

Huth scores winner in sudden-death period

Gary Huth scored his second goal of the game in sudden-death overtime to give Vernon Vikings a 5-4 win over Penticton Vees in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday at the Vernon Arena.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	38	29	8	1	59
Nanaimo	43	25	13	5	55
Langley	42	21	18	3	45
Kelowna	38	21	16	1	43
Penticton	41	16	21	4	36
Merritt	44	17	26	1	35
Maple Ridge	41	16	23	2	34
Chilliwack	40	10	29	1	21

In other games, Nanaimo Clippers overcame a 3-0 deficit to edge Langley Lords 6-5, while last-place Chilliwack Bruins thumped Maple Ridge Blazers 7-2.

Vikings took a 3-0 lead early in the first period on goals by Huth, Calvin Halasz, and Drew Tumbach. However, before that period ended, Gord McKay narrowed the gap to 3-1.

Defenceman Terry Anaka, with his 18th goal of the season, put Vikings in front 4-1 when he picked up his own rebound off the boards and fired a shot in the low corner.

QUICK GOALS

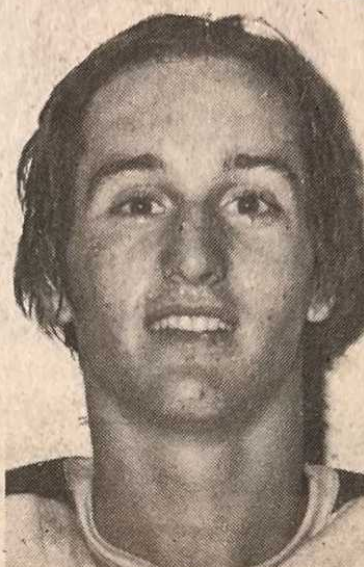
Ex-Viking Dwight Bailey put on his own show for eight seconds as he scored at 12:21 and 12:29, of the middle period, to move Vees to within one goal.

With four minutes remaining in that period, Jerry Thygeson appeared to tie the game when he scored on a three-on-one break. However, referee Chuck Meadows ruled Thygeson kicked the puck into the net.

Thygeson made up for that mistake by scoring Penticton's fourth goal at 14:29 of the third period, on a powerplay. Vikings' Calvin Halasz was in the penalty box as the result of a high-sticking incident with Bailey. Although



DENNIS EWANCHUK
... brilliant



GARY HUTH
... in overtime

two players were involved, Meadows chose to send only Halasz to the box.

LOTS OF CHANCES

Vernon had numerous scoring opportunities in the dying minutes as Ken Stroud hit the post, and seconds later, linemate Halasz flipped the puck over the net, with Penticton goalie Dennis Ewanchuk laying on the ice.

In overtime, Vernon's line with Steve Danshin between Stroud and Halasz, completely controlled the play for two minutes but couldn't beat Ewanchuk.

Then finally, veteran defenceman Rod Zavaduk was attempting to pack the puck out of his own zone when Huth stole it, went in alone on Ewanchuk, and scored after some slick stickhandling.

Ewanchuk was brilliant, blocking a total of 52 shots. Vernon netminder Darrell Furmanek turned away 31 shots.

Vikings picked up seven of nine minor penalties.

Prior to the game, Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant shook up his lines, but the strategy didn't work too well. Aside from Danshin's line, Vernon had little in the way of hustle up front.

SMALL CROWD

So, Tennant promised his club a rigorous workout today in preparation for their coast road swing this weekend.

He said, "Its just lucky we had one of the smallest crowds of the season tonight. We stunk the joint out."

"We haven't played well for about five games now and that is too long to be in a slump."

Meanwhile on the coast, Nanaimo stayed within four points of the Vikings by chalking up its 10th consecutive game without a loss.

Geordie Robertson scored the winner for the Clippers with 3:04 remaining in the third period.

Evert gets nod as best female

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Evert, who last year set money-winning records in tennis with her two-fisted backhand and baseline stance, started off 1976 with a victory and yet another trophy—The Associated Press 1975 female Athlete of the Year.

Miss Evert, who won the AP honor in 1974, repeated after winning a record \$362,227 in prize money and capturing 14 tournaments, including the U.S. Open, the French and Italian opens and the U.S. clay court championship.

The 21-year-old tennis star ran away with the AP title, announced today, by collecting 246 votes in a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Sandra Palmer, the leading money winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, was runner-up with 64 votes. Anne Marie Moser-Proell, who won a record fifth

consecutive World Cup in international skiing before retiring, was third with 15 votes.

Billie Jean King, a two-time AP female Athlete of the Year who was Miss Evert's nemesis until she retired from singles competition following her victory at Wimbledon, was fourth with six votes.

Vernon boys beat Enderby

Vernon Bantam B Reps dumped Enderby Bantam Reps 4-1 in minor hockey exhibition action Wednesday in Enderby.

The host club took a 1-0 lead early in the first period, but from that point on, the game belonged to Vernon.

Mike Melbourne, Kevin Poirier, Rob Miskosky, and Jay Mondin scored for the winners.