

# Sidnick leads Vikings to win



## Veteran rejoins team and scores key goal

Grant Sidnick quit the Vernon Vikings this week, but luckily he changed his mind.

Sidnick scored the winning goal and set up an insurance marker Wednesday night as Vernon Vikings defeated Pentiction Vees 8-6 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 400 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Sidnick, in his third season with the Vikings, was having trouble keeping up with the hectic hockey schedule and college. But, after a couple days of soul-searching, he decided hockey was worth playing.

He beat Pentiction goalie Dennis Ewanchuk from close-in after linemate Gary Huth intercepted a sloppy clearing pass at 16:13 of the final period.

Then at 18:46, Huth put the game out of reach when he deflected in a centreing pass from Sidnick.

### TOOK LEAD

Vikings built up a 4-1 first period lead on a pair of goals from Peter Poeschek and singles by Darcy Wilkinson and Terry Anaka.

Clark Turney scored the lone Vees' goal in the opening period on a powerplay.

But, in the second period, Pentiction came out flying and trailed only 5-4 after 40 minutes.

Rod Zavaduk and ex-Viking Dwight Bailey scored early in the second to make the score 4-3, but Anaka picked up his second of the night to stretch the gap to 5-3. Minutes later, Lori Cail put in a slap shot from the wing to make it 5-4.

### TIED TWICE

In the third period, Pentiction Captain Gord McKay

tied the game at the 35 second mark, but Calvin Halasz put the Vikings back in the lead again at 13 minutes. McKay scored again at 15:06, which set the stage for Sidnick's heroics.

The goal for Halasz was his seventh in six games.

Ewanchuk made 45 saves while Vernon goalie Darrell Furmanek blocked 35 shots.

Two things marred the game, the poor crowd and several fights.

The teams played through a fast, exciting, first period before the gloves started coming off in the second frame.

Vikings picked up 11 of 20 minor penalties and six of 14 majors. Vees got two of three 10-minute misconducts, against one of two game misconducts.

In addition, Pentiction's Mike Proch was handed a match penalty for fighting with banded hands.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant blamed referee Pat Clark for the outbreak of violence in the final two periods.

Tennant said, "We came out trying to play a clean game and Vees started everyone of those fights, except one. We're trying to play hockey this year and Clark wouldn't let us."

### CLIPPERS WIN

Meanwhile, Nanaimo Clippers blasted Chilliwack Bruins 9-3 before 1,030 fans in the Island city.

Brian Day and Greg Norbraten scored two goals each for the winners with singles from Dale Ewasiuk, Mickey Wilgress, Bob Burgoyne, Brent Kristof, and Lee Heck.

Greg Hollett scored twice for Chilliwack and Kevin Krieger scored once.

**PIN POINTS**  
VERNON VIKINGS' Jack Lefley battles in the corner with a Pentiction defender during Wednesday's B.C. Junior Hockey League

game at the Vernon Civic Arena. Minutes later the big forward rattled a shot off the crossbar which then trickled wide. However,

Vikings recorded their third win in six starts, an 8-6 decision.

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## Tigers' big gun back with club

Ex-Vernon Viking Don Murdoch, one of the highest scorers in the Western Canada Hockey League last season, has rejoined Medicine Hat Tigers after a dispute with the club.

Murdoch, who led the WCHL team in scoring during the 1974-75 season, missed the Tigers' season opener a week ago, apparently because of a monetary dispute with Tigers' management.

However, he was in uniform on Tuesday when Tigers lost their second consecutive game.

Medicine hat Coach Jack Shupe told the Daily News today he is fairly pleased with the play of other ex-Vikings on the Tigers.

Shupe said, "Gary Gilchrist is improving every game and defenceman Owen Lloyd is getting better with experience. Ron Areshnekoff has been up-and-down but we have been disappointed with Brad Schultz."

Best of three goalies, Shupe has on the roster, has been



**DON MURDOCH**  
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rookie Peter Peters. Peters has been sharp while Vernon product Ken Holland, a standout with Tigers last year, and Jim Scammell, Vikings' first string goalie during 74-75, have been shaky.

Tigers are in action tonight when they host Victoria Cougars.