in five games, because of the injury.

After the 150 mile bus trip to Merritt, Vikings' defence was sloppy, and the forwards shooting often erratic, in the opening 40 minutes.

It was during that time, Furmanek was steady, particularly in the second period when he made 21 stops. He was beaten badly on Cents' first and last goals, but more than made up for those mistakes.

SCORE TIED

Merritt tied 2-0 early in the game, but before the first



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period had ended, Vikings tied the score 3-3. Cents led 5-4 after 40 minutes.

Bailey and Brad Schultz scored early in the third period to put Vernon ahead 6-5, but with six minutes remaining, Perry Stensland tied the score for Merritt.

Goals by Darrell Booth, with his second marker of the night at 15:52, and Grant Sidnick, at 19:21, put Vernon back in the lead to stay.

Brian Griese scored Vikings' other goal.

Stensland scored twice for Centennials, with singles from Gord Adomell, Paul Chadwick, Pat DuPuis, and Bob Wasson.

Referee Steve Banks assessed 22 minutes in penalties to Merritt, and 19, to Vernon.

Banks made a questionable call in the second period after the game's only fight when Peter Poeschek won a clean-cut decision over Chadwick. The Viking player was handed a five minute major, and Chadwick, only a minor.

During the three minute period in which Cents had a power play, with Poeschek in the box, the host club scored twice.

However, Banks got in the bad books with Merritt coach Fred Schweitzer and the 1,100 fans on hand when he made several calls, in the third period, Cents were not pleased with.

The same two teams meet Friday in Vernon at 8 p.m. Vikings then host Chilliwack Saturday.

In the only other BCJHL game Wednesday, Langley Lords defeated Nanaimo Clippers 6-3.

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Islanders almost defeat Canadiens

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It took three seasons for New York Islanders to gain their first point at the Mon-

