



"Never Mind George, It Could Happen To Bower!"

"Never mind George, it could happen to Johnny Bower," could be the words used by Vernon Junior Canadians' forward Gary "Buck" Sherk as he consoles goalie George Beck after Tuesday night's 10-3 loss to Kam-

loops Rockets. Odie Lowe's Juniors, without a win in four starts, travel north for a return game with the powerful Rockets Saturday night. Next home game is against Penticton Junior Vees Tuesday night.

Lowe Plays Hapless Canucks

Four straight losses is Vernon Junior Canadians' dismal record so far in the infant Okanagan Junior Amateur Hockey League, the latest being a humiliating 10-3 shellacking at the hands of Kamloops Rockets Tuesday night.

Canucks played it their way for two periods and found themselves 10-3 in arrears. Then they heeded the advice drummed into them time and again during games and practice and held the smooth-playing Rockets off the scoresheet in the final period.

Coach Odie Lowe nearly burst a blood vessel as he conducted his post-mortem in the dressing room. Lowe was doing all the talking, and the players were forced to do all the listening.

Lowe expressed his disgust at the fundamental misgivings of his squad in the first two periods. "I've watched some of you guys playing hockey now for seven years, and I know you have a better knowledge of the game than you displayed tonight."

Usually quiet, Odie cut into one player after the other, explaining their faults and telling them what he expected

when they meet Rockets again in the northern city Saturday night.

He placed an ultimatum before the members of his team involved with the North Okanagan Hockey League. "I don't mind you playing in the 'Bush league' when we're idle, but from now on any player turning out for an NOHL club when we're scheduled to play can stay there," he stormed.

Undoubtedly Lowe is having his player problems. At least five of his top pucksters couldn't make the trip to Kelowna Saturday night because of work and NOHL commitments.

The problem has been somewhat alleviated for the Kamloops trek because of the Armistice Day holiday.

Goalie George Beck, who has conceded 17 goals in two games, and has suffered a head gash and injured foot to boot, will be rested Saturday in favor of deposed custodian Bob Jones.

The Junior Canadians, so far rated poor cousins to other league entries, hope to receive their new uniforms in time for the Kamloops game. Maybe their sudden rags to

riches climb will have its effect on the playing ability of the club, and result in a win.

Next home game is against Penticton Junior Vees next Tuesday.

VALLEY FINAL HERE

VHS Soccer Squad Ready For Big Game

Vernon Panthers' soccer squad is preparing for Saturday's Soquel Cup final at MacDonald Park, but at press time the other finalist had not been decided.

Panthers edged Oliver 3-2 at Kelowna last Saturday to advance to their ninth Okanagan Valley High Schools Soccer championship in 10 years during which they have won the handsome Soquel Cup on no fewer than seven occasions.

However, it's still a battle between Kelowna, Rutland and Westbank for the other final berth. A close battle in league play has resulted in a three-way tie which will be broken by special playoff games this week.

Panthers' coach Nick Turik is sure of two things. The game will be played here, and it will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Provided good weather conditions prevail.

FIVE-PIN BOWLING

Pete Kuzel Ahead In Bid

Rockets Blast Off: Canucks In Orbit

Lowe's Words Have No Effect As Juniors Drop 4th Straight

VERNON 3, KAMLOOPS 10

"If you can't do the job in the next couple of games, we'll have to find somebody who can."

These words of coach Odie Lowe as he sent his Vernon Junior Canadians on the ice to face the powerful Kamloops Rockets here Tuesday night had little effect.

Rockets, led by Bill Donaldson and Jackie James, swamped the Canucks 10-3 for their fourth defeat in as many games.

Garry "Buck" Sherk was the one bright spot on the Vernon lineup, picking up a deuce and assisting in the other Vernon marker scored by Wayne Morris.

LACKED FINISH

But the Canadians lacked Kamloops' finish around the net. Centres moving up the ice without their wingmen, shots going wide of the cage and passes falling short of their target told the sad Canuck story.

Only in the scoreless third period did Vernon decide to play hockey. They methodically disorganized the Kamloops club and proved to themselves they could have made a better showing.

Kamloops blinked the red light after only 34 seconds of play when Donaldson ambled down right wing with only defenceman Warren Henry back. A quick pass to Glenn "Cowboy" Richards and the Rockets were on the scoresheet.

Less than two minutes later Brian Patterson, George Meridew and Ron Recchi put Kamloops two up, Patterson doing the honors.

LONESOME BECK

Rush after rush on lonesome goalie George Beck ended in Kamloops' third marker when Donaldson flicked the rebounding puck over Beck after a rush by James and Richards.

Vernon retaliated at 5:51 as Sherk and Dave Kowal set up Morris for the marker. Vernon pressure was short-lived, however, as George Meridew walked up to the Vernon net, pulled Beck and easily slid home.

Donaldson scored again from Richards and James as the "cowboy" skated from the corner, across the goalmouth and layed the puck on the stick of Donaldson who had 99 per cent of the net to shoot at.

Last tally of the period came on a play engineered by Donaldson and Patterson at 19:09. Bob Nishimura put the finishing touches on the play to give Kamloops a 6-1 first period lead.

The first part of the second period saw the play go both ways. Sherk was robbed of a tally shortly after the frame started by Kamloops netminder Peter Sternig who stretched himself sufficiently to deflect the puck numbered for the upper right corner.

Donaldson scored again for the Rockets at 1:15 from James, then with Vernon's Morris off for tripping, the hardworking pair clicked again. This time

James did the honors.

The Blues recuperated at 11:35. Morris compensated for his penalty by navigating from centre ice for a close-in drive. Sherk was where he should have been to scoop in the rebound.

Donaldson completed his hat-trick with the help of James at 16:06 of the second period. James received a brace for his evening's work.

The last Kamloops goal culminated a play by Glenn Madsen who carried the rubber the length of the ice around the net and out to Vic Minamide who in turn passed to Recchi for the counter.

The prettiest goal of the game was the 30-foot drive by Sherk

OJAHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops	2	0	0	22	3	4
Kelowna	2	0	0	12	7	4
Penticton	1	1	0	4	14	2
Vernon	0	4	0	12	26	0

to the lower right corner at 18:50. Morris and Don Roland set up the marker.

Vernon settled down to hold the Rockets scoreless during the third period. Beck, having an off night up to the third period, did his chores well in the final frame despite a head injury that required stitching.

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SOCCER

OVSL

Sunday: Penticton at Vernon
Kamloops at Kelowna

HOCKEY

OJAHL

Saturday: Vernon at Kamloops

NOHL

Sunday: Lumby vs Grindrod
Grandview vs Armstrong

Panthers At Penticton

Doug Cole's Vernon Panthers practised in the snow this week in preparation for their Okanagan-Mainline High Schools Canadian Football League game with Penticton Golden Hawks in the Peach City Saturday.

It was snow that cancelled Saturday's league program between Vernon and North Kamloops and Penticton and Kamloops.

Although there was no snow on the Penticton grid, Kamloops school officials decided against sending the Red Devils over icy roads to the southern Okanagan city.

Panthers have not played since their 14-12 loss to the front-running Kamloops squad

at Polson Park two weeks ago. "The enforced lay-off has had its effect on the boys."

"After all it's pretty hard to keep them physically and mentally prepared over a period of two or three weeks," Cole said Wednesday.

The co-holders of the Knights of Columbus Trophy still have a slim chance of retaining the coveted piece of silver. A combination of Vernon wins and Kamloops losses could result in a tie, but even at that Red Devils have a superior points average.

Panthers have rounded out their home games for the season. On November 18 they travel to North Kamloops for the last encounter.

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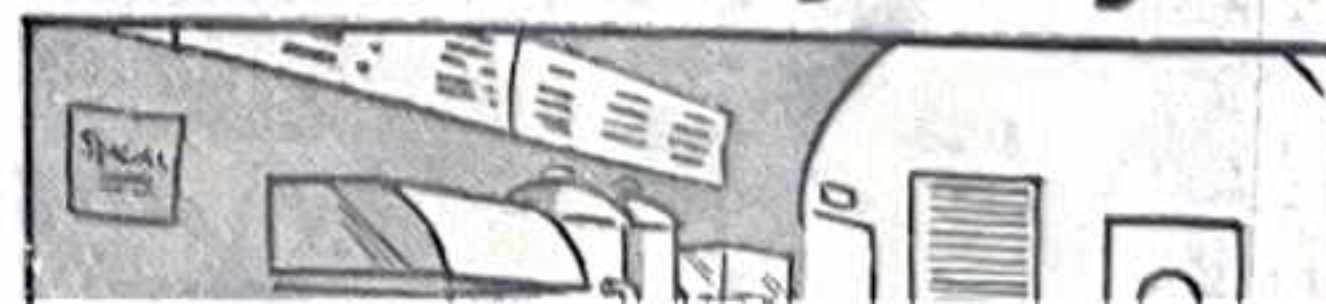
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Where's Everybody?



Grudge Game

Revived Monarchs Take On Frenchmen Saturday

Lumby Flying Frenchmen's efforts to fix an exhibition game with Penticton Intermediates Saturday night, have fallen through because of hunting arrangements made by several members of