

Pirnak For Beck At Penticton

Once again Vernon Junior Canadians came within a hairs-breadth of their first Okanagan Junior Amateur Hockey League win Tuesday night, losing by the odd goal.

Women's Curling For Tomorrow And Monday

Women's Afternoon Curling Club draws for tomorrow and Monday are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 24: Ryall vs Thorarinson, Davis vs I. McDonald, Weir vs M. McDonald, Maynard vs Stephen, Forsythe vs Anderson.

Monday, Nov. 27: Davis vs Stephen, Thorarinson vs Monk, Ryall vs Henschke, Forsythe vs Wells.

Advance Poll December 2

Advance poll for Vernon voting will be held Saturday, December 2, City Clerk Ian Garven announced this week.

The poll will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Eligible to vote at the poll will be those who are not in Vernon for the regular day of polling, December 7. Advance poll voters will be required to sign a statement to the effect that they are unable to be present for the regular voting.

League - leading Kelowna Buckaroos have twice been successful with single goal victories at the Civic Arena, while Penticton eked out a 7-6 decision in another encounter.

Coach Odie Lowe was mighty pleased at Tuesday night's display against the unbeaten Bucs. "I think the fans saw a fine game in which our boys gave all they had, but just ran out of steam in the final period."

On Tuesday's performance, Lowe predicted it wouldn't be too long before the Canadians were in the win column. In fact it will be a confident Vernon team that meets Penticton Junior Vees in the Peace City Friday night.

Star of Tuesday's thriller — goalie George Beck — will be replaced by diminutive Larry

Pirnak. "George was sensational against Kelowna, but we have two other goalies turning out regularly and plan to alternate them throughout the season," Odie explained.

Defenceman Harry Wynnychuk, sidelined through illness Tuesday, will be back in his accustomed position Friday.



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Schaefer Restrained By Referee Davidson

Action was hot and heavy during Tuesday night's game at Civic Arena between Vernon Junior Canadians and Kelowna Buckaroos. Two fights broke out during scoreless second period with Vernon leading 2-1. Above shows referee Art Davison holding Kelowna's Mar-

tin Schaefer after tussle with defenceman Warren Henry, number three, as Ed Haminishi, number five, and Vernon's Wayne Morris look on. Kelowna came from behind to win game 4-3 although the Canucks made their most promising appearance of the season.

Canadians Will Test NOHL's Coy Cup Chances Here Saturday Night

A statement made by former North Okanagan Hockey League president Bob Ballance several weeks ago, goes to the test Saturday night when Lumby Flying Frenchmen face the formidable Vernon Canadians at the Civic Arena.

The progressive Mr. "B" claimed through these columns that the "bush league" should consider entering a contender for the Coy Cup, emblematic of the provincial intermediate crown.

At the time, Bob's remarks found some opposition from several charter members of the six-

winger Gary Anderson.

Another productive vanguard this season has been the Joe Ostrass-Merv Koski, Party Derry trio. Youth is represented in Mannie Blaney, Earl Morrison, Leroy Martin and Gary Roland.

MORE GAMES PLANNED

Canadians plan to stage sev-

Eaters, plus several Western Hockey League clubs, have been invited to visit the Okanagan to test the strength of the Allan Cup contenders.

"Mark my words, Smokies will have a tough time getting past us in the playoffs," Lowe stated.

Starting time for Saturday's Lumby-Vernon clash is 8:30 p.m.

Blues Almost End Bucs Win Streak

Last Period Onslaught Kills Local Hopes Of First Points

VERNON 3, KELOWNA 4

Despite goaltending magic of George Beck and tireless drives of popular centre-man Seiko Ouchi, Vernon Junior Canadians were unable to withstand a third period onslaught by the league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos Tuesday night.

Some 150 fans at Civic Arena watched Brian Roche's Orchard City club come from behind to stretch their undefeated streak to seven consecutive games with a 4-3 win over Odie Lowe's Allison Juniors.

Beck worked the curse of voodoo on the rubber disc and only on four out of 44 occasions was the hex broken.

He brought standing ovations from the sparse crowd as time after time he dug himself out of a tangle of sticks and players with the puck in his hand.

Pups, Peewees And Bantams Play Tonight

Vernon Minor Hockey Association clubs launched their second round of schedules today after a shuffle of players to even up team strength.

Action got underway at 3:00 p.m. with the three sections of the Pups league taking to the ice.

At 5:00 p.m., the Peewees start their second round with Maple Leafs meeting the Totems and the Canadians tangling with the Blackhawks at 6:00.

Peewee All-Stars are put to their first test tonight at 7:00 in a game with the Blackhawks of the Bantam house league.

Bantam action continues at 8:00 with the undefeated Goldenhawks versus the Flintstones.

Minor hockey schedule for Saturday is as follows:

Peewees: 8:00 a.m.—Totems vs Canadians; 9:00 a.m.—Redwings vs Warriors.

Bantams: 10:00—Bloopers vs Panthers; 11:00 a.m.—Flintstones vs Comets.

Lead Narrows In Roll-Offs Eliminations

INSPIRED HOCKEY

Beck's accomplishments were not in vain. Although losing, Canucks played inspired hockey through most of two periods. Their heads were up and passes were on target. They stopped the Bucks cold at centre ice, organized in their own end when going got tough and galloped down the ice to work their own magic.

But they ran out of steam, became disorganized and relied more and more on Beck as the game progressed.

Kelowna took the lead at 7:15 of the first period as Sonny Herbst moved out of the corner and across the goal mouth, shooting as almost an afterthought while going by.

But the Allison Juniors were playing too well. Warren Henry, easily thwarted a Kelowna rush and dumped out to Seiko Ouchi at centre.

Ouchi, displaying a surprising shot this season, let go as he crossed the blue-line full tilt and in it went for the tying marker.

Kelowna never got started for the remainder of the period. Ike Colter, up from juvenile ranks, banged it in front of Kelowna goalie Sid Shussel leaving Jim Stevens to fire it in and put Vernon in the driver's seat.

Score remained 2-1 through the second frame which featured just about everything a fan could wish for. Tempers began to fly during close, well-engineered plays and good defence work by both clubs and at 5:05 Kelowna's Martin "Mutzy" Schafer and Canuck Dave MacKay tangled on the boards to receive five-minute majors.

Schafer was again sent off three minutes after he returned to the ice, but Vernon couldn't capitalize with the man advantage before Gary "Buck" Sherk, rightwinger for the highly-productive Wayne Morris, Ouchi, Sherk line, was sent off for kneeing.

Sherk and Buckaroo badman Phil Lardin also received five minute majors for fighting in the second period. Lardin received two minutes extra for a slashing blow that caught Sherk on the neck before the fight.

Kelowna took 3-1 scoring honors over a tired Vernon club in the third period.

Elmer Arrance scored the tying marker at 1:01 then Buckaroos went one up at 14:10 on a slider off the stick of Captain Bob Gruber. Beck was screened on the shot.

Fred Thomas backhanded what proved to be the winning goal at 14:27.

Ouchi rallied his tiring wingmen for the last time at 17:48. He held the puck in Kelowna territory, Wayne Morris picked it up, skated around the net, then out to Ouchi waiting in front.

1st Period: 1, Kelowna, Herbst; 2, Vernon, Ouchi (Henry); 3, Vernon, Stevens (Colter). **Penalties:** None.

2nd Period: No scoring. **Penalties:** MacKay, Schafer (3), Sherk, Lardin, Sherk (5 min. fighting), Lardin (5 min. fighting), Henry.

3rd Period: 4, Kelowna, Herbst (Arrance); 5, Kelowna, Gruber; 6, Kelowna, Thomas; 7, Vernon, Ouchi (Morris). **Penalties:** Henry, Lardin.

Speedy Buckaroo Centremen Given Two-Game Suspension

Martin Schaefer, flashy forward of the Kelowna Buckaroos, has received a two-game suspension as a result of Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League action at Penticton two weeks ago.

OJHL president Bill Brown said today that Schaefer's suspension follows his being awarded a misconduct penalty and a match penalty in the game with the Junior Vees.

Brown said the suspension will be effective during Kelowna-Penticton games December 1 and 2.