

BUCKS IN SECOND

Vikings maintain lead with win over Langley

Vernon Vikings scored four unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Langley Lords 5-2 Saturday in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 650 fans in Vernon.

INTERIOR DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	15	10	5	0	20
Kelowna	13	9	4	0	18
Penticton	18	8	9	1	17
Merritt	16	8	8	0	16

Vikings' win, coupled with Kelowna Buckaroos' 3-1 loss Sunday in Maple Ridge, leaves Vernon two points ahead of the Bucks in the Interior Division standings.

Grant Sidnick gave Vikings a 1-0 first period lead but Langley led after the second on goals by Earl Reusse and Russ Wilderman.

WEIBE GREAT

Despite being outscored 2-0, Vernon dominated the second period. Lords' goalie Al Weibe was brilliant making key saves off Ken Stroud, Peter Poeschek, Brian Griese, Calvin Halasz, and Sidnick. However, in the third period, Weibe could no longer hold off the high-flying Vernon boys.

Stroud, Drew Tumbach, Darcy Wilkinson, and Gary Huth, on a power play, scored for the Vikings.

Vikings played reasonably well in the first period but in the opening half of the second period, play became sloppy and Langley got its two goals.

However, in the remainder of the game, Vikings started finishing their checks and moving the puck better.

Weibe was called on to make 34 saves, including 15 in the hectic second period. Keith Ferner was called on to block

only 20 shots for Vernon.

Lords picked up seven of 13 minor penalties and the game's only misconduct.

WINGERS SCORE

Prior to the game Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant expressed concern about his right wingers. However, he was much happier after the game seeing that Stroud, Tumbach, and Sidnick, three of his four right wingers, scored.

Poeschek and Gary Gassoff did a great job killing penalties for Vernon.

SPLIT GAME

Meanwhile on the coast, Kelowna split its weekend games.

Bucks hammered Chilliwack 9-1 on Saturday but lost

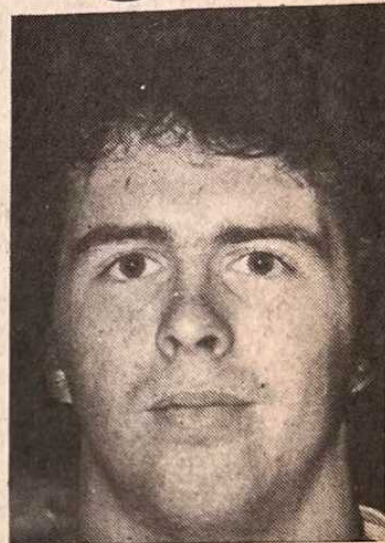
to Maple Ridge Blazers, 3-1, on Sunday.

It was a bad weekend all around for the Bruins as they suffered a 11-4 loss to Nanaimo Clippers on Sunday, in the Island city.

Langley wrapped up its Interior swing Sunday with a 4-1 win over the Centennials in Merritt.

In the coast division, Nanaimo has 24 points followed by Langley 21, Maple Ridge 14, and Chilliwack six.

GOALPOSTS: Merritt has reportedly hired Gary Swanson, formerly a junior B coach in Calgary, to replace Don Prowal. Prowal left the club last week . . . Vikings are off until Friday when they battle the Vees in Penticton.



KEN STROUD
... scored one

Vernon boys take first in Kelowna Tournament

Vernon Senior Secondary boys' AA volleyball team captured its fourth straight tournament over the weekend with a win at the Kelowna Invitational Tournament.

VSSS placed second in round-robin play, behind the host school. Both teams had 10-4 records, but Kelowna Owls were awarded first place on points for and against.

In the semi-finals, Vernon dumped Kamloops 15-8 and 15-11, while Kelowna knocked out North Kamloops, two games to one.

In the finals, VSSS defeated the host team 10-15, 15-11, and

15-11. The final match featured excellent fundamental volleyball, great rallies, and tremendous blocking.

Vernon Coach Dick Chambers told the Daily News his team gave a strong team effort throughout the tourney. He said, "We had to play some of our best volleyball of the year to win this tournament."

The Vernon coach said he felt everyone played well but he singled out Gary Wong for his hitting.

VSSS had previously won tournaments at Grand Forks, UBC and Penticton.

This weekend the boys will

played better, but was pleased with their showing despite the loss.

Penticton eliminated Kelowna 2-1 in the other semi-final match before losing to Kamloops, two games to one.

The VSSS girls will be playing in the valley finals next weekend in Revelstoke. Top three teams from that competition advance to the B.C. tournament.

Ducklings win easily