

AS SEASON ENDS

Vikings shatter league records

Vernon Vikings ended their 1975-76 B.C. Junior Hockey League season in fine form over the weekend with two wins and two league records.

Saturday, at home, Vikings edged Kelowna 5-4, and Sunday in the Regatta City, Vernon hammered Bucks 10-4.

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Vernon	66	47	18	1	95
Nanaimo	66	41	21	4	86
Kelowna	65	36	28	1	73
Merritt	65	33	31	1	67
Langley	66	32	31	3	67
Penticton	66	27	36	3	57
Maple Ridge	66	23	41	2	48
Chilliwack	66	16	49	1	33

The two wins gives Vernon 47 wins and 95 points, both league records. The old records of 46 wins and 92 points were held by the 1970-71 Kamloops Rockets and 1974-75 Bucks.

Ken Stroud scored with 25 seconds remaining in the third period to give Vikings the victory on Saturday.

Clyde Goodswimmer, Gary Huth, Brian Maser, and Brian Griese were the other Vernon marksmen.

Mike Wills, with two, Perry Schnarr, and Scott Lang countered for Kelowna.

DRESSED NEWCOMERS

In Kelowna, Buckaroos took a 1-0 first period lead, but Vikings completely dominated play in the final two periods. Vernon Coach Joe Tennant sat out five regulars and dressed six players from Grand Forks Border Bruins, Vikings' junior B affiliate.

Glen Merkowsky, Blair Donnelly, Lionel Williams, Jim Misener, Brad McDonald, and goalie Ken McNabb did not look out of place in junior A company. In fact, all of the Bruins, except McNabb, picked up at least one point.

McNabb played in the nets and did a fine job.

Calvin Halasz, Rick Simp-

son, and Steve Danshin scored two goals each for the winners while Donnelly, Merkowsky, Griese, and Jack Lefley added singles.

Robbie Wright, Bill Audycki, Wills, and Schnarr scored for Kelowna.

BROKE RECORD

Schnarr's goal, his 65th of the season, broke the league record of 64 he set last season.

In other weekend games, Nanaimo Clippers edged Chilliwack Bruins 4-3, Nanaimo dumped Langley Lords 7-4, Merritt Centennials downed Penticton Vees 5-3, and Maple Ridge Blazers defeated Langley 5-4 and Chilliwack 8-2.

Vikings open their quarter-final series, against Chilliwack, Friday in Vernon.

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