

Vikings hurting for big games

Just when things were starting to go well for Vernon Vikings, the injury bug hit the club this week.

Vikings, who play two crucial games this weekend, will probably be without one veteran, and possibly more.

Team Captain Gary Gassoff jammed his thumb in Wednesday's game against Merritt and is listed as a doubtful starter. Centre Darcy Wilkinson collided with a goalpost in the same game and has a severely bruised leg. However, Wilkie will probably play.

In addition, the club has

assorted bumps and bruises.

Tonight, Vikings travel to Penticton to take on the red-hot Vees, while Saturday, Vernon hosts Bellingham Blazers.

Penticton has won three straight games since dropping a 5-2 decision to Vikings last week. Vees' latest victory was an impressive 7-3 win over Merritt Thursday night.

Blazers, with 12 Finnish players in their line-up, boast one of the best records in the BCJHL. Only time Vikings met Bellingham this season, the locals came out on the short end of a 4-1 score.