

Advance tickets are now on sale

B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs open this weekend with Vernon Vikings hosting Chilliwack Bruins in the first two games of their quarter-final series.

Advance tickets for the games, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., are now on sale at Ernie's Esso Service Station.

Although sell-out crowds are not expected for either game, large crowds are anticipated and Vikings advise fans to pick up advance tickets to avoid long line-ups.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News his team is not over-confident going

into the series against the last-place Bruins.

Tennant said, "Bruins have been frustrated all year, and now in playoffs they have a new start, a new lease on life. Anything can happen in playoffs."

Chilliwack has improved considerably in recent weeks. Last time in Vernon, Vikings narrowly defeated Bruins. In the final game of the season, Chilliwack lost a 5-4 squeaker to second-place Nanaimo.

Tennant said, "They've got some good hockey players on that club. We could have our problems."