

Vikings facing tough weekend

Vernon Vikings need some points this weekend to keep pace with second-place Penticton Broncos.

But, there must be an easier way to get points than playing back-to-back games with the Kelowna Buckaroos, tonight and Saturday.

The league-leading Bucks hold a 22-point margin over second-place Penticton. Broncos, with 46 points, lead the Vikings by two.

Vernon has won three of eight games against the Bucks this season.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant

Busy weekend schedule

Five games are scheduled in the Monashee Hockey League this weekend.

Saturday night, league-leading Revelstoke Selkirks travel to Lumby to meet the Flying Frenchmen, Grindrod visits last place N-

feels his team needs to win at least one of the two games against Kelowna.

Tennant said, "I guess we hit an all-time low the other night against Merritt. I hope we are over that and can come up with a couple good efforts against Kelowna."

Vikings were trounced 10-5 by Merritt on Wednesday.

Only doubtful starter for Vernon is defenceman Harvey Teske, recovering from a minor knee injury.

In BCJHL play Thursday, Penticton battled to a 6-6 tie with Merritt Centennials while Chilliwack Bruins defeated Bellingham Blazers 5-3.

In Merritt, Centennials held a 3-0 first period lead and led 4-1 after the second before the Broncos came back to tie it in regulation time before a scoreless overtime session.

Wade Jowett, Mark Severyn, and Del Iannone got two goals each for the Broncos. Stan Alstad scored a pair for the Cents with singles from Greg Agar, Perry Stensland, Pat Dupuis, and Darrell Zelinski.

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HOCKEY



Saturday, Jan. 18

Kelowna

Buckaroos

vs

Vernon Vikings

Face-Off 8:00 p.m. Sharp

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MERRITT, B.C. (CP) —
Merritt Hockey Ltd.,
owners of the Merritt
Centennials hockey club in
the British Columbia Junior
Hockey League, have
agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine
levied on the team by the
B.C. Amateur Hockey
Association.

Don Dewinetz, president
of Merritt Hockey, said
today donations totalling
\$1,675 had been received
from local citizens. He said
part of the money will go
toward payment of the fine.

The fine was levied
against the hockey club by
BCAHA president Frank
Spring earlier this week for
alleged use of players not
registered under CAHA
regulations.

Dewinetz also said that
the fines will be contested.