

Sports

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Vancouver Canucks 3-1 and stretched their lead to six points over the New York Rangers in the National Hockey League's Patrick Division.

"It's hard to play a physical game against a team that is playing strictly defensive."

Elsewhere, Buffalo Sabres shut out Los Angeles Kings 5-0 and Boston Bruins defeated

Buckaroos host red-hot Vikings

Vernon Vikings will be after the sixth straight victory tonight when they tangle with the league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos in the Regatta City.

A win for the Vikings would give them their longest winning streak of the season and bring the won-lost record up to .500 for the first time in two months.

In 13 meetings this season between the Okanagan rivals, Kelowna has won nine, including the last four.

However, Vikings have been playing their best hockey of the season in recent weeks.

HITTING STYLE

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant feels the way to beat Kelowna, and every other club in the league, is to out-muscle them.

Tennant said, "We've got the horses to do the job and in the last five games, they've been doing it. The club has improved a lot, and it's going to get better."

Bucks, on the other hand, started the season off with a bang, but since Christmas, their record has been less than fantastic.

However, Kelowna Coach Con Culley said recently, "It is tough to get up for every game when the closest team to you is 20 points behind."

Kelowna has the most explosive offence in the league, good goaltending, and adequate defence.

But, Tennant feels they can be beat by playing a physical game against them.

TURNER OUT

He said, "If we hit them, we can beat them."

Kelowna has five 20 year-olds on the club and must sit one out each game, so, defenceman Dale Turner will not be dressed tonight.

Vikings host Chilliwack Saturday and travel to Merritt Sunday for their final league game.

Midget playoff Saturday

Vernon hosts Revelstoke Saturday at 4:15 p.m. in the opening game of the Okanagan Midget Hockey championship at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Second game of the best-of-three series will be Sunday in Revelstoke. Third game, if necessary, will be the following weekend in Vernon.

Vernon Coach Odie Lowe feels his club can win the series, but would like to see some fan support at the game.

Lowe said, "It would be nice for the players to have some spectators there to cheer them on to victory."

Playoffs open Tuesday in Penticton, with the second game scheduled for Vernon Wednesday.

In the only BCJHL game Thursday, Bellingham bombed Nanaimo 8-1.

Nordiques fight-filled

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Referee Wayne Munday emerged as one of the losers when Quebec Nordiques and Vancouver Blazers tangled in a fight-filled World Hockey Association game Thursday night.

World Association Canadian Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Quebec	39	21	0	258	213	78
Toronto	33	26	2	262	236	68
Edmonton	28	24	3	204	189	59
Vancouver	28	28	2	191	192	58
Winnipeg	26	27	3	222	198	55

Eastern Division

N. England	33	23	3	198	203	69
Cleveland	26	33	2	171	202	54
Chicago	25	35	1	208	239	51
Indianapolis	14	42	3	150	240	31

Western Division

Houston	41	20	0	287	191	82
Phoenix	30	25	6	218	205	66
Minnesota	31	27	2	237	211	64
San Diego	29	26	2	218	200	60
Baltimore	15	41	3	141	246	33

After the brawling was over and Quebec had emerged with a 9-7 victory, both teams heaped scorn on Munday.

"I just couldn't believe the