

DEFEAT MERRITT

Vikings increase first-place hold

Vernon Vikings picked up their 16th win of the B.C. Junior Hockey League season Wednesday by defeating Merritt Centennials 7-4 here.

The win was the Vikings' 10th in 11 games.

Vernon has 32 points to lead the BCJHL Interior Division, seven points ahead of Kelowna Buckaroos and eight ahead of Penticton Vees. Merritt is four points behind the Vees.

The Vikings led 2-1 after the first period of play, but fell behind 3-2 in the first minute of the second period when the Centennials scored two goals within ten seconds of each other.

The Vikings, however, scored four more goals before the end of the second frame, to lead 6-3 going into the third period.

Scoring for Vernon were Gary Gassoff and Darcy

Wilkinson, with two each, while singles came from Calvin Halasz, Clyde Goodswimmer, and Steve Danshin.

Merritt marksmen were Bob Wasson with two, and Kirk Aulin and Pat Dupuis with singles.

The teams split 14 minor penalties, and each had three fighting majors in the game, which was seen by about 450 fans.

The Vikings outshot Merritt 36-34.

In Nanaimo, three goals by Greg Norbratten broke a 5-5 tie and led the Clippers to a 10-7 win over the Langley Lords.

Nanaimo has 32 points in the Coast Division, while Langley is in second spot with 27 points.

About 1,000 spectators in Nanaimo watched the Clippers take a 3-1 lead after the first period but fell behind 5-3

in the second.

The Clippers then tied the score before Norbratten scored three consecutive goals, three of them early in the third period.

Other Nanaimo marksmen were Morley Anderson, Kim Hilkewich, Gary Lupul, John Gordon, and George Fritz with singles and Terry Graff with two.

Rob Jones scored twice for Langley while Ron Kolman, Terry Lescisin, Stefan Wasylszyn, Randy Larson and Mark Taylor added one each.

Nanaimo took 10 of 18 minors, while each club had six fighting majors and two game misconducts. The Clippers outshot the Lords 41-33.

Friday, Vernon is a Kelowna, Merritt is at Penticton.

Rookie helps Islanders hammer hapless Stars

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Rookie Bryan Trottler of New York Islanders looked very good Wednesday night against Minnesota Stars.

But then, says Minnesota veteran Bill Goldsworthy, looking good against the woeful North Stars doesn't mean all that much.

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Phila	15	3	5	103	57	35
Islanders	10	6	5	85	59	25
Atlanta	8	12	2	55	66	18
Rangers	8	13	2	69	90	18

Smythe Division

Chicago	10	8	7	42	72	28
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Louis Blues 3-3.

Washington's win left the Stars and Capitals tied with the lowest point-total in the league.

The North Stars have lost nine of their last 10 games and 16 of 20 this season.

Billy Harris scored two goals for New York while Bob Nystrom, Ralph Stewart, Jean Potvin, Clark Gillies and former North Stars J.P. Parise and Jude Drouin added one apiece.

Washington produced its

ANAKA IN ACTION

Vernon Vikings' defenceman Terry Anaka goes after the puck in the Merritt Centennials end during Wednesday's win over the visiting club. Vikings recovered from a 3-2 deficit

in the second period to beat Merritt 7-4. Anaka was involved in a fight late in the third period, when he tangles with Bill Weldman of the Centennials. Vernon currently has a seven-point

lead in the B.C. Junior Hockey League standings, with the next game Friday, when the club meets Kelowna.

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