

PHYSICAL GAME

Vikings move into first with win over Clippers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vernon Vikings moved into a first-place tie in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League's Interior Division Friday and did it with relative ease in defeating Nanaimo Clippers 4-2.

In other games, Langley Lords defeated Maple Ridge Blazers 5-2 in Langley and Penticton Vees downed the Bruins 4-2 in Chilliwack.

The Vikings, who are tied with Kelowna Buckaroos, had little trouble giving 450 of their fans something to cheer about as they led 2-1 after the first period and 3-1 after two.

Dean Pratico, Calvin Halasz, Ken Oulton and Steve Danshin scored for Vernon while Morely Anderson and Terry Graff got the Nanaimo goals.

The Vikings picked up six of 14 minor penalties in a physical game in which each team had two fighting majors and Anderson was tagged with a 10-minute and game misconduct.



DEAN PRATICO
... scores for Vernon

Vernon outshot Nanaimo 42-32.

PENALTIES HURT

In Langley, Mark Taylor led the Lords with two power-play goals before 550 fans. Taylor's two came after team-mate

Randy Larsen gave Langley a 3-2 lead earlier in the final period.

The Lords and Blazers were tied 2-2 after the first period as Langley's Leonard Dies and Terry Lescisin matched goals by Guy Berkner and Louis Clarke of the Blazers.

The second period of the game marred by 10 major penalties was scoreless.

Ron Zavaduk scored twice for Penticton in its win over Chilliwack. Gord McKay and Mike Proch also scored for the winners while Al Cunningham and Doug Dersken got the Bruins goals.

Chilliwack goalie Vic Malli stopped 37 shots while Penticton's Dennis Awanchuk stopped 34.

Today, Nanaimo is at Merritt, Penticton hosts Maple Ridge, Kelowna visits Vernon and Langley plays Chilliwack in Chilliwack.

Nanaimo plays in Kelowna on Sunday while Penticton visits Langley and Chilliwack plays in Maple Ridge.