

Langley Lords defeat the Vikings

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Langley Lords played sound positional hockey to defeat Vernon Vikings 5-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 728 fans in Langley on Friday.

Lords well-executed forechecking kept Vikings attack off balance throughout the game.

Brian Henderson, Mark Taylor, Ron Kolman, Rob Jones and Randy Larsen scored for the Lords.

Terry Anaka, Brian Griese and Gary Huth replied for Vikings.

Anaka and Griese, both adept at moving the puck out of their own zone, were forced into numerous bad passes by the hard working Langley forwards.

Vikings coach Joe Tennant felt the turning point in the game was in the second period when referee Vern Davidson disallowed a Vernon goal.

Davidson called the play with the puck still loose in front of the Langley net and Tennant was furious when Steve Danshin's shot into the net was not allowed.

Clyde Goodswimmer had a goal disallowed in the third period for knocking in the puck with a high stick.

Lords led 2-1 after the first period and 4-3 after the second.

Vernon was assessed seven of the 12 minor penalties, and

the two extra infractions proved costly.

Kolman and Taylor both scored with two Vikings in the penalty box.

Langley defenceman Brad Wells ruined a glorious scoring opportunity for Jack Lefley when he pulled down the big Vikings forward on a breakaway with less than four minutes remaining.

Wells was handed a minor penalty, but Lords were able to kill it off without too much difficulty.

Vikings travel to Chilliwack tonight to take on the Bruins.

In other games, Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Merritt Centennials 9-7 and Penticton Vees crushed Maple Ridge Blazers 13-4.

The win kept Langley three points ahead of fourth-place Kelowna, which needed four third-period goals to defeat Merritt before 1,108 fans in Kelowna.

Mike Wills led the Buckaroos with three goals, while Perry Schnarr and Phil Logan added two goals each. Pat Severyn and Bill Audycki scored the other Kelowna goals.

Logan's second goal of the game broke a 7-7 tie at 2:38 of the final period.

TWO-GOAL NIGHT

Pat Dupuis scored two goals for Merritt, with Greg Agar, Dean Wray, Bob Wasson, Darrell Zelinski and Anthony Thomas adding the others.

Merritt led 3-2 after the first period and 6-5 after the second. Both goaltenders, Vic Mall of Kelowna and Randy Strutch of Merritt, stopped 32 shots.

A stick-swinging incident occurred late in the game when Merritt players became involved with some of the crowd and delayed the game for about 10 minutes.

The Vees scored six times in the first period and coasted to an easy win over Maple Ridge before 450 hometown fans.

Gerry Thygessen led the Penticton attack with three goals as the Vees fired 50 shots at two Maple Ridge goaltenders. Gord MacKay and Shawn Dineen each added two goals for Penticton, while John Uvages, Darrell Decker, Mike Troch, Dwight Bailey, Howard Walker and Ryan Hatfield added one each.

Cam Stratchuk scored two goals for Maple Ridge and Randy Betty and Roy Wheaton got one each.

Penticton goaltender Pat Murphy made 20 saves as the Vees led 6-1 after the first period and 9-3 after the second. Larry Lozinski gave up the first two Penticton goals and was replaced in the Maple Ridge net by Richard Martens at 7:57 of the first period. Martens played the rest of the game.

Maple Ridge plays at Merritt and Vernon at Chilliwack in games tonight.



Vikings selected for all-star game

Eight members of the Vernon Vikings as well as coach Joe Tennant have been chosen to take part in the B.C. Junior Hockey League All-Star game on January 28 in Nanaimo.

Forwards Gary Huth, Jack Lefley, Ken Stroud, Calvin

Halasz and Steve Danshin, along with defencemen Brian Griese and Terry Anaka and goalie Keith Ferner will represent the Vikings on the interior division squad.

Other members of the 17-man team are Mike Wills, Terry Schnarr, Ken Calder, Jack McKerrow and Bill Audycki from Kelowna, Rod Zavaduk and Gord McKay from Penticton and Kirk Aulin and Darrell Zelinski from Merritt.

Tennant and Schnarr were the only unanimous choices selected to the team by the coaches of the BCJHL.

Athletes honored

MONTREAL (CP) — Swimmer Nancy Garapick of Halifax, track and field star Diane Jones of Saskatoon and cyclist Jocelyn Lovell of Toronto