

Vikings sweep swing with three victories

Vernon Vikings bombed Chilliwack Bruins 11-5 Saturday and edged Maple Ridge Blazers 6-4 Sunday in B.C. Junior Hockey League action on the coast.

BCJHL STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	52	37	14	1	75
Nanaimo	51	31	15	5	67
Kelowna	48	29	18	1	59
Langley	55	26	24	3	55
Merritt	53	23	29	1	47
Penticton	52	22	26	4	46
Maple Ridge	52	16	34	2	34
Chilliwack	51	13	37	1	27

It marks the first time in four years Vikings have swept a coast wing. Last Friday, Vernon beat the Clippers 4-2 in Nanaimo.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily news he is extremely proud of his club.

Tennant said, "You wouldn't recognize this team. They aren't the same group of players who have been stumbling around for the last month.

"We were in trouble and they knew it. We had to win at least two games on this trip, and we won all three. I guess I can't complain."

It was a wild one in Maple Ridge as Vernon picked up 10 of 19 minors, one misconduct, and four of six game misconducts. Each team had five majors.

THREE LEFT

Tennant said, "At one time I looked down my bench and there were only three players. Three were on the ice and the rest were either in the penalty box, or the dressing room."

Blazers tried to rough up the Vikings, but the move backfired. Jack Lefley, Brian Maser, and Gary Gassoff all won lopsided decisions in the fighting department.

Darcy Wilkinson and Drew

Tumbach scored two goals each for Vikings, while Gary Huth and Ken Stroud added singles.

Len Daley, with two, John Weninger and Stewart Robinson replied for Maple Ridge.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Vernon led 3-2 after the second.

SCORED TWO

In Chilliwack, Clyde Goodswimmer and Ken Oulton each scored twice for Vikings. Singles went to Wilkinson, Darrell Billsten, Maser, Terry Anaka, Steve Danshin, Huth, and Tumbach.

Randy Takenaka scored two for Bruins while Tim Hollett, Al Cunningham, and Doug Derksen added solos.

Vernon led 2-0 after the first period and 7-2 after the second.

Keith Ferner was in goal for all three wins while Darrell Furmanek recovers from a knee injury.

Tennant said, "We could have played Furmanek in a pinch, but we wanted to rest him."

Saturday's win was a costly

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one as veteran defenceman Anaka suffered a pulled muscles in his shoulder. That injury is expected to keep him out of action for about two weeks.

In other weekend games, Penticton Vees downed Langley Lords 9-4, Clippers dumped Chilliwack 8-5, and Kelowna Buckaroos edged Merritt Centennials 6-5.

SET RECORD

Bruins set a scoring record

in Nanaimo when Cunningham, Fournier, an Hollett scored within 3 seconds during the second period. The previous record for three consecutive goals by a BCJHL team was set in November 1974 when Buck scored three against Langley in 40 seconds.

Vikings have a busy week ahead with three home games. Wednesday Vernon hosts Medicine Hat Tigers.

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