

Vikings back in action tonight against Bucks

Vernon Vikings are currently in the midst of the busiest part of their B.C. Junior Hockey League schedule.

When Vikings meet Maple Ridge Blazers next Saturday, it will be their seventh game in nine days.

After sweeping three games on a coast swing last weekend, Vernon is back in action tonight in Kelowna, against the Buckaroos. Last two times the two Okanagan rivals met, Kelowna walked away with a win.

Wednesday, Vikings host Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Canada Hockey League, in an exhibition game. Thursday night, the rugged Merritt Centennials are in town, with the Winter Carnival Cup up for grabs.

Then, Blazers visit Vernon on Saturday.

Most teams complain about a hectic schedule like that, but Vikings' coach Joe Tennant said he is glad his team is so busy.

Tennant said, "I don't think

we're in top shape yet. But, at the end of this stretch we should be."

Vikings will be without veteran defenceman Terry Anaka for at least another week. Anaka pulled a muscle in his shoulder last Saturday in Chilliwack.

Tennant said, "we have dropped Peter Poeschek back to defence to fill in for Terry, and if we have to, we can drop Gary Gassoff back too."

Medicine Hat, Vikings' parent club, play in Kamloops tonight before arriving in Vernon on Wednesday. Anyone hoping to see the Tigers play, without standing in a long ticket line, should pick up advance tickets at Ernies Esso, Dye's Pool Hall, or the Vikings' office.

Game time is 8 p.m.

BCJHL TOP 10

	G	A	Pts
Wills, Kel	28	73	101
Taylor, Lang.	41	54	95
Zelinski, Merr.	39	53	92
Schnarr, Kel.	53	38	91
MacKay, Pent.	47	41	88
Lupul, Nan.	36	47	83
Day, Nan.	34	44	78
Aulin, Merr.	40	32	72

Huth, Ver.	33	39	72
Norbraten, Nan.	17	53	70

VIKINGS' SCORING

	G	A	Pts
Huth	33	39	72
Danshin	26	37	63
Anaka	23	35	58
Halasz	22	34	56
Stroud	23	32	55
Wilkinson	21	33	54
Griese	17	31	48
Tumbach	19	25	44
Sidnick	12	32	44
Billsten	16	27	43
Gassoff	13	30	43
Pieschek	18	23	41
Goodswimmer	15	25	40
Lefley	8	29	37
Maser	4	27	31
Simpson	11	18	29
Oulton	11	13	24

Sonics win in hoop t

Seaton Sonics had a rough road trip as they lost three games and won only one in the Valleyview Basketball Tournament, held in Kamloops, last weekend.

Sonics competed in the tourney with only six players.