

LOSS PUTS BRONCOS IN SECOND SPOT

Vikings drop to third

Vernon Vikings slipped out of second spot in the B.C. Junior Hockey League Interior Division when it lost to Kelowna here Saturday.

Vernon was unable to hang onto its 1-0 first period lead and finished the game with the Buckaroos having a 5-3 advantage.

BRONCO WIN

With the win, Kelowna increased its hold on the league's Interior Division to 15 points. The Penticton Broncos, with a win in Nanaimo, advanced to second place with 31 points, one more than the Vikings.

Vernon will have a chance to regain the second spot when it meets Penticton this Tuesday.

Gary Gilchrist, Grant Sidnick, and Ron Areshenkoff scored for the Vernon squad. Kelowna goals were scored by Perry Schnarr with two, and Archie McKinnon, Doug Berry, and Bill Haynes with singles.

The score was tied 2-2 after the second period.

Sidnick and Kelowna's Chris Hansen were both assessed misconduct penalties during the game. Four fighting majors were assessed to each team, with Kelowna getting four minor penalties and Vernon getting three.

Darryl Booth was the only Vikings player to miss the game, as he was out with a sprained back suffered in a game against Penticton last week.

Vernon fans were also given a chance to see two recent additions to the squad, Jeff Boychuk and Chuck Lefley. Both players were recently cut from the Medicine Hat Tigers.

Meanwhile, in Sunday BCJHL action, Bellingham Blazers edged Penticton Broncos 4-3 and Merritt Centennials defeated Langley Lords 4-2.

In the other Saturday game,

Penticton edged Nanaimo Clippers 3-2.

In Bellingham, Penticton led 2-1 after the opening period and 3-2 at the close of the second.

Roy Wheaton scored two Blazer goals, and singles went to Rob Anderson and Randy Betty.

Del Iannone scored a double for Penticton, and Bob Irvine had a single.

A hard-hitting, fast-skating game saw Merritt lead 2-1 after the first period and 3-2 at the end of the second in Merritt.

Danny Rota scored the winning goal in the second period and got the insurance marker at 19:32 of the third period. Stan Alstad and Laurie Nordstrom scored singles.

Lane Lavik and Terry Tarnow scored for Langley.

OUTSTANDING IN NET

The broncos had outstanding goalkeeping from Dennis Ewanchuk in their 3-2

victory over the Clippers in Nanaimo Saturday.

Ewanchuk blocked 49 shots, 20 of them in the second period. Dan Rogers blocked 40 shots in the Nanaimo net.

The Broncos led 1-0 at the end of the first period on a goal by Irvine. The teams were tied 1-1 after the second on a Clipper goal by Bob Jeffrey.

Greg Milliard and Iannone got two Broncos goals early in the third period. Penticton held on to win the game after Dale Beckman scored the Clipper's final goal.

Perry Schnarr led the Buckaroos with two goals Saturday in Vernon. Singles went to Archie McKinnon, Doug Berry and Bill Haynes.

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On Tuesday, Penticton travels to Kelowna and Vernon hosts Merritt.



SCRAMBLE AT VERNON'S NET — KELOWNA SNATCHED LEAD AND GAME