

WITH 4-1 WIN

# Vikings snap slump

Vernon Vikings snapped their lengthy losing streak Wednesday in Langley, but Kelowna Buckaroos were not quite so lucky in Merritt.

Vikings snapped their six-game losing streak with a 4-1 victory over the Lords, while Kelowna had its winless streak stretched to five with a 7-6 loss to the Centennials.

Jim Scammel was just about the whole story for the Vikings. Scammel blocked a total of 44 shots and shutout the Lords for the opening 41 minutes.

For the second straight night, the young netminder was selected the game's first star.

## SCORELESS FIRST

The teams played through a scoreless first period and Greg Walmsley and Marty



**JIM SCAMMEL**  
... big night

Stein gave Vikings a 2-0 lead after the second.



**MARTY STEIN**  
... scored one

However, Langley captain Sandy Bain narrowed the gap to 2-1 early in the third.

Jeff Boychuk and defenceman Gary Gassoff scored midway through the period to kill any hopes Lords had of coming back.

Owen Lloyd played a strong game on defence for the Vikings, but it was Scammel,

with save after save, who kept Vernon out in front.

Vikings have little chance of catching second-place Penticton with only 10 games remaining in the schedule. Kelowna still has a healthy lead in the Interior Division with 76 points, 14 more than Penticton. Vernon trails the second-place Broncos by 10 and last-place Merritt is 10 behind the Vikings.

In Merritt Wednesday, Stan Alstad scored twice to lead the Centennials. Wayne Krebs led the Bucks' attack with three goals.

At Nanaimo, the coast division's last-place team, the Clippers, defeated Chilliwack Bruins 9-6.

## TWO GAMES

Vikings get little rest before they swing back into action Saturday night when Kelowna is in town. Vernon travels to the Regatta City for a rematch Sunday.

Of the 10 games remaining for the Vikings, six are at home. They meet Kelowna and Penticton three times, Merritt, Langley, Nanaimo, and Chilliwack once.

# Royals and Blades in first-place tie

Royals moved into a first-place tie with the Blades in the 28 points, 13 more than the third-place Sabres. Braves