



# Stroud scores winner as Vikings edge Vees

Ken Stroud scored at 16:37 of the final period to give Vernon Vikings a 5-4 win over Pentiction Vees in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday in Vernon.

**BCJHL STANDINGS**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	58	39	18	1	79
Nanaimo	55	35	15	5	75
Kelowna	52	31	20	1	63
Langley	58	28	27	3	59
Merritt	58	28	29	1	57
Pentiction	59	23	32	4	50
Maple Ridge	57	17	38	2	36
Chilliwack	55	16	38	1	33

Stroud banged Calvin Halasz's rebound past Pentiction goalie Pat Murphy only minutes after Vees had tied the game.

Vees took an early 1-0 lead on a power play goal by Jerry Thygeson. However, defenceman Brian Maaser tied the game, on a power play, seconds after leaving the penalty box.

Dwight Bailey again put Pentiction in the lead, but before the first period ended, Gary Huth tied the game for Vikings.

Vernon took the lead for the first time at 7:20 of the second period when Steve Danshin scored, and seven minutes later, Grant Sidnick stretched the margin to 4-2.

**KICKED IN**  
With just 11 seconds left in the middle frame, Thygeson kicked the puck into the net, but referee Daryl Abrams was not in position to see the kick, so the goal was allowed. Just after that play,

Vikings' Clyde Goodswimmer became involved in a pushing match with a few Pentiction players and was handed a match penalty for spearing. A match carries an automatic three-game suspension.

Abrams appeared to be looking for something to call. At 15:51 of the final period, John Uvegas tied the game for Vees, setting the stage for Stroud's winner.

Thygeson had two assists to go with his pair of goals, but the individual star of the game was Murphy.

**BUSY NIGHT**  
Murphy blocked a total of 49 shots, including 21 in the second period. Vees' defence left the rookie netminder unprotected on numerous occasions, but he had the Vikings' forwards talking to themselves after missing

glorious opportunities.

In the final period, he robbed Danshin, Sidnick, Maaser, and Darrell Billetten on shots which appeared to be sure goals.

Vernon netminder Keith Ferner was called on to block just 22 shots.

The game was one of the cleanest of the season, but Abrams officiated like he was doing a pee wee game. Vees were assessed eight of 12 minor penalties and two of five majors. Pentiction's Clark Turney picked up a 10-minute misconduct, while Goodswimmer got a match.

In the first two periods, Abrams called anything which even remotely resembled a penalty. Then in the final period, he let several obvious infractions go before calling a cheap penalty to each club in the final minutes.

The win enabled Vikings to keep four points ahead of second-place Nanaimo Clippers. Clippers chalked up their 20th win, in the last 22 games, by beating Langley Vikings 5-4 Wednesday.

In another game, last-place Chilliwack Bruins moved to within three points of Maple Ridge Blazers by thumping the Blazers 6-2.

Vikings are off until Saturday when they host Bruins. Clippers, who have three games-in-hand on Vernon, host Kelowna tonight, travel to Maple Ridge Friday, and then host the Bucks again Saturday.

**GOALPOSTS:** Tickets for the Vikings' banquet and dance, next Thursday at the Royal Canadian Legion, available until Saturday at Plumbing and Heating.

## THE OUTDOORS

# Clearing backlog



**PENTICTON VEES' goalie Pat Murphy** reaches out to glove a shot from the point during Wednesday's BCJHL game in Vernon. Murphy was brilliant, blocking this shot and 48 others, but his club still lost 5-4 to the Vik-

ings. On this play, the Pentiction goalie knocked the puck down and Gary Huth (15) had a swing at the bouncing puck, behind Murphy, but missed. (Daily News Photo)

By **NONIE FRISBY**

It is the time of the year when people start asking, "What does the Fish and Wildlife Branch do with themselves all winter?"

Actually they are very busy doing all the things they didn't have time to do during the busy tourist and hunting season.

When you were checked while fishing or hunting last year, and thought you were being asked a lot of foolish

black bear tab licences will also receive a questionnaire. Now it is your duty to the future generation of hunters to fill these questionnaires in and return them to the Fish and Wildlife Branch. No cost to you, just a few minutes of your time.

The percentage of returns some years is disgusting and makes me ashamed of all the friends I call sportsmen. If it was a soap coupon, with the promise of a bar of soap on completion, we'd see a higher

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# Vickers changes his face as Rangers bomb Capitals

By **DENNIS PASSA**  
**The Canadian Press**  
There's nothing like a clean shave to increase goal production, at least in the opinion of Steve Vickers.

Los Angeles Kings played to a 2-2 tie. "We just played terrible," said Washington coach Tommy McVie, who refused to believe that a disallowed goal

The victory boosted Panthers league record to 4-4, and assured Vernon of a berth in the playoffs.

Panthers led 22-16 after the first quarter, the teams were tied 31-31 at half-time, and Vernon held a 47-44 edge after three-quarters.

In the final quarter, Panthers controlled the play with an effective full-court press.

Doug Lemiski played a strong game for Vernon with 15 points and nine rebounds. Mike Zorba added 12 points while Steve King sunk 10.

Wayne Aalto led the Salmon Arm attack with 14 points while Gord Burden and Lee Vanderhook added nine apiece.

Panthers Coach Rick Inrig said he was impressed with the play of both clubs.

Inrig said, "We came up with our best team effort of the year, and we needed it. Salmon Arm played probably its best game of the season. "We had both our full and half-court dresses work-

# Panthers snap slump with win over Golds

Montreal's Guy Lafleur led out to a 3-0 lead early in the first period, but by 5:06 of the second period, Toronto had come back to take a 4-3 lead.