



WHAT DO YOU MEAN A HOOK? Vernon Vikings' forward Calvin Halasz tries

to break through the Nanaimo defence but gets a lot of resistance from two

Clippers' defenders. Luckily for Nanaimo, referee Eric Relmer missed this hook.

But, Vikings won the game anyway, 7-4. (Daily News Photo)

Vikings stretch league lead with victory over Clippers

Vernon Vikings got back on the winning track Saturday by dumping Nanaimo Clippers 7-4 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 900 fans in Vernon.

INTERIOR DIVISION					
Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	25	18	7	0	36
Penticton	29	13	13	3	29
Kelowna	23	13	9	1	27
Merritt	27	11	15	1	23
COAST DIVISION					
Nanaimo	30	16	10	4	36
Langley	29	16	10	3	35
Maple Ridge	29	10	17	2	22
Chilliwack	28	6	22	0	12

Vikings have lost only twice, including last Tuesday in Penticton, in their last 15 games.

Vernon never trailed, leading 3-1 after the first period and 7-3 after the second.

SCORED TWO

Veteran defenceman Terry Anaka led the Vikings' attack with two goals while Darcy Wilkinson, Steve Danshin, Rick Simpson, Gary Gassoff, and Gary Huth added singles.

Gary Lupal scored two powerplay goals for Nanaimo with singles from Rod

Guimont and Kim Hilkewich. Nanaimo goalies Garry Scott and Steve Amiss combined to block 48 shots while Vernon's Kelth Ferner made only 24 saves.

Wilkinson gave Vernon a 1-0 lead when he flipped Drew

Tumbach's rebound over Scott, who was laying on the ice.

The teams then exchanged powerplay goals, with Guimont and Danshin scoring. Simpson rounded out the scoring in the first period

when he put in his own rebound.

SHORT-HANDED

Gassoff, with Vikings' ninth short-handed goal of the season, opened the scoring in the second period, but before the Vernon penalty expired, Hilkewich narrowed the gap to 4-2.

Lone goal of the third period, by Lupal, came while Vernon was playing two-men short.

SUSPENSIONS

Nanaimo went into the game without goalies Gary Simpson, Morley Anderson, and Brent Kristoff, all out with suspensions as the result of a wild game Friday in Penticton.

Anderson and Kristoff have been suspended indefinitely while Simpson, along with Penticton's Mike Proch and Howard Walker, will miss three games.

In the only other game Saturday, Kelowna Buckaroos thumped Chilliwack Bruins 12-2.

But, Sunday in Maple Ridge, Bucks suffered an 8-5 loss to the Blazers. In Merritt, Nanaimo and the Centennials battled to a 4-4 overtime tie.

Peewees continue on winning track

Vernon Peewee Reps recorded their eighth consecutive victory of the season Saturday by thumping Merritt 11-6, in Merritt.

Brad Smith scored three goals for Vernon while Robert McKenzie and Tom DeVries added two each. Singles went to Scott Siemens, Brad Moore, Donovan Palmer, and David Wensley.

TWO WINS

Vernon Bantam Reps also continued on their winning ways by posting two weekend wins.

Saturday in Kamloops, Vernon edged Kamloops South 7-6. Lance Vachon and Allan Betton scored two goals each for the winners while John Box, Lester Creelman, and

shutout and an assist.

Daryl Homeniuk, Dean Bristow, and Jamie Cameron blinked the red light for Standard while Dale Hachkewich replied with both Red Top goals.

Chris Down and Hank Aaron scored a pair of goals for Super Shoe while Greg Booth, David Christie, and Duncan Stanley added singles.

In Lumby, Dean Freagh got three goals for Whiskey Jacks while Mark Holland and Ray Duley each had two goals and four assists. Singles went to Danny Nolan and Mark Freagh.

Rob Tilson scored the lone Athens' goal.