

SCORE: 5-4

# Vikings edged in sudden-death against Penticton

PENTICTON — Vernon Vikings were edged 5-4 by the Broncos here Tuesday after in sudden-death overtime B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

Gord MacKay scored the winner for the Broncos at 1:35 of the overtime period, while the Penticton squad was being penalized for using an illegal stick.

## CAME CLOSE

Joe Tennant, Vernon coach, said today the Vikings came close to winning the game, as Dwight Bailey had a good opportunity to score about 30 seconds before the end of the game.

"It was a screened shot that hit the goalie's pads, but he never saw the puck, so that could have won the game for us," said Tennant.

He said the Vikings were playing good hockey, as is any team that can come that close to winning a game on the road.

The coach also said the loss of three Vikings because of medical problems made a bit of difference in the game.

Brian Griese and Grant Sidnick are sidelined with the flu, while Darrell Booth was injured during the game Tuesday.

The doctor treating Booth said today the Vikings player is suffering from a badly sprained back, so was held over in hospital in Penticton.

He is expected to be released today.

Tonight, Nanaimo hosts Bellingham, with the Vikings

next game here against Kelowna Saturday.

Tennant said he expects at least two of the injured players back in the lineup for the game.

He also said advance tickets to Vikings games are now available from Ernie's Esso and Vernon Sport and Marine.

In the third period, Penticton was two men short for four minutes after Vernon successfully protested the amount of curve of the sticks of three Broncos. The Vikings took advantage of the manpower situation to count a pair of goals for a 4-4 tie.

When the overtime period opened, Penticton's Del Iannone was caught with an illegal stick for the second time and Vernon had a man advantage. But MacKay scored from close in after Bob Irvine stole the puck behind the Vernon net.

Penticton held a 3-1 lead in the opening period and a 4-1 lead after 40 minutes as Pat Severeyn scored a pair of goals and Rod Zavaduk and Brian James added one each.

Ron Areshenkoff, Greg Walmsley, Dwight Bailey and Gary Gassoff handled the scoring for the Vikings.

Each club had 33 shots on goal.

The Broncos took seven of 11 minor penalties and each team was assessed one five-minute major for fighting.

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