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## White the hero with two goals

Kevin White is an aggressive hockey player, and at times, could be called chippy. However, Saturday night he took time out to become a goal scorer and lead Vernon Vikings to a 4-3 overtime win over Abbotsford Flyers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

White, who just completed a five-game suspension, scored the tying and winning goals.

The teams battled through a scoreless first period before Flyers opened up a 3-1 lead midway through the second. Kevin Krueger, Rick Greenwood and Jim Dobson scored for Abbotsford.

At 16:04 of the second period, Gary Gassoff narrowed the gap to 3-1, and a minute later, Ken Oulton banged in Gary Huth's rebound to reduce Flyers' lead to one goal.

### BACKHANDER

In the third period, Vernon pressed but was unable to beat Abbotsford goalie Larry Lozinski until White put in a shot at 15:50. Actually, the goal looked more like a pass than a shot. The rugged winger flipped a backhander from the boards that trickled through four players and eluded Lozinski.

Gassoff almost prevented overtime when he drilled a shot, just wide, at 19:58.

For the winner, White let a wicked slapshot go, right off the faceoff, at 3:37 of the overtime frame.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he has been after White to cutdown on the rough stuff.

Dye said, "Kevin can play hockey and doesn't have to retaliate on every hit to be valuable to us."

### 50 SAVES

Lozinski was brilliant in the Flyers' net with 50 saves, including 20 in the first period. Vernon netminder Keith Ferner blocked 32 shots.

Huth and Gassoff could easily have scored five goals each. Every time he was on the ice, Huth completely controlled the play. When he wasn't busy trying to bang the puck in himself, he was setting up Gassoff.

Vikings were assessed five of 11 minor penalties, three of five majors, and a game misconduct. Defenceman Gary Criss was ejected for starting a fight in the second period.

### NO COACH

Dye has not yet named a replacement for Gerry Wenman who resigned as coach last week. However, the Vernon GM doesn't seem to be

worried about the problem as his club continues to improve. After winning only once in their first eight starts, Vikings have won two straight, and the future looks bright.

Big defenceman Brian Maser arrived in town Sunday and will play Tuesday when Vikings travel to Merritt. Another blueliner, rookie Brad McDonald, who injured his knee three weeks ago, started skating today and may be ready for action this week.

Dye said, "And we won without Jack Lefley and Gary Gilchrist." Lefley went home to Spirit River on personal business while Gilchrist is trying out with Nelson Maple Leafs. Lefley will play Tuesday, while Gilchrist will return if he doesn't like Nelson.

In other weekend action, Kamloops lost to Nanaimo Clippers 5-3 and Maple Ridge Bruins 8-2, Merritt thumped Abbotsford 8-1, Penticton edged Kelowna 5-4, and Bellingham aced Langley Lords 8-7.

## Vernon club ladies' draw

### COMPETITION PIN ROUND

10 a.m. — A. Haber, M. Shea, D. Taylor.

10:06 a.m. — D. Gower, B. Pierce, T. Kirk.

10:12 a.m. — V. Keenan, E. Palfrey, E. Desnoyer.

10:18 a.m. — C. Mapson, B. Clarke, I. Billinski.

10 a.m. — E. Buchanan, J. Wetherill, V. Wallington.

10:06 a.m. — S. Pethick, I. Axelson, R. Macaskill.

10:12 a.m. — J. Wills, D. Corner, S. Ogasawara, T. Chapman.

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