

Vikings outscore Vees despite bombardment

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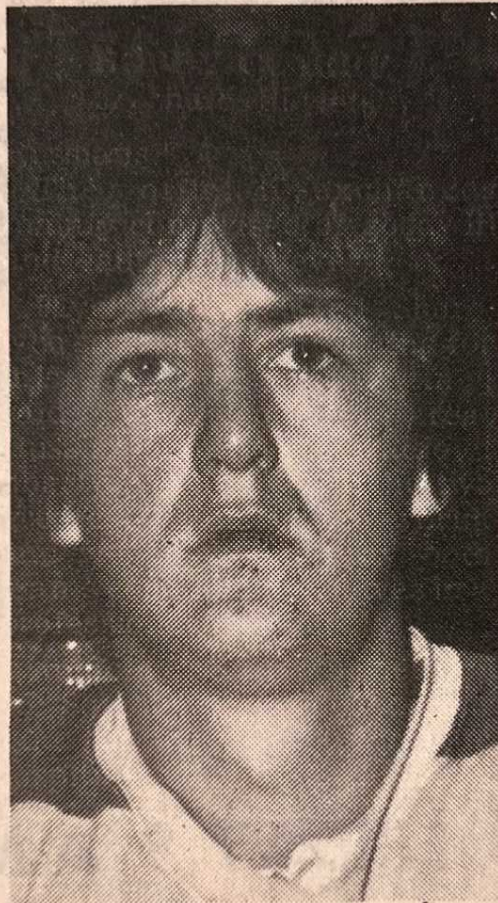
Goalie Keith Ferner faced a 46-shot bombardment but came up with a hot hand Friday night to lead his Vernon Vikings to an 8-4 British Columbia Junior Hockey League win over Penticton Vees.

The win was important for the first-place Vikings as they maintained their four-point edge on Nanaimo Clippers who christened their new arena with an 11-4 thrashing of Merritt Centennials while Kelowna Buckaroos gained on third-place Langley Lords with a 7-4 home-ice victory.

In Penticton, Ferner kept the Vikings in a 2-2 first-period tie before Vernon, outshot 46-35 during the game, grabbed a 7-4 lead in the second period as Penticton goalie Mike Cochran was replaced by Pat Murphy.

Peter Poeschek and Terry Anaka both scored twice for the winners who got their other goals from Jack Lefley, Darcey Wilkinson, Ken Olton and Darryl Billsten.

Dwight Dailey tallied twice for Penticton while Gerry Thygessen and Gord MacKay had a goal each before 650 fans. The Vikings took nine of 15 minor penalties while Penticton was assessed two of three misconducts.



KEITH FERNER
... hot hand

Terry Graff and John Gordon led the Clippers in Nanaimo with two-goal performances while Greg Norbratten, George Fritz, Gord Guilmont, Leroy Heck, Brian Day, Kim Hillkewich and Gary Lupul fired the others.

ROTA SCORES PAIR

Dan Rota scored twice for the losers who trailed 4-1 after

one period and 7-3 after two. Darryl Zelinski and Kirk Aulin were the other marksmen for Merritt which was outshot 47-31 before 1,100 fans.

The Clippers collected six of 11 minor penalties, each team took a major and Nanaimo had one misconduct.

In Kelowna, 1,194 fans saw the Buckaroos climb to within two points of the Lords as Wayne Krebs, Wayne Nelson and John Olver fired two goals apiece for the winners while Mike Wills got the other marker.

Errol Rausse, Mark Taylor, Brian Henderson and Ken Kolman tallied for the Lords who got three of their goals late in the game after Kelowna built period leads of 3-1 and 5-1.

Vic Malli played a strong game for Kelowna, blocking 38 shots while Dale Neilson stopped 34 for Langley.

The winners took six of eight minor penalties, each club picked up a major and the Buckaroos were called for two misconducts.

Play resumes tonight with the Lords at Vernon and the Centennials visit Chilliwack to meet the Bruins. On Sunday, Langley is at Penticton, Merritt meets the Blazers in Maple Ridge and the Bruins travel to Nanaimo.