



Seiko Ouchi Fired On Penticton Goal

Diminutive Seiko Ouchi fired a shot at Penticton Junior Vees' goalie Dale Harder during a sustained spell of Vernon pressure in Tuesday night's Okanagan Junior Amateur Hockey League overtime battle at the Civic Arena. Ouchi missed on this but his teammates smashed home six counters and came

close to garnering their first win of the infant OJHL season. Others in picture are Vernon's leading scorer Buck Sherk, and Penticton defenceman Lanny Nevison. The Junior Canadians travel to Kelowna Saturday night for their next outing.

Vernon News Photo

Beck Returns Saturday

George Beck will tend the goaltending chores Saturday night when Odie Lowe's Vernon Junior Canadians head south to face the Kelowna Buckaroos.

Beck, used only once since he returned from the Flin Flon Bombers to join the Blues, has been nominated to tame Buckaroo rubber while the Vernon squad goes after its first win.

But no matter how their averages, with three competitive netminders on hand, cage-dwellers are the least of Lowe's worries.

Besides Beck, there is Bob Jones, a lanky, likeable and able recruit from Westwold and young Larry Pirnak,

short on stature but long on heart.

All three have seen action with Canadians in the infant OJHL and "any one of them can do the job," says coach Lowe.

Odie's real problem is defencemen . . . or lack of them.

Saturday's game will see the newly outfitted Blues skate onto Orchard City ice with only one or at the most two defencemen.

Among those missing from the lineup will be Harry Wynnchuk who is unable to make Saturday road trips because of his job.

Harry said, "I'd like to go and I'll stick with the club on all other occasions, but I've got a good job and a future to think of. I just can't make it."

Garth Gill, out with a leg injury for Tuesday's game, is a doubtful starter Saturday.

Warren Henry and Dave McKay, who also had indefinite employment duties, are the only candidates for the Canucks' rear guard since the abdication of Garry Roland to take up duties with the league leading Lumby Flying Frenchmen of the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Also included in those not making the trip is Ike Coulter, a two-goal man in Tuesday's 7-6 loss to Penticton.

However, one guy will be there for sure and it can be counted on that as long as he has six men to accompany him, Odie Lowe will bet his spare time and competitive heart on Vernon coming home with a win.

PeeWees Clash As Coaches Pick All-Stars

Leading goaltender Bob Mayer will be looking for his fourth shutout of the season at 5:00 p.m. tonight when his PeeWee Totems go against the Blackhawks at Civic Arena.

Only two pucks have got by Mayer during the Totems four games played to date, giving him the league's best average.

The second game of the evening will feature the league-leading Canadians attempting to hang on to their undefeated record when they tangle with the Warriors at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, the Redwings play the Maple Leafs at 8:00 a.m. After the game the PeeWee All-Stars will hold their first workout of the season.

The team was picked at a meeting of PeeWee coaches last night.

Vees Edge Canucks In Overtime Drive

Blues Lose Sixth Straight Despite Last Minute Goals

VERNON 6, PENTICTON 7

Two goals late in overtime failed to turn the tide for the Vernon Junior Canadians Tuesday night as they suffered a heartbreaking 7-6 defeat at the hands of the Penticton Junior Vees.

"It was a tough one to lose," said coach Odie Lowe. Canucks had come back to tie it 1-1 in the first minute of the second period, but had dropped behind 4-2 at the end of the frame.

The third period saw a smooth working defence and a deadly accurate Vernon attack completely over-run Penticton to tie it 4-4 going into the overtime period.

FELL APART

The defence fell apart and Vees added three markers before the forwards could click in the overtime.

They finally did, however, with Ike Coulter doing honor to his new blue uniform by picking up a brace within one minute. But it was too late and the Canucks went down to defeat for the sixth consecutive time since the opening of the league.

Ed Schnieder scored the only goal of the first period on a pass out from the corner at 9:38. Harry Wynnchuk, steadily finding his pace, launched himself for a drive on the Vees' net after their marker but missed by inches.

The tying goal came at the 55-second mark of the second period. Speedy Wayne Morris carried the puck into the corner and laid a perfect pass on the stick of centre Seiko Ouchi on his knees in front of the net. Gary "Buck" Sherk picked up the rebound and flipped it in.

Penticton went ahead again at 2:13 on a long shot by Tommy Wells from the blue line which caught goalie Bob Jones looking.

Charlie Cuzzocrea poked in Penticton's third goal at 10:50

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on a pass from Lance Stiles.

Penticton scored again on a high shot that hit Dave McKay on the head and dropped into the net. Howie McNeil was awarded the tally.

Vernon thrilled the fans for the remainder of regulation time; with a tight defence and the exciting drives of Ouchi, Morris and Sherk.

SHERK'S SECOND

Sherk banged in his second marker on a three-way passing play by the hardworking line at 17:30 of the second. It was Buck's third two-goal effort of the season.

The Blues continued their attack in the third period, forcing Penticton to dump it down the ice a number of times.

Morris, digging from the faceoff after Penticton had been called for icing, planted it behind netminder Dale Harder after a quick shot by Wynnchuk.

Again they attacked and again they scored at Morris set up Warren Henry on the point

for the tying goal.

Three mistakes in the overtime period cost Canucks three goals and the game.

Two of the mistakes were loose pucks around the Vernon cage, the third was a pass that caught Wynnchuk covering the wrong man leaving a Penticton forward to waltz in home-free.

Coulter was on the spot for two fast Vernon goals that almost put them back in the game. At 7:50 he took a pass out from behind the net from Dale Sorochnik and a minute later was on the spot to poke it in an empty net after Wynnchuk had downed the goalie with a blistering shot from the blue line.

SUMMARY:

1st Period: Penticton, Schnieder (Cuzzocrea). **Penalties:** Nevison.

2nd Period: Vernon, Sherk (Ouchi, Morris); Sherk (Morris, Ouchi); Penticton, Wells; Cuzzocrea (Stiles); McNeil (Atwell, Nevison). **Penalties:** Ouchi, Roland, Wynnchuk, Nevison.

3rd Period: Vernon, Morris (Wynnchuk); Henry (Morris). **Penalties:** Roland, Wells.

Overtime: Vernon Coulter (Sorochnik); Coulter (Wynnchuk); Penticton, Cuzzocrea (McAstocker); Stiles (Wells); Mangan (Cuzzocrea). **Penalties:** none.

Alley-Owner May Install Automatic Pin-Setting Device

Owner of Vernon's Del Mar Bowling Alleys is contemplating semi-automatic pinsetters for his lanes to overcome the problems of obtaining reliable boys to do the job.

Norm Grove is shopping around for the fixtures which will require only half the number of man hours to operate and which will provide bowlers with faster facilities.

Nothing definite has been announced by Mr. Grove but he said something must be done to provide his patrons with good service.

Tuesday night, two teams participating in the ten pin bowling league left the alleys after the first game because of inadequate pinsetting.

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