

Vikings' luck changes for their home opener

The combination of 5-4 was unlucky for Vernon Vikings, until Saturday night.

In Vikings first four league games, they were handed three 5-4 setbacks. But, their luck changed Saturday as they edged Langley Lords, by that score, in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 800 fans in their home opener.

Despite a wide edge in play, Vikings trailed 3-2 and 4-3 early in the third period. But, two late goals gave Vernon its second win in five outings.

Rookie Calvin Halasz continued his torrid scoring

pace with two goals, giving him six this season. Other Vikings' marksmen were Gary Huth, with his fifth of the year, Peter Poeschek and Grant Sidnick.

Randy Larsen, with two, Terry Lescisin and Ron Kolman replied for the Lords.

The score was tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after the second.

Langley goalie Dale Nielson blocked 44 shots while Vernon goalie Darrell Furmanek made only 23 saves.

Each team was assessed only three minor penalties and

one major. The majors were handed out after Vernon minor hockey product Bruce Green won a decision over Rob Jones.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant said his club should have won by more than one goal.

SHOOTING BAD

He said, "Our shooting was bad or else we would have scored 10. But, our biggest fault was sloppy clearing by the defence. We have to cure that problem."

On the positive side, Tennant had words of praise for Halasz. He said, "As far as



GRANT SIDNICK
... scored one

I'm concerned, Calvin should be rookie of the year if he continues playing the way he is."

Both teams were hampered by sloppy ice conditions.

Vikings have two home games this week, Wednesday when Penticton Vees are in town, and Saturday when they host Maple Ridge Blazers.

Vees and Blazers tie after overtime period

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sudden-death overtime period wasn't enough to break a 4-4 tie between Maple Ridge Blazers and Penticton Vees in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Sunday in Maple Ridge.

It was the weekend's only tie. Penticton had edged Chilliwack Bruins 7-6 Saturday in Chilliwack, and Nanaimo Clippers had rolled over the Blazers 10-1 in another Saturday game.

Langley Lords were the double losers—Saturday the Vernon Vikings nipped them 5-4 in Vernon, and Sunday in Merritt the Centennials ran away in the final period to take a 7-3 win.

Maple Ridge led Penticton 2-0 in the first period Sunday on goals by Rob Anderson and Randy Betty. Another goal from Betty and one from Dennis Cottee edged the second period score 4-2 for Maple Ridge. Penticton goals came from Dwight Bailey and Mike Proch.

Penticton came back in the third period on goals from Ryan Hatfield and George Serolini.

Larry Lozinki stopped 37 goals for Langley. Harold Anderson and Dennis Ewanchuk made 44 saves for Penticton. The teams each had one major penalty, and Penticton took six of 10 minors playing before 510 fans.

In Chilliwack Saturday, a three-goal effort from Proch, including the winner, gave Bruins a 7-6 win over the Vees.

Singles were added by Gord Cereolini, Rod Zavaduk, Lori Call and Dwight Bailey.

Randy Takenaka scored

twice for Chilliwack while Randy Irving, Al Cunningham, Gordie Brandt and Tim Hollett added the others. Chilliwack led 3-2 after the first period and the teams were tied 5-5 going into the third.

Penticton drew 12 of 23 penalties and outshot Chilliwack 43-26.

Nanaimo Clippers set a league team record Saturday for the two fastest goals when they clobbered the Blazers 10-1 in Nanaimo.

FOUR SECONDS

Brent Kristof scored at 16:52 of the third period, followed by Gary Lupul at 16:56 to set a record of four seconds. The previous record of six seconds was tied Friday night in Penticton by Russ Wilderman of the Lords. The six-second team record was set last Jan. 25 by Dwight Bailey and Brad Schultz of Vernon, and was tied Feb. 7 by Bill Haines of Kelowna.

Playing before 1,200 fans, Nanaimo fired three goals in 51 seconds in the first period, and held a 4-0 lead at the end of the second. Clippers led 6-1 by the end of the second.

Brian Day scored two goals to lead Nanaimo. Other Clipper goals came from Jim Slater, Bob Burgoyne, Dale Ewasiuk, Terry Graff, Brad Horman and Mike Shields.

Roy Wheaton scored for

Maple Ridge early in the second period.

Nanaimo outshot Maple Ridge 48-23. Blazers took nine of six minor penalties, two of five majors, and each team had a game misconduct.




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