

Merritt in town to meet Vikings

Vernon Vikings, leading the Interior Division of the B.C. Junior Hockey League by five points, take on the last-place Merritt Centennials here tonight.

Game time at the Civic Arena is 8 p.m.

Vikings will be without one of their powerful players, Jack Lefley, who broke his jaw during the team's weekend coast road trip.

The Merritt club is the only team to beat the Vikings at home this season, and since that win the team has appointed a new coach.

Vernon's lead over Kelowna Buckaroos was cut to five points from six Tuesday when the Buckaroos tied Penticton Veas 5-5 in Penticton. The

Veas remain one point behind Kelowna in the division standings.

The two clubs battled through 10 minutes of scoreless sudden-death overtime to settle for a 5-5 draw in the only Tuesday game.

Penticton led 2-1 after the first period but the teams were tied 4-4 at the end of the second period, then 5-5 after 60 minutes.

Dwight Bailey paced Penticton with two goals while Mike Proch, Ron McDowell, and Blair Chapman added singles.

Pat Severyn scored twice for Kelowna. Mike Wills, Brad Owens, and Perry Schnarr scored once each.

Penticton drew five of nine minor penalties called.

Penticton outshot Kelowna 44-41.

POINTS

Chantler 271; high triple, Ruth