

Juniors First Win Tuesday?

Vernon Junior Canadians are still seeking their first win in the Okanagan Junior Amateur Hockey League, but think they can get it when they face Penticton Junior Vees at the Civic Arena Tuesday night.

Coach Odie Lowe's Canucks have suffered five straight losses, but the Peach City boys aren't exactly world-beaters either.

While the Vernon contingent was collapsing to a lopsided defeat at the hands of the powerful Kamloops Rockets Saturday night, Penticton was losing its second game in as many nights to Brian

Roche's unbeaten Buckaroos.

From early form it would seem Vernon just doesn't match up to the league's other entries. But coach Lowe will tell you of player problems which are rapidly making the young Canucks the chopping block for the rest of the loop.

Once again Saturday, Canadians were short three or four of their top players. Defenceman Harry Wynnychuk and Don Roland and forward Dave Kowal had other plans and did not make the trip.

"Give me all these players and I think we'll break our

goose-egg Tuesday night," says Lowe.

On Saturday night goalie Bob Jones injured his catching hand and is doubtful against Vees. Regular custodian George Beck is out of favor with the coach, making diminutive netminder Larry Pirnak the likely choice should Jones fail to pass his fitness test.

Game time Tuesday night is eight o'clock.

OJAHL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	GF	GA	Pts
Kelowna	4	4	0	27	15	8
Kamloops	3	3	0	33	5	6
Penticton	4	1	3	12	39	2
Vernon	5	0	5	14	37	0

Scoreboard



HOCKEY OJAHL

Friday:

Penticton 4, Kelowna 9

Saturday:

Kamloops 11, Vernon 2

Kelowna 6, Penticton 4

No Blues Defence For Rocket Blitz

Vernon 2, Kamloops 11

Vernon Junior Canadians slumped home from Kamloops Saturday night after suffering an 11-2 thumping at the hands of the speedy Kamloops Rockets.

Ike Colter and Garry "Buck" Sherk were the lone Canuck marksmen, Sherk picking up his fifth in three consecutive games.

Bob Jones played a solid game between the pipes for the Canadians but on many occasions was the only Blue between the net and the attacking Rockets.

Kamloops scored their first goal with seconds left in the first period while defenceman Warren Henry was doing time for holding.

The goal added more flames to those already burning in the eyes of Lowe over the holding call.

Glenn Madsen scored the first Rocket marker on an assist from Bob Nishimura to take a 1-0 lead going into the second frame.

From then on, Kamloops scored an average of one a minute.

Vic Minamede, Bill Donaldson, Glenn "Cowboy" Richards and Terry Shishido each tallied in the second frame.

Colter's answer came at 17:00 of the second on an assist by Gordie Kineshanko, leaving the

blues a 5-1 deficit to face in the final period.

Nishimura opened the third period scoring at 4:36. Twenty-eight seconds later Ron Recchi tallied again for the Rockets from Glenn Madsen and Buck Crawford.

Sherk led the Blues back at 4:36 with the quality of goal he is becoming noted for, a good, clean shot to the upper right hand corner.

But it was all over for the Canucks. Minamide, Recchi and Richards each picked up another one for the Rockets with Bill Steinke adding the other to send the Canucks off the ice for the fifth time without a win.

First period: Kamloops, Madsen (Nishimura). Penalties: Kamloops, Recchi; Vernon, Henry.

Second period: Kamloops, Minamide (Nishimura); Donaldson (Stienke); Richards (James, Donaldson); Shisido (unass.); Vernon, Colter (Kineshanko). Penalties: Vernon, Henry; Kamloops, Donaldson, Gill.

Third period: Kamloops, Nishimura (Minamide); Recchi Crawford, Madsen); Minamide (Madsen, Shisido); Stienke (Madsen, Shisido); Richards (Crawford); Recchi (Crawford). Vernon, Sherk (unass.). Penalties: None.