

IN KELOWNA

Vikings and Buckaroos battle again tonight

There could be a hot time, in the Regatta town, tonight.

Vernon Vikings travel to Kelowna to tangle with the league leading Kelowna Buckaroos in what promises to be one of the most spirited games of the B.C. Junior Hockey League season.

To start with, Kelowna and Vernon have one of the oldest hockey rivalries in the province going, and after Wednesday's game, in Vernon, when Vikings defeated Kelowna 7-5, there is more than some hard feelings.

Kelowna forward Bill Haynes, suffered what at first appeared to be a broken leg, late in Wednesday's game. Buckaroo players and officials felt Haynes was deliberately injured by Vernon forward Grant Sidnick and more than one player let Sidnick know about their displeasure about the incident.

However, Haynes suffered only a sprain and is expected to be back in the line-up next week.

Vernon coach Joe Tennant was upset at the way Kelowna handled the incident saying Sidnick would never try to deliberately hurt a player.

IMPORTANT GAME

Besides that sour note, the game is a four-pointer as far as the league standings are concerned.

First-place Kelowna leads the second-place Vikings by 12 points, and a win is a must for Vernon tonight.

Tennant will be going into the game with a club which is far from full strength. Up to five regulars could be missing from the line-up.

Greg Waimsley, with a broken cheek bone, definitely

will not play. Other doubtful starters include Darrell Booth (back), Bill Ranson (broken nose), Terry Anaka (flu), and Ron Areshnekoff (pulled groin).

Game time is 8:30 p.m.

In the only BCJHL game Thursday, Chilliwack Bruins defeated Langley Lords 8-6.

During that game, only one minor penalty was assessed.

NFL roulette starts Saturday

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The National Football League's version of Russian roulette begins this weekend with Miami Dolphins shooting for a third straight world championship and Oakland Raiders hoping to gun them down.

The Dolphins, champions of the American Conference's Eastern Division, will play the West-winning Raiders in one of four NFL playoff games Saturday that eventually will determine the NFL champion.

The winner of the Miami-Oakland game will play for the AFC championship against the survivor of Sunday's match between Buffalo Bills and Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers made the playoffs by winning the AFC's Central Division title while the Bills qualified as the wild-card team with a 9-5 record behind Miami's 11-3.

The champion of the National Conference and eventual Super Bowl opponent of the AFC winner will be determined from among St. Louis Cardinals, Minnesota Vikings, Washington Redskins and Los Angeles Rams.

The Cardinals, champions of the NFC East, will play the Vikings, the Central Division title-winners, Saturday. The Rams, winners of the West, face Washington, the NFC's



O.J. SIMPSON
... leads Buffalo

leading the Raiders to a 12-2 record, best in the NFL.

The Steelers will be making a third straight playoff appearance while the Bills are making their first since 1966, when they lost to Kansas City in the American Football League title game.

O.J. Simpson, Buffalo's rushing leader, will carry the ball most of the time.

After training in Tulsa, Okla., for three days, the Vikings flew home Thursday with coach Bud Grant declaring: "We are ready."

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Third period rally gives Tigers win

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medicine Hat Tigers scored five third-period goals to storm their way to a 7-4 win over league-leading Victoria Cougars at Medicine Hat in the Western Canada Hockey League's only Western Division game Thursday night.

In the Eastern Division, Regina Pats shut out Flin Flon Bombers 4-0 in Flin Flon, and at Brandon, Dave McMullin scored an insurance goal in the last second of play to edge the Wheat Kings past Lethbridge Broncos 5-3.

The Cougars and Medicine Hat were tied 1-1 after the first period. Victoria moved into a 3-2 lead after the second but the Tigers dominated the third to hand Victoria its fourth loss in as many games.

Don Murdoch, Greg Vaydik and Morris Lukowich each scored a pair of goals for the Tigers, and Greg Carroll added a single. Victoria marksmen were Rick Lapointe, Rick Martin, Dan Lucas and Don Cairns.



DON MURDOCH
... scored a pair

A spate of fights and penalties marked the final period, with the teams splitting eight majors and two game misconducts in all, while Victoria was assessed six of 10 minors.

Tiger goaltender Ken Holland faced 33 shots compared with 38 for Victoria's Lloyd Saar.