

Penticton's new coach makes winning debut

Vernon Vikings lost a game and a hockey player Friday night.

Vikings suffered a 6-5 loss to Penticton Vees before 900 fans in B.C. Junior Hockey League action in the Peach City.

After the game, Vernon Coach Joe Tennant announced that winger Jack Lefley has been called up by Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League.

The win for the Vees marked the successful debut of their new coach Joe Beggs. Penticton trailed 4-3 midway through the second period but battled back for their fourth win of the season.

Tennant said, "We should have won that game. We had it all over them in the final few minutes but couldn't put the puck in the net.

"Our biggest problem was defence. Our defencemen were coughing up the puck all night."

MISSED VETERANS

Part of Vernon's defensive problem stemmed from the fact that the club's top two defencemen didn't dress.

Terry Anaka and Brian Griese are both injured and are considered doubtful starters for tonight's game, in Vernon, against Merritt Centennials.

Darrell Becker scored twice for the Vees with singles from Darrell Booth, Jeff Boychuk, Jerry Thygeson, and Mike Proach.

Lefley, Calvin Halasz, Ken Stroud, Gary Huth, and Ken Olten scored for the Vikings.

Penticton outshot Vernon 42-40.

Tennant said, "We are going to have to come up with a big effort tonight to beat Merritt.



JACK LEFLEY
... to the Hat

HOLES TO FILL

"They're a good, experienced hockey team and we might be a little short on veterans.

"With Lefley gone, and Anaka and Griese injured, we've got a lot of holes to fill. We'll miss big Jack as a leader, as well as a player."

Lefley, 19, is currently the top scorer on the club with 18 points.

Meanwhile, on the coast, Langley Lords and Nanaimo Clippers battled to a 4-4 tie.

Dell Parker scored the tying goal for Langley with just 28 seconds remaining in the game.

Seaton captures three zone titles

Three W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School athletic teams captured North Zone championships this week.

The Seaton soccer team thumped Shuswap Jr. Secondary, of Salmon Arm, 7-1 in a two-game total goal series to decide the zone champion.

Seaton now advances to the Okanagan Valley semi-finals against Kamloops, in Vernon, Monday at 2:30 p.m. Winner moves on to the valley finals on Nov. 1.

Sam Saiko, Glen Parchomchuk, and Carl Elinz-bosel were among the top performers in the zone finals.

ONE TIE

In grass hockey, Seaton won all its games, except one which they tied, during the regular season.

have a well-balanced club led by forward Dawn Wertzel and goalie Elaine LaFontaine.

BEAT SHUSWAP

The boys' cross-country team won the north zone title by defeating Shuswap. Bruce Gorovenko placed third in the race followed by Fabian Alexis and Chris Kuhn.

Terry Nickel and Wayne Brown also placed.

The girls' team placed second, behind Lumby, in the zone championships. However, Leslie Blatta, of Seaton, defeated several senior runners to place first individually.

Coach Greg Fraser will have both his teams at the junior valley finals in Penticton, in early November.

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