

Broncos host Vikings in tie-breaking game

Vernon Vikings travel to Penticton tonight to take on the Broncos in the third game of their best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-finals.

The series is currently tied 1-1. Vikings are healthy and expect to have defenceman Gary Gassoff back in the lineup tonight.

Gassoff didn't dress in the second game because of an ankle injury.

On the other hand, Rod Zavaduk, Kirk Aulin, and Mark Patterson will all be missing from the Broncos' lineup because of injuries.

Fourth game of the series will be back in Vernon Saturday night.

CENTS WIN

In playoff action Thursday, Merritt Centennials evened their series at one game apiece with Kelowna Buckaroos as they thumped the Bucks 6-1. Bellingham Blazers also evened their series with Chilliwack Bruins by recording an 8-3 win. Nanaimo Clippers took a 2-0 lead in their series by bombing Langley Lords 11-2.

Anyone who predicted the Chilliwack-Bellingham series would be a rough one, is right.

Remember when

Canadians were startled when Russia defeated Canada 7-2 to win the World Hockey Championship 21 years ago today—in 1954—at Stockholm. Canada's team, East York intermediates, entered the final with six wins and no losses, while Moscow Dynamos had five wins and one tie. The victory in the final game gave the Russians a one-point edge.

In Thursday's game, Blazers took seven minor penalties, six majors, six misconducts, and five game misconducts. Bruins were handed six minors, six majors, five misconducts, and five game misconducts.

Centennials victory over the Bucks was a surprise after Kelowna had won the first

game of the series 12-2.

Pat Dupuis led the Merritt attack with three goals.

Clippers, who finished 30 points behind Langley during the regular season, got three goals from Jim Slater and a pair from Wayne Larsen.

In other games tonight, Merritt is in Kelowna and Nanaimo travels to Langley.

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Coast backs out of tier one move

Gil Lundhim, owner of Langley Lords of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, said Thursday members of the league's Coast Division have decided not to seek major junior league status.

He said the four teams in the division do not have the arena facilities necessary and also are not prepared to take on the added costs of a major junior league operation.

BCJHL President Bryan Couling said he would not make an official statement on the league's application for major junior status until after the next league meeting.

But, Couling did say, "If the coast division does elect not to seek tier one status, it would be a big disappointment considering that they applied,

along with the Interior teams, to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association for major junior ranking."

Vernon Vikings Coach and General Manager Joe Tennant told the Daily News that the coast's decision will probably stop the Interior clubs from moving to tier one.

Tennant said, "The teams must be prepared to put out extra money to step up to major junior. A tier one training camp would cost an extra \$10,000 and scouting costs would increase greatly."

Lundhim said members of the Okanagan division would have to decide separately whether to remain in the league or to seek major junior status under the BCAHA.

There are now three major junior leagues in Canada; the Western Canada Hockey League, the Ontario Hockey Association Major Junior A Series, and the Quebec Junior Hockey League.

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