

Kelowna hoping for six straight

Two hottest teams in the B.C. Junior Hockey League tangle tonight when Vernon Vikings host Kelowna Buckaroos.

First-place Vikings have 19 wins and a tie in their last 22 games. Buckaroos, after getting off to a mediocre start this season, have won their last five games since getting into their home arena.

The Kelowna Arena had been closed by a civic employees' strike since September, but was opened two weeks ago by supervisory personnel.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant was quick to point out that none of Kelowna's last five games have been against the league's top three teams, Langley, Nanaimo, and Vernon.

Tennant said, "We'll see how good they are tonight when the going gets a little rough."

Vikings, known this year as a good skating club rather than a rough team, have the size to play a hitting game.

Tennant said, "We're not

going to try to run them out of the rink, but we'll be finishing our checks and playing the man."

Big winger Jack Lefley may return to the line-up tonight after missing six weeks of action with a broken jaw. Tennant said he may also dress defenceman Jim Misener, of Vernon, who started a tryout this week.

Five-a-side league starts

An indoor five-a-side soccer league will start in the Vernon Recreation Complex gymnasium on Jan. 11.

Games will be played on Tuesday evenings. Entries will be accepted on an individual basis with players drafted to provide team equity. Entries will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, on or before Jan. 8. The player fee is \$7.

For further information contact the recreation department's sports and fitness office at 545-4163.