

# Vikings meet Kelowna team

Vernon Vikings meet Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena tonight. Game time is 8 p.m.

Buckaroos slipped into third place in the BCJHL Interior Division standings Friday when the Penticton Vees picked up two points with a win over Merritt Centennials. The win gave the Vees a one-point lead over the Buckaroos.

Vikings remain in top spot in the division.

Vees scored two late goals to defeat Merritt Centennials 7-5 before 450 fans at Penticton.

In the other Friday BCJHL game, Langley Lords moved to within three points of first place in the Coast Division when they humbled Maple Ridge Blazers 12-3 Friday before 813 fans at Langley.

The victory gave the Lords 29 points in 25 games, the same number of games played as first-place Nanaimo Clippers.

In scoring 12 goals, the Lords scored just once on the power play and once while playing a man short. Langley led 3-0 after the first period and 7-2 after the second.

## Athans wins category

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Greg Athans of Kelowna, B.C., jumped 159 feet Friday to win the senior category ramp competition in an international water-skiing tournament.

A total of 47 skiers from six countries competed in the event at Lake Tequisquetengo, located 30 miles south of Mexico City.

Lucky Lone of the United States placed second with a jump of 157 feet.

John Roach and Tom Moore, both of the U.S., finished first and second,

Richard Martens, the starting Maple Ridge goaltender, left the game midway through the second period with his team trailing 5-0. Martens and his replacement, Larry Lozinski, combined to block 37 of the 49 Langley shots.

Brian Henderson led the Lords with three goals, including the power-play marker. Three players—Russ Wilderman, Mark Taylor and Terry Lescisin—scored two goals each for Langley. Other goal scorers for the Lords were Larry Playfair, Errol Rausse and Ed Lebler, with Lebler's goal coming while Langley was shorthanded.

### TWO GOAL GAME

Randy Betty led the Blazers with two goals and Roy Wheaton scored the other Maple Ridge goal.

Langley goaltender Dale Nielson had an easy night, stopping just nine Maple Ridge shots.

Penticton fired 44 shots at Merritt goaltenders Randy Strutch and Brad Earp and it finally paid off after Merritt had fought from behind to tie the score with less than five minutes to play.

Gerry Thygesses led the Vees' attack with three goals. Darrell Decker scored twice and Rod Zabaduk and Dwight Dailey once each for Penticton.

Greg Agar was the big gun for Merritt, scoring three times. Darryl Zelinski and Kirk Aulin added the other goals for the Centennials.

Penticton led 2-1 after the first period and 4-1 after the second.

Goaltender Dennis Ewan-chuck of the Vees stopped 28 Merritt shots.

The victory moved Penticton into second place in the Interior Division, one point ahead of Kelowna Buckaroos.

Kelowna plays at Vernon, Penticton at Merritt, Langley at Chilliwack and Maple Ridge at Nanaimo in games tonight. Sunday, Langley plays at Maple Ridge.