

NANAIMO WINS BCJHL TITLE

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — The spectacular goaltending of Steve Amiss carried Nanaimo Clippers to the British Columbia Junior Hockey League championship on the weekend.

Amiss was the catalyst as the Clippers defeated Penticton Vees 3-1 Saturday and 9-2 Sunday to win the 10-point final series 11-3. He made 32 saves Saturday and 27 Sunday as he constantly thwarted the Vees.

Nanaimo will not go on to further playoff competition this year because of a league decision last fall to stay out of Tier Two junior playoffs. Bellingham Blazers, champions a year ago, lost then to Spruce Grove Mets in the Alberta-B.C. playoff.

Saturday's game was a tight struggle until late in the third period when Terry Graff and John Gordon scored 21 seconds apart. Gordon had given the Clippers the lead in the first period and John Uvegas scored for Penticton in the second.

About 1,200 fans took in the Saturday game, but only about 600 were back Sunday to see the Clippers take period leads of 4-0 and 7-0 against the disheartened Vees.

Kim Hilkewich led the Nanaimo attack with three goals and the others came from Gary Lupul, Rod Guimont, Greg Norbratten, Gordon, Geordie Robertson and Mickey Willgress.

Shawn Dineen, 17-year-old son of coach Bill Dineen of Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association, scored both Penticton goals.