

VIKINGS SPLIT

Weekend games change nothing

Penticton 6 Vernon 3

Vernon 8 Merritt 7

Vernon Vikings and Penticton Broncos are right back where they were last week.

Going into play Friday, Vikings and Broncos were tied for second place, seven points back of the first place Kelowna Buckaroos, in the interior division, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Vikings defeated Penticton Friday to move two points ahead of the Broncos, but the Peach City team came up with a 6-3 win Saturday, in Vernon, to tie the standings again.

Vikings edged Merritt Centennials 8-7 Sunday, and Penticton thumped Langley Lords 9-4 Monday, leading the clubs still tied, with 19 points.

Kelowna, which has 26 points, bombed the last-place Centennials 11-4 Saturday.



GARY GILCHRIST

... first goal

In Vernon Saturday, Kirk Aulin scored three times for the Broncos while linemate Del Iannone picked up one goal and four assists. Bob Irvine and Wade Jowett added singles.

Dwight Bailey, Grant Sidnick, and Greg Walmsley replied for the Vikings.

Most impressive line for Vikings in that game was the unit of Walmsley, Gary Gilchrist, and Ron Areshnekoff. But, that was just an indication of better things to come.

BIG NIGHT

The line exploded for 16 points Sunday as Vernon edged Merritt in overtime.

Walmsley scored three goals and added two assists, Areshnekoff had two goals and five assists, while Gilchrist collected a goal and three assists.

Areshnekoff, a rangy centre, scored the winner at 6:57 of overtime.

The goal for Gilchrist, his first of the season, ended a long drought for the 190 pound winger. He has been continually robbed this season by goal posts and excellent saves by netminders.

Other Vernon scorers Sunday were Sidnick and defenceman John Scammel.

Bob Wasson led the Merritt attack with three goals while Terry Stensland added a pair. Singles went to Greg Agar and Darrell Zelinski.

In the weekend games on the coast, Nanaimo Clippers defeated Bellingham Blazers 5-3 Monday, Blazers defeated the Clippers 4-3 in overtime Sunday, and Saturday, Bellingham edged Chilliwack 5-4.

Vernon cowboy places second

Vernon's Kenny McLean placed second all-round in the Canadian National Finals Rodeo, which ended Saturday, in Edmonton.

McLean finished the six-day rodeo only 30 points behind champion Phil Doan, of High River, Alta.

For his effort, the Vernon cowboy received \$836, bringing his year-end total to \$9,213.

He placed in the bronc riding event three times and the calf-roping event twice in Edmonton.

McLean told the Daily News today he feels he could have

