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Second place up for grabs

Vernon Vikings' coach Joe Tennant let out a sigh of relief this morning that could be heard throughout the North Okanagan.

Word was received this morning that an eye injury to winger Darrell Booth is not as serious as it appeared, and Booth will be able to dress tonight when Vikings travel to Penticton to meet the Broncos.

Booth received the injury in a fluke accident in practice Wednesday, when a lifted stick caught him in the eye.

WHO GETS SECOND

Tonight's game against the Broncos will decide who moves into second place in the interior division of the BCJHL, and who drops to third.

Penticton and Vernon are currently tied for second place with 15 points, seven back of

the league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos. But, the team that wins tonight, may not be in sole possession of second for long as the same two clubs battle again Saturday in Vernon.

Centre Ron Areshnekoff has been hit by the flu bug and is a doubtful starter for Vikings tonight. Winger Greg Walmsley has also been feeling the effects of the flu for the past few days, but is expected to play tonight.

With Areshnekoff out, Bill Ranson may be reunited with his old linemates, Walmsley and Gary Gilchrist. Or Gilchrist may be moved to centre on a line with Walmsley and Gary Benson.

In the only BCJHL game Thursday, Bellingham Blazers thumped Chilliwack Bruins 7-1.