

Vikings chase five-year BCJHL points record

Vernon Vikings wind-up the 1975-76 B.C. Junior Hockey League season this weekend with a pair of games against Kelowna Buckaroos.

Tonight, Vikings host Bucks at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Vernon visits Kelowna.

One win will give Vikings the BCJHL record for most points in a season. Vernon currently has 91 points. The record, 92, is held by the 1970-71 Kamloops Rockets and 1974-75 Bucks.

Another record the club is chasing is most 20-goal scorers in a season. The current record is 10, held by the 1974-75 Bucks. Vernon has nine, and two more within reach of the 20 plateau. Darrell Billsten has 19 goals and Clyde Goodswimmer has scored 18.

In games Friday, Langley Lords blasted Nanaimo Clippers 8-2 before home ice crowd of 800 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Friday to move into fourth place in the standings, two points ahead of Merritt Centennials.

Rob Jones led the Langley assault with three goals while Eddie Lebler, Mark Taylor, Ron Kolman, Brian Henderson and Ron Payou completed the scoring as the Lords' dominated play, leading 2-1 after the first period and 6-1 after the second.

Gary Lupul and John Gordon scored for Nanaimo which was outshot 60-23, and drew four of six minor penalties. Each team had a fighting major.

In other games, Chilliwack Bruins were downed 10-3 by Maple Ridge Blazers to remain in the cellar with 33 points, 11 behind Maple Ridge, while Kelowna Buckaroos beat Penticton Vees 5-1 and

retained third place with 73 points, nine behind Nanaimo.

Vernon Vikings lead the league with 91 points.

Playing before 300 fans, Maple Ridge led 2-0 after the first period and 7-1 after the second, as Sheldon Geary scored three goals for the Blazers.

Bruce Howes, George Phillipoff, Roy Wheaton, Stuart Robertson, Gerald Mykituk, Randy Betty and Guy Berkner added the other Blazer goals while Randy Takanaka, Bob Dietterle and Loyal Goodey replied for Chilliwack.

Chilliwack goalie Joe Radyk stopped 54 shots while Blazers' Richard Martens turned aside 23 as the visiting Bruins took 11 of 21 minor penalties.

Kelowna led Penticton 1-0 after the first period and 4-1 after the second with goals coming from Phil Logan, Mike Perovich, Rob Wright, Wayne Krebbs and Ian Malcolm. Clark Turney scored for Penticton.

Buckaroos' goalie John McKerrow stopped 28 shots while Pat Murphy turned aside 21 for Penticton.

Kelowna took 11 of 21 minor penalties and each team had two fighting majors before 1,137 Penticton fans.

Tonight, Penticton is at Merritt while Langley goes to Nanaimo and Chilliwack plays host to Maple Ridge. On Sunday, Langley is at Maple Ridge, Nanaimo visits Chilliwack and Vernon plays in Kelowna.

Germany edges Smokies

TRAIL, B.C. (CP) — The West German national team held off a determined 1961 Trail Smoke Eater club to win an exhibition hockey game 8-5 Friday.

The Trail team, last to win a world amateur hockey crown for Canada, fell behind 4-2 after the first period and never caught up to the youthful West Germans, who led 7-4 after two periods.

Trail was outshot 35-31 and the West Germans took six of 10 minor penalties.

Top scorer for West Germany was Erich Kuhnackl with two goals and three assists. Rainer Philipp also scored two goals and the others went to Wolfgang Boos, Martin Hinterstocker, Stefan Metz and Alois Schloder.

Trail marksmen were Ken Uzeloc with two, Harry Smith, Brian Russill and John Van Brunt.

Uzeloc was one of two defencemen from the 1976 Smoke Eaters called up to reinforce the team.