

Vikings and Vees battle to sawoff

Vernon Vikings and Penticton Vees battled to a 3-3 tie in the opening game of their eight-point B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final series Saturday in Vernon.

More than 1,500 fans were on hand to see one of the most entertaining hockey games of the season.

Ex-Viking Darrell Booth gave Penticton a 1-0 lead at the 44-second mark of the opening period. From that time, until late in the second period, goalies Pat Murphy, for Vees, and Darrell Furmanek, for Vikings, controlled the game with numerous sensational saves.

John Uvegas broke the goalies' domination and gave Penticton a 2-0 lead at 14:43 of the middle period. But, only eight seconds later, Darcy Wilkinson put Vernon on the scoreboard.

TIED GAME

Early in the third, Wilkinson tied the game, and at 12:20, Gary Huth put Vikings in the lead for the only time.

About three minutes later, Vees' sparkplug. Gord

Coaching clinics to be held

Provincial Government Leisure Services Branch will be conducting a coaching development program — instructors training course, in Kelowna, April 23-25.

This course will provide qualified instructors in the



DARCY WILKINSON
... scored two

McKay, picked up a pass from Rob Feenie, in the slot, and drilled a low shot past Furmanek.

McKay, who was brilliant in Penticton's quarter-final win over Kelowna Buckaroos, turned in a standout performance. Besides his goal, he picked up an assist, and was robbed four times by Furmanek.

TOO SMALL

McKay, 18, was considered to be too small to play with Kamloops Chiefs, in the Western Canada Hockey League, this season. But, everyone on hand Saturday would dispute that judgment as he took several solid hits and bounced back to dish out a few of his own.

Besides McKay, Penticton's top performer was Murphy, who blocked 39 shots, including a spectacular save in

the second period when he reached behind him to sweep the puck wide as it dribbled towards the net.

Furmanek continued his tremendous post-season play with 40 saves, including 16 in the third period.

Wilkinson, united for the first time on a line with Jack Lefley and Gary Gassoff, scored his first goals in more than a month. 'Wilkie', not known as a hitter, threw the best check of the night on Uvegas.

Vernon was assessed four of seven minor penalties and the game's two 10-minute misconducts.

Rebels defeat in overtime

Rebels edged Eagles 42-39 in overtime to capture the minor boys' basketball league championship Friday at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Mike Bailey scored 13 points for Rebels while Larry Fisher added 11.

Kip Tantrum was top marksman for Eagles with 16 points while Byron Tordoff sunk 13.

Eagles held quarter leads of 11-4, 16-15, and 29-23. However, Rebels rallied in the fourth-quarter and tied the score 37-37, forcing overtime.

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Tigers lose two in WCHL

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Westminster edged ahead to yet another victory to clinch a strong over-all lead as regular-season play came to a close in the Western Canada Hockey League Sunday night.

The Bruins, who triumphed 5-4 over Medicine Hat, top league standings with 112 points in the Western Division. Their closet rival, Saskatoon Blades of the Eastern Division, finished the season with 96 points.

In the other game Sunday, Calgary defeated Edmonton 8-4, while in Saturday action Flin Flon tied Saskatoon 5-5 and Victoria blasted Medicine Hat 8-4.

**NEW WESTMINSTER 5
MEDICINE HAT 4**

In Vancouver, the Bruins hung on to an early lead with goals by Mark Lofthouse, Robb Anderson, Miles Zaharko, Steve Clippingdale and Fred Berry.

Greg Carroll, Don Murdoch, Brian Hill and Randy Rudnik replied for Medicine Hat.

The game was disrupted by a brawl in the third period which resulted in 12 major penalties, eight game misconducts and two misconduct penalties.

The scuffle began when Medicine Hat goalie Ken Holland was handed a slashing penalty. Holland then fought briefly with New Westminster Captain Clayton Pachal and further fights started when Don Murdoch came off the bench.