

Vikings settle for tie after blowing big lead

Vernon Vikings blew a 5-2 second period lead and settled for a 5-5 tie with Penticton Vees in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday in Penticton.

BCJHL STANDINGS

Team	GP.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Vernon	29	21	7	1	43
Nanaimo	34	18	12	4	40
Langley	33	18	12	3	39
Penticton	33	15	14	4	34
Kelowna	26	13	12	1	27
Merritt	32	13	18	1	27
Maple Ridge	33	12	19	2	26
Chilliwack	32	8	24	0	16

In Friday's other game, Langley Lords downed Maple Ridge Blazers 5-2.

Vikings and Vees battled through scoreless 10-minute overtime session, after Penticton had scored three unanswered goals in the third period.

SCORED TWO

Darrell Becker scored twice for the Vees while Rob Feenie, ex-Viking Darrell Booth, and Gord MacKay added singles.

Grant Sidnick, Steve Danshin, Calvin Halasz, Ken Oulton, and newcomer John Mori tallied for the Vikings.

It was Mori's first game with the Vernon Club since arriving, from the U.S., for a tryout.

Vikings drew seven of 11 minor penalties and outshot Penticton 51-46.

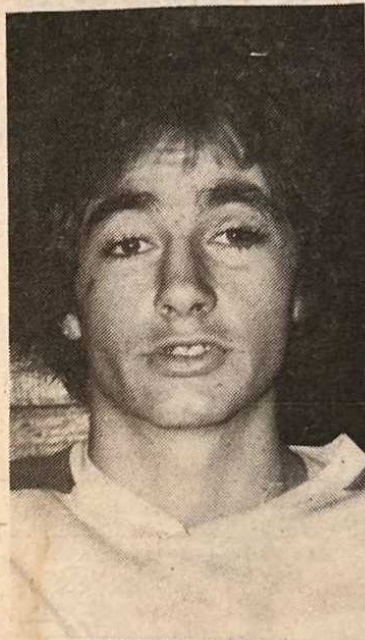


GORD MacKAY
... scored one

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant was upset with his club's showing in the third period and said, "We should have come home with two points. There is no excuse for that to happen."

MISSED CHANCE

Vikings' Darrell Billsten had the best scoring chance in overtime, but missed on a break-away.



CALVIN HALASZ
... for Vikings

Tennant said, "Our defence was too sloppy in the third period. They must have coughed up the puck 10 times."

Vernon gets little chance to lick their wounds because tonight Kelowna Buckaroos are in town.

Bucks are currently tied for fourth-place in the league, but have several games in hand on the other clubs.

Game time is 8 p.m.

IN LANGLEY

On the coast, Randy Larsen, Brian Henderson, Mark Taylor, Ron Kolman, and Errol Raussey were the Lords' marksmen while Roy Wheaton and Kevin Krook replied for the Blazers.

Langley outshot Maple Ridge 40-23 and took two of three majors. Each team had six minors.

With the new one division system in the BCJHL, every game on the coast, no matter which teams are playing, is important to the inter-club level.

In other games tonight, Vees play the Centennials in Merritt, Blazers travel to Nanaimo to take on the Clippers, and Lords tangle with the Bruins in Chilliwack.

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