

# Vikings stretch streak to five

Vernon Vikings stretched their winning streak to five games Wednesday with a 5-2 victory over Penticton Broncos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Vikings deserved the victory as they played the final 10 minutes of the second period, at least one, and sometimes two men short.

Grant Sidnick put Vernon in front with a short-handed goal at 6:55 of the opening period and Dwight Bailey stretched that margin to 2-0 before the period ended.

Del Iannone and Bob Irvine, on a power play, tied the score for Broncos in the second period.

But, the third period belonged to the Vikings. Vernon beat Penticton in every department, including the most important, scoring.

Brad Schultz got the winner midway through the final



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period and goals by Sidnick and Marty Stein, put the game out of reach.

For Penticton, it was their fourth straight loss.

Vernon was assessed 11 of 16 minor penalties, two of three fighting majors, and the only 10 minute misconduct. During the time when Vikings were short-handed, they had as many scoring opportunities as the Broncos.

Penticton goalie Dennis Ewanchuk made 38 saves while Jim Scammel blocked 29 shots for Vernon.

As promised by Coach Joe Tennant, Vikings came out hitting and appeared to intimidate the Broncos. But, despite the rugged checking, Vernon did not deserve all the penalties they were assessed by referee Robbie McMorin.

Brian Griese continued his improved play for the Vikings as he hit well, moved the puck out of his end with authority, and set up three goals.

## **THREE LEFT**

Vikings have three games remaining in the league schedule before they open the semi-finals Tuesday in Penticton. Vernon travels to Kelowna Friday to meet the league-leading Buckaroos, Saturday they host Chilliwack Bruins, and Sunday, Vikings visit Merritt Centennials.

In the only other BCJHL game Wednesday, Centennials defeated Langley Lords 5-3.

In an exhibition game, Victoria Cougars, of the Western Canada Hockey League, edged their farm club, Nanaimo Clippers 7-5.

## Mitchell suffers loss to Alberta

MONCTON, N.B. (CP) — Sharon Grigg's strategy almost backfired on her Wednesday night but a pair of last-end misses by Saskatchewan opponent Marj Mitchell enabled Alberta to pull out a key 7-4 victory over the Regina rink at the Canadian women's curling cham-

Manitoba had a 4-3 record going into today's last two rounds while Newfoundland was 3-4, Nova Scotia and Ontario were 2-5 and New Brunswick and P.E.I. were 1-6.

If a playoff is necessary, as appears likely, it will be played Friday morning.

# Volleyball finals free



Sports fans will get their money's worth Saturday when the B.C. Senior B Volleyball Championships are held in Vernon.

The top senior B teams in the province will be on hand for the event. For those of you who think volleyball is a boring spectator sport, you'll be in for a surprise if you take in these games.

Volleyball combines speed with overall athletic ability and mental alertness.

Price of admission to the games is the best part of all; free.

Play starts Saturday at Seaton and VSSS at 9:30 a.m. The finals are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at VSSS.

## BUSY DAY

After the volleyball finals are over, you will have just enough time to get home, eat dinner, and catch the last two periods of Hockey Night in Canada, before heading out to the Vikings' game.

Chilliwack Bruins are in town and this will be the last opportunity to see Vernon play at home before the playoffs.

Vikings' Owen Lloyd is second in the league in penalties with 262 minutes.

However, chances of him catching the league leader are pretty slim.

Bellingham Blazers' Don Hobbins set a new league record last weekend with 339 minutes. That total broke the record, set in 1973, by Barry Beck of Langley, of 329 minutes.

## HATS OFF

Dolly Bertelsen deserves a big pat on the back for the fine job she did organizing the recent Plumbers' Bonspiel.

The plumbers had a great time and each one will tell you that one of their annual highlights, is coming to Vernon, for the 'spiel.

Next year, the 22nd Annual, is guaranteed a success with Vernon's Good Citizen, Mrs. Bertelsen, in control.