

# Vikings and Vees to meet in semis

Vernon Vikings will meet Penticton Vees in the B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-finals.

Vikings won their quarter-final series Tuesday by thumping Chilliwack Bruins 9-2 before 630 fans in Vernon. The victory gives Vikings an 8-2 margin in the eight-point series.

Meanwhile, Penticton Vees upset Kelowna Buckaroos 6-5, to also win their quarter-final series 8-2.

In another game, Merritt Centennials hammered Langley Lords 6-1 to take a 6-4 lead in that series.

## EASY WIN

Vikings had an easy time dumping the last-place Bruins.

Rick Simpson gave Vernon a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, but it was Jack Lefley's short-handed goal, at 19:45, which seemed to take the fight out of Chilliwack.

Peter Poeschek, who did some great penalty killing with Lefley, beat Bruins' defenceman Terry Jacobsen to the puck, behind the Chilliwack net, and fired a pass in front to Lefley, who was unprotected.

Despite several great saves by goalie Rick Nitchke, Vernon stretched the margin to 4-0 in the second period on goals by Terry Anaka and Gary Huth.

## SPOILED SHUTOUT

Greg Hollett gave Bruins a bit of life, and spoiled Keith Ferner's shutout bid, early in the third period when he



**BRIAN MASER**  
... two goals

flipped in a rebound over the Vernon netminder. But, before Chilliwack could get on the scoreboard again, Brian Maser, Ken Stroud, Ken Oulton, and Lefley, had made the score 8-1.

Doug Derksen and Maser exchanged goals late in the game.

Nitchke had a busy night with 52 saves while Ferner was called on to block only 29 shots. Ferner's best saves came on a breakaway by Brent Annis and a wicked slap shot by Rich Fournier.

The entire Vernon squad played well, but it was players who usually go unnoticed, who were outstanding. Oulton, Maser, Simpson, and

Poeschek all turned in stalwart performances.

Chilliwack was assessed six of 12 minor penalties and the game's only misconduct.

Vikings host Penticton Saturday night in the first game of their eight-point series. Advance tickets are on sale at Ernie's Esso Station.

## HUGE CROWD

In Kelowna, before 2,412 fans, Rob Feenie scored at 13:30 of the third period, to give Penticton its win.

John Uvegas, with two, Darrell Booth, Gord McKay, and Shawn Dineen scored the other Vees' goals.

Perry Schnarr scored three times for Bucks with Wayne Krebs and Pat Severyn getting the others.

In Merritt, before a capacity crowd of more than 1,000 fans, Danny Rota scored three for the winners. Greg Agar, Kirk Aulin, and Bob Wasson scored the other Centennials' goals, while Rob Jones got the lone Langley goal.

## Ball sign up on Saturday

Any boys or girls wishing to play softball or baseball in Coldstream this year, should register Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, at Coldstream Elementary School.

Anyone, between the ages of nine and 16, is eligible to play. Players must be accompanied by a parent and birth certificate when registering.

# The SPORTS

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## Murdoch breaks his own record

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kamloops Chiefs defeated Edmonton Oil Kings 4-1 Tuesday to keep the Chiefs just one point back of second-place Medicine Hat Tigers in the Western Division of the Western Canada Hockey League.

### Western Canada Eastern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Saskatoon	42	19	9	376	263	93
Brandon	33	29	8	329	295	74
Lethbridge	28	33	9	285	340	65
Winnipeg	26	38	6	294	366	58
Regina	22	41	8	277	338	52
Flin Flon	18	44	9	274	436	45

### Western Division

New West	53	14	4	458	243	110
Med Hat	38	21	9	364	282	85
Kamloops	39	26	6	357	281	84
Victoria	34	28	7	323	308	75
Edmonton	25	41	5	308	392	55
Calgary	21	45	4	273	374	46

The Tigers trounced the visiting Victoria Cougars 6-2 on the strength of another fine scoring performance by Don Murdoch in the only other WCHL game.

Murdoch broke his own team goal-scoring record and moved closer to the WCHL league mark as he fired three goals to increase his season's total to 84.



**DON MURDOCH**  
... 84 goals

In Kamloops, the Chiefs scored three unanswered goals in the third period to break open a tight game.

Dave Hatheway, with his second of the game, scored the winner on a power play at 8:57 of the final period, breaking a 1-1 tie. Kelly Ferner scored two goals just over two minutes apart to wrap up the win for the Chiefs.

### BABYCH SCORES

Wayne Babych spoiled the shutout bid of Kamloops goaltender Mark Earp early in the second period after the teams played through a scoreless first stanza.

Murdoch's goal total now is two better than the team record he set as a rookie last season and six under the league mark of 90 set by Ron Chipperfield of Brandon Wheat Kings in 1971-72. Murdoch has four regular season games remaining.

Ron Areshenkoff, with two goals, and Gary Benson completed the Medicine Hat scoring.

## PIN POINTS

March 16  
Mixed 7-9

Women's high single, Cathy Douglas 283; high triple, Sybil Tinkham 683; high average, May Turek 214, Sybil Tinkham 214.

Men's high single, Stan Milum 98; high triple, Marv Zwarych 14; high average, John Ykalovich 235.

### TEAM STANDINGS

Senior's T.V.	280
Marv's VI	231
Pinheads	220
Stairmont	213