

Vikings record two more wins

Vernon Vikings and Kelowna Buckaroos made mincemeat out of the opposition in B.C. Junior Hockey League games over the weekend.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	32	24	7	1	49
Nanaimo	37	19	13	5	43
Langley	36	19	14	3	41
Penticton	36	15	17	4	34
Kelowna	30	16	13	1	33
Maple Ridge	37	14	21	2	30
Merritt	36	14	21	1	29
Chilliwack	34	9	24	1	19

Vikings strengthened their hold on first-place by thumping Merritt Centennials 8-3 Saturday in Vernon, and 7-1 Sunday in Merritt.

Meanwhile, Bucks won three-in-a-row. Kelowna beat Merritt 8-2 Friday, and then handed Penticton back-to-back 8-3 and 6-1 losses.

Vikings now have 19 wins and a tie in their last 22 games.

SCORED TWO

On Saturday, Grant Sidnick led the Vernon attack with two goals while Gary Huth, Drew Tumbach, Dean Pratico, Calbin Halasz, Peter Poeschek, and Randy Will added singles.

Bob Wasson, with two, and Greg Agar replied for Merritt.

Centennials' goalies Brad Earp and Randy Struch combined to block 34 shots

while Keith Ferner made 26 saves for the Vikings.

In Merritt, Glen Merkosky scored two goals for the winners with singles from Ken Stroud, Huth, Tumbach, Will, and Terry Anaka.

Kirk Aulin got the lone Merritt goal.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant used the games to look at three players brought up from Vikings' farm team in Grand Forks. Merkosky, Will, and Brad McDonald played well in both games.

Tennant said, "I was very happy with all the kids from Grand Forks, particularly Wills."

Wills, a defenceman, is just 15 years old.

However, Tennant singled out goalie Darrell Furmanek as the individual star of Sunday's game.

He said, "Furmanek was just fantastic. He played his best game of the season and is starting to show the type of

Mixed league starts again

Vernon Parks and Recreation Department's Mixed Volleyball League will begin a new season Jan. 11.

Teams consist of a minimum of three men and

play we expected from him."

Furmanek made 40 stops while Struch blocked 39 shots.

LEFLEY BACK

Vikings received a nice Christmas gift as winger Jack Lefley arrived back in Vernon on the weekend. Lefley, recognized as the team leader, has been out of action six weeks with a broken jaw. He may be ready for action Friday when Vikings host the red-hot Buckaroos.

Bucks have now won four consecutive games since their home arena was made available to them last week.

In other weekend games, Nanaimo Clippers and Chilliwack Bruins battled to a 6-6 tie, Maple Ridge Blazers beat Langley Lords 7-5, and Blazers edged Nanaimo 8-7.

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Raiders hammer Screaming Eagles

Fred Parent scored three goals to lead Winfield Raiders to a 6-1 victory over Vernon Screaming Eagles in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Parent, the league-leading scorer, now has six goals in Raiders' last two games.

Elmer Williams, Ron Reynolds, and Garry Reiger also scored for Winfield.

Tony Kopp scored Eagles' lone goal.

Winfield led 1-0 after the first period and 2-1 after the second.

The game was a rough one with Eagles picking up seven of 14 minor penalties, one of

two majors, and two misconducts.

In Sunday's other game, Kal Hotel took a 3-0 lead midway through the second period and went on to defeat Vernon Cougars 5-2.

Gerry Zaichowsky scored twice for Kal with singles from Clay Anderson, Garyney Howard, and Andy Verdun.

Roger Tanner and Fred Johnstone tallied for Cougars.

Kal led 1-0 after the first period and 4-2 after the second.

Cougars were assessed four of five minor penalties and one of two majors.