

Vikings visit Bucks tonight

Vernon Vikings travel to Kelowna tonight to take on the Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

In tonight's only other scheduled game, Merritt Centennials meet the Vees in Penticton.

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and Dave Murray of Abbotsford, B.C., have given the Canadian downhillers great respect at European World Cup meets this season.

Barron is given an outside chance at a medal here, but much of Canada's speed skating hope rest with Cathy Priestner of Calgary, Sylvia Burka of Winnipeg and Gaetan Boucher of Sainte-Foy, Que., all of whom have registered victories over highly-regarded world titlists at recent meets.

CRANSTON STILL HOME

The Canadian figure-skating team arrived Monday without men's singles champion Toller Cranston. The 26-year-old Toronto artist, aware of the limited practice time available here until the start of his event Sunday, decided to remain home until just before he was to start.

Cranston, along with Ron Shaver of Cambridge, Ont., and Ottawa's Lynn Nightingale in the women's singles, are given the best chance to earn figure-skating medals for Canada.

With Nanaimo Clippers breathing down Vikings' neck, every game is important. Clippers have only lost one in their last 14 games and trail the first-place Vikings by six points.

However, Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant said, "if we win our games, there is no way Nanaimo can catch us."

Besides the six-point lead, Vernon also has a game-in-hand on the Clippers. However, Vikings play five games in the next six days, so by next Monday, Nanaimo will have a game-in-hand.

BUCKS WON

Last time Vernon took on the Bucks, Kelowna recorded a 7-6 overtime victory.

Tennant says he feels the way to stop the Buckaroos is to hit. He said, "its no secret, we are going to the body tonight. If you don't hit Kelowna, guys like Mike Wills and Perry Schnarr will kill you."

Vikings host Penticton on Wednesday, and then head for the coast where they will tangle with Nanaimo, Chilliwack, and Maple Ridge on the weekend.

VERNON SCORING

PLAYER	G	A	Pts
Huth	31	31	62
Danshin	25	34	59
Anaka	21	35	56
Halasz	22	30	52
Stroud	21	29	50
Wilkinson	16	29	45
Griese	16	28	44
Sidnick	12	32	44
Gassoff	12	28	40
Poeschek	18	21	39
Billsten	15	23	38
Tumbach	15	21	36
Lefley	7	29	36
Goodswimmer	13	20	33
Simpson	11	18	29
Maser	3	25	28
Oulton	9	13	22
Pratico	4	10	14