

Cents dump Lords

Merritt Centennials edged Langley Lords 7-5 Thursday to take their eight-point B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-final series 8-4.

Centennials will now tangle with Nanaimo Clippers in the league semi-finals.

Teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Merritt led 4-3 at the end of the second.

Centennials led 5-3 early in the third period, but Randy Larsen and Brian Henderson scored to tie the score.

Danny Rota got the winner at 19:06 in a scramble, and Darrell Zelinski scored his third goal of the game with 26 seconds left, into an empty net.

Kevin Willison, Anthony Thomas, and Paul Chadwick scored the other Merritt goals.

Rob Jones, Larry Playfair, and Ed Lebler were the other Langley scorers.

Cents outshot Lords 51-36.

MAY GET ROUGH

Meanwhile, the other semi-final series, between Penticton Vees and Vernon Vikings, gets under way Saturday in Vernon.



JOE TENNANT
... we're tougher

Vees' Coach Joe Beggs told the Daily News he is looking for a skating series, but his club will be ready if it gets rough.

Beggs said, "The series will be rough if (Vernon coach Joe) Tennant wants it to be. But, we can handle any team in the league, we have our share of tough guys."

"Kelowna has a bigger team than Vernon and they sure didn't push us around."

The Penticton coach said he thinks his club can beat the Vikings. He said, "We're really up for the series and our goaltending has been super."

Beggs plans on starting veteran Dennis Ewanchuk in the nets on Saturday.

At least 400 Penticton fans are expected to make the 70 mile trip for Saturday's game.

Beggs said, "We had more than 700 fans at the last game in Kelowna, and most of them will be rooting for us in Vernon. That gives us a big lift."

Tennant said his club was in first place all season and Penticton didn't prove a thing.

The Vernon coach said, "Our job is to play hockey, but there is no way any team is going to run us out of the rink. They haven't got any guys as tough as ours."

BACK JUMPER

"Rod Zavaduk is supposed to be their tough guy and he's just a friendly giant. Anyone is tough when they back-jump a guy. Beggs probably does us a favor by playing Zavaduk



ROD ZAVADUK
... "friendly giant"

because we can go around him like and hoop on a barrel."

Tennant said he doesn't want a rough series, "But, we'll give it to them if they ask for it. I haven't seen any of their guys go after our players head-on."

Advance tickets are on sale at OK Plumbing, Ernie's Esso, and Village Green Mall.

U.S. rink defeated by Swedish foursome

DULUTH, Minn. (CP) — Bengt Cederwall may have done Bruce Roberts of the United States a favor in the world curling championship Thursday afternoon.

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U.S.	7	1
Switzerland	6	2
Scotland	5	3
Sweden	5	3
France	4	4
Italy	4	4
Norway	4	4
West Germany	3	5
Canada	2	6
Denmark	0	8

Cederwall skipped his Swedish rink to a 9-3 win over

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time in world curling history. Entering today's final round, Switzerland, last year's champions, had a 6-2 record for second place, followed by Scotland and Sweden at 5-3.

Sharing fifth place were Andre Tronc of France and Kristian Soerum of Norway and Italy. Mickey Kanz of West Germany was 3-5, Canada 2-6 and Ole Larsen of Denmark 0-8.

In other eighth-round games Thursday, Norway shaded France 5-4 and West Germany

Murdoch's late goal gives Tigers a draw

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don Murdoch's 85th goal of the season with nine seconds remaining pulled Medicine Hat Tigers to a 3-3 tie with Calgary Centennials in Western Canada Hockey League action before 1,379 disappointed Calgary fans Thursday night.

Meanwhile, Brandon Wheat Kings gave 2,114 home fans plenty to cheer about, exploding in the final period for five goals to club Winnipeg Clubs 8-3.

Murdoch's goal came after

the Tigers pulled goaltender Pete Peeters with 52 seconds remaining. Calgary had taken a 3-2 lead at 12:08 of the third period when Chris Dyer fired a long shot off the post with the Centennial playing a man short.

There was no scoring in the first period of the Calgary game and the teams split four goals in the second with Morley Scott and Paul Enquist scoring for Calgary and Garry Gilchrist and Morris Lukowich replying for Medicine Hat.