

Vikings defeat Kings in exhibition contest

Vernon Vikings defeated their farm team, Grand Forks Border Kings of the Kootenay International Junior B League, 9-4 before 390 fans Monday in Grand Forks.

Gary Huth led the Vikings' attack with four goals.

Vernon resumes league play Wednesday night when they host Merritt Centennials.

Although the first-place Vikings have the best won-lost percentage and goals against average in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, they don't have a player in the league's top 12 scorers.

TIED ON TOP

Statistics released by the BCJHL today show that Gary Lupul of Nanaimo and Mark Taylor of Langley are tied for the league lead with 55 points.

In 12th place, with 37 points, are Kirk Aulin of Merritt and Roy Wheaton of Maple Ridge.

Vikings' top scorer is Huth who has 35 points. However, Vernon has six players with between 29 and 35 points.

Huth's 22 goals puts him just two behind the league leaders, Lupul, Perry Schnarr of Kelowna, and Gord McKay of Penticton.

BEST PERCENTAGE

Vikings have won 72 per cent of their games to date, well ahead of the second best figure, 55 per cent, held by Langley.

Vernon's goals against average is 3.68, followed by Kelowna with 4.29 and Langley with 4.48.

In goals for, only Nanaimo with 6.23, leads Vikings' average of 6.08.

Meanwhile, the B.C.

Amateur Hockey Association is expected to rule this week on the case of Brent Kristof, who was suspended indefinitely after receiving a match penalty Friday in a BCJHL game in Penticton.

Kristof, of Nanaimo Clippers, was penalized for throwing a broken hockey stick into the crowd during turmoil over a disputed goal at 20 minutes of the third period in a game which was tied 5-5.

Brian Couling, BCJHL president, said Monday that Jerry Simpson of Nanaimo and Howard Walker of Penticton Vees were each suspended for three games for persisting in continuing a fight during the same dispute. A

similar suspension went to Mike Proch of the Vees for swinging his stick in the general direction of the crowd and Penticton coach Joe Beggs was fined \$150 for failing to control his players.

The referee suspended the game. The league, which normally requires up to 10 minutes of sudden-death overtime for tie games, will rule this month on whether the score will stand, Couling said.

He said a five-game suspension was assessed against Morley Anderson of the Clippers for a first-period altercation with the timekeeper and if the player "is involved in any similar incident this season, he will be dealt with most severely."

Winfield suffers first hoop defeat

Armstrong Shop Easy got red-hot in the second-half to defeat Winfield 88-77 in Men's Commercial Basketball League action Monday at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

For Winfield, it was their first loss in five starts.

Armstrong trailed 32-28 at half-time but dominated the boards and shot a high percentage from the floor during the second-half.

While Winfield's 6'7" centre Vince Jarvis was having success on the offensive boards, his club's defensive

rebounding was terrible.

Tony Wolcott was the big gun for Armstrong with 31 points. Wolcott and Lance McGregor combined to sink eight consecutive long shots in the second-half.

Pete Boshard added 18 points for Shop Easy, before fouling out, while McGregor collected 15.

Winfield's entire offence centered around Jarvis and he responded with 41 points. Tim Reiger and Glen Solymour sunk nine points each for the losers.