

Vees dump Vikings

Vernon Vikings are having trouble beating anyone these days.

The slumping Penticton Vees defeated Vernon 5-3 Tuesday in B.C. Junior Hockey League action in the Peach City.

Prior to Tuesday's game, Vees had lost five in-a-row and eight of their last nine.

Gerry Thygeson scored two goals to lead Penticton to victory while Ron McDowell, John Uvegas, and Dwight Bailey added singles.

Calvin Halasz, with two, and Ken Oulton replied for Vikings.

Vees held period leads on 3-1 and 5-3.

Vernon's defence gave the puck away on numerous occasions and failed to keep the front of their net clear of Penticton forwards.

Vikings' goalie Darrell Furmanek left the game, with his club trailing 2-0, when he reinjured his knee. However, the injury is not too serious. Keith Ferner, who finished the game, and Furmanek combined to make 30 saves while Pat Murphy blocked 30 shots for Penticton.

Vernon was without winger Jack Lefley who was sitting

out a one-game suspension for leaving the penalty box during last Sunday's brawl in Kelowna.

Vikings, who have now lost six consecutive games against Interior clubs, host Penticton tonight at 8 p.m.

Vernon leads second-place Nanaimo Clippers by four points, but Clippers have three games-in-hand.

In Tuesday's other game, fifth-place Merritt Centennials bombed third-place Kelowna Buckaroos 9-4.

Greg Agar and Darrell Zelinski each scored twice to pace the Cents while Kevin Willison, Pat Dupuis, Dan Hlusko, Anthony Davis, and Dan Rota added singles.

For Kelowna, Mike Wills, with two, Rob Wright and Jeff Norby were the marksmen.

Tigers maintain slim lead with win over Wheat Kings

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Medicine Hat Tigers, in third place in the Western Canada Hockey League's Western Division, remained three points ahead of Victoria Cougars in the standings as both teams doubled their adversaries 6-3 in Tuesday's games.

The Cougars defeated the Eastern Division's last-rung Flin Flon Bombers at Victoria, while the Tigers were victorious over Brandon Wheat Kings in Brandon.

Jim Gustafson scored two of the Victoria goals, while Teammates Rick Durstan, Mike Will, Jeff McDill and Curt Fraser each scored once.

Kim Davis, Rich Gosselin and Kevin Marinos scored for Flin Flon.

Victoria outshot the visitors 62-30 and took period leads of 3-0 and 4-2.

BEGIN TRIP

The Cougars begin a road trip today that calls for 10 games in 11 days.

In Brandon, Greg Carroll, Don Murdoch and Morris Lukowich collected 13 scoring points and boosted their collective total to 332 points in 52 games as the Tigers held period leads of 3-1 and 5-2.

Carroll scored three goals and added a pair of assists while Murdoch, the league's leading scorer, chipped in

with his 63rd and 64th goals of the season.

Gary Gilchrist scored once while Murdoch and Lukowich each got two assists.

Although the Wheat Kings outshot the Tigers 50-32, only Mike Bradbury, Ray Allison and Dale McMullin could solve the steady netminding of Peter Peeters.

ALLOWED FIVE

Brandon's Glen Hanlon allowed five goals in 19 shots before taking himself out late in the second period. Don Light, formerly with Medicine Hat, finished in goal for Brandon, making a dozen stops.

Kinsmen defeats Firemen

Kinsmen built up a 3-0 lead and went on to defeat Firefighters 6-4 to capture the Vernon Men's Commercial Hockey League championship Tuesday at the Civic Arena.

Derek Barhard and Wayne