

# Vikings at home against Merritt

Vernon Vikings play host to Merritt Centennials tonight, at 8 p.m. in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

Vikings, with a win tonight, could move into a first place tie with Kelowna Buckaroos, if the Bucks, who are hosting Chilliwack Bruins tonight, lose. However, the Regatta City team has three games in hand.

Tonight's other game scheduled has Penticton visiting Langley.

In a fight-filled contest Thursday, Bellingham trounced Nanaimo Clippers 6-1, while Chilliwack edged Penticton 5-4 in overtime.

Tonight is a must game for the Vikings if they hope to get within striking distance of Kelowna. Wednesday, Vernon dumped Merritt 8-6, after Cents had led twice during the game.

The difference Wednesday, and possibly again tonight, could be the goaltending.

Merritt netminder Jerry Price was anything but impressive against the Vikings, and if the Vernon forwards would have had a good shooting night, they could have easily scored 12 goals.

Meanwhile, Vernon coach Joe Tennant has his choice of Keith Ferner, Jim Scammel, or Darrell Furmanek, to put in the nets. All three have performed well so far this season.

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