

Centremen Seiko Ouchi Among OJHL Leaders

Smooth - skating Kamloops Rocket centremen Jackie James leads Okanagan Junior A Hockey League point-getters with 15 goals and 19 assists in statistics released today.

Junior Canadian centre Seiko Ouchi is the only Vernon representative among the top ten.

Ouchi, scoreless through the past five games, has picked up six goals and seven assists for 13 points and a 10th place tie with Kamloops' Ron Recchi.

TEAM STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops	13	11	2	0	97	34	22
Kelowna	14	9	4	1	78	52	19
Penticton	13	5	8	0	44	72	10
Vernon	14	1	12	1	42	103	3

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	Pts
James, Kam.	13	15	19	34
Donaldson, Kam.	12	10	21	31
Gruber, Kel.	14	19	12	31
Richards, Kam.	13	19	10	29
Minamide, Kam.	13	15	11	26
Madsen, Kam.	13	7	16	23
Cuzzocrea, Pen.	12	13	8	21
Scafer, Kel.	12	12	6	18
Thomas, Kel. ...	12	7	8	15
Nishimura, Kam	13	7	8	15
Horning, Kel. ...	10	5	9	14
Crawford, Kam.	13	2	12	14
Recchi, Kam. ...	13	8	5	13
Ouchi, Ver.	12	6	7	13

GOALKEEPERS RECORDS

	GP	GA	Avg.
Sternig, Kam.	12	30	2.50
Shussel, Kel.	10	37	3.70
Kennedy, Kel.	4	15	3.75
Harder, Pen.	10	53	5.30
Beck, Ver.	7	50	7.14
Jones, Ver.	5	43	8.60

LEAGUE LEADERS

Points: Jackie James, 34.

Goals: Gruber and Richards, 19.

Assists: Donaldson, 21.

Pen. in Min.: Phil Larden, Kelowna, 66.

Game Win. Goals: Richards and Thomas, 3.

Hat Tricks: Richards, 4.

Shutouts: Sternig, 2.

Hubner Paces VHS Panthers To Hoop Win

Pete Hubner led the Vernon Panthers to a 36-28 exhibition high school basketball victory over Lumby at Vernon High School Gym Monday.

Hubner netted nine baskets and three free-throws to gross the night's high of 21 points.

Taking scoring honors for the Lumby five was G. Dickson with 10 points.

Nick Turik's Panthers are showing a lot of improvement of late and are a good bet to show well in the high school basketball tournament hosted by Kamloops this weekend.

Quesnel, Kelowna, Lumby, Penticton, Salmon Arm, North Kamloops and Oliver are entered in the tourney along with Kamloops and Vernon.

First Europeans to visit the Indonesian island of Celebes were the Portuguese in 1512.



Infant OJAHL Has Stormy Start

Penticton Protest Thrown Out, Kelowna And Kamloops Fined

Okanagan Junior A Hockey League, although producing some fine and exciting hockey, has already left a stormy imprint in the minds of valley hockey fans.

Protests, suspensions and free-for-alls are old hat to the young league.

PROTEST LODGED

Latest problem encountered by league president Bill Brown is a protest lodged by the Penticton Junior Vees over a game played in Vernon December 5.

Vernon Junior Canadians gained a 5-3 victory over the Vees and their only win of the season.

Penticton lodged the protest contesting a call early in the third period which sent Penticton defender Lanny Nevison off the ice with two minutes for abusive language.

Vees contended that the penalty should have been a 10-minute misconduct that would not have left the Vees a man short and therefore not as vulnerable to the Vernon attack.

Vernon scored once during the two minutes Nevison was off.

However, Brown stated today that "a referee's decision must be upheld by the OJAHL executive."

THROWN OUT

In throwing out the protest, Brown pointed out that there is no rule against a two-minute penalty for abusive language.

Brown said that while a misconduct "shall" or can be handed out, "the rule book does not say a player must receive a

Progress Made In Forming Of Ski Club Here

A temporary guiding committee of the Vernon Ski Club, presently in the first stages of revival, will meet Thursday night to discuss further steps in reorganization of the club.

A general meeting of ski enthusiasts in the area last week elected the committee to investigate premier moves in getting the club underway.

Vernon Ski Club is already a charter organization but the club's charter has to be dug up and the necessary amendments made to suit the new club's needs.

Comprising the committee are Russ Cross, Henry Arens, Ken Dobson, Dale Brooker, Dave Pollock, Jim King and John Holms. Two members of the junior section will also be named.

About 50 skiers attended the general meeting Tuesday and discussed various aims to be undertaken this season.

One of the main ideas presented was the setting up of free ski lessons, a tremendous undertaking but one that would do a great deal in promoting skiing on Silver Star.

Another idea mentioned was the further development of Silver Star cross-country runs and the co-ordination of cross-country tours.



Wednesday, December 13

7:00 p.m.—1, Stephen vs Coley; 2, Mullen vs Sorenson; 3, D. French vs Ogasawara; 4, Bowes vs Clarke; 5, Schell vs Brown.

9 p.m.—Kinnard vs D. Brown, 2, Tinkham vs Sammartino; 3, Shockey vs Mills; 4, Jenner vs Schmidt; 5, Hall vs G. Green.

Thursday, December 14

7:00 p.m.—1, McWilliams vs

Blues Match Bucs For OJAHL Draw

BARON GETS BRACE

Sash Inspires Aces To First NOHL Victory

Salmon Arm 3, Grandview 0

Inspired by the sensational goaltending of Larry Sash, Salmon Arm Aces blanked Grandview Warriors 3-0 in the Shuswap city Saturday night to chalk up their first win of the North Okanagan Hockey League campaign.

Sash, a former prairie junior and now with the RCMP in Salmon Arm, turned aside 32 shots as he recorded his shut-out.

At the other end Warriors had Bob Jones substituting for George Beck, who was on junior duty at Kelowna. Jones came up with another fine effort making 35 stops.

After a scoreless first period, Aces grabbed the only marker in the second, and exploded for two more in the final canto.

Salmon Arm hero was captain Pete Baron who moved back into attack for two goals. The single was tallied by defenceman John Macko.

Baron notched his first at 10:41 of the mid-session culminating a three-way play with Garth Scott and Jim Moore.

With 3:21 clocked in the third, Macko put the finishing touch on a rush with Ralph Pierson and Frank Pouncy. Four minutes later Pete Baron grabbed an unassisted marker to round off the scoring.

As indicated Salmon Arm outshot Grandview 35-32. Twelve penalties, seven to Grandview, were handed out.

Comets Tackle Tough Pee wee Reps Thursday

Pee wee representative team will be looking for another upset Thursday night when it tangles with one of the Bantam house league teams.

Last week the Reps downed the Bantam Flintstones 4-2.

Last-Minute Goal By Sherk Forces Game Into Overtime

Vernon Junior Canadians and Kelowna Buckaroos fought to a 5-5 overtime tie Tuesday night in a see-saw Okanagan Junior A Hockey League game which once again proved the Canucks can match any team in the league.

Gary "Buck" Sherk scored with a minute remaining in the third period to force the game into overtime and salvage Vernon's third point of the season.

After taking a 13-1 drubbing in Kelowna Saturday, the Blues were expected to be a push-over for the hard-hitting Buckaroos.

NO PUSHOVER

But Coach Odie Lowe and a full roster of Canucks had other ideas as they rushed, checked and back-checked to rack up a 3-1 lead by late in the second frame.

Kelowna bounced back at 14:47 of the second period and added two more in the third to take the lead and set the stage for Sherk's tying marker.

Kelowna goalie Sid Shussel was shaken up in the play ending in Sherk's goal. Coach Brian Roche got up a full head of steam over the goal and the injury and left the bench to speak to referee Harold Thorlakson.

GAME MISCONDUCT

Roche spent the remainder of the game in the stands after being assessed with a game misconduct for obscene language.

Kelowna blinked the light at 2:50 of the first period to open the scoring when Ian Angus flipped the rubber over Bob Jones in the Vernon net.

Vernon organized quickly and less than a minute later Sherk passed out from the corner to Bob Stein barrelling in from the blue line.

Stein, rapidly becoming one of the Canucks' most valuable assets, slapped it in before Shussel could move.

The Blues added another at 14:10 on a rush by Dale Soro-chuk, Ike Colter and Jim Stevens. All had a poke at it before Soro-chuk slipped it into the corner to put Vernon one up.

STEIN TAKES TWO

Stein notched his second counter of the night and the sixth in three games on another

pass from Sherk halfway through the middle period but Kelowna's high-scoring centre Martin Schaefer eased his way through the Vernon defences and put the Bucks back in the game at 15:47.

Schaefer, again displaying his dippy-doodle style of skating and stick handling, knotted it for the Bucks at 6:02 of the final frame while Canuck defenceman Gordie Kineshanko was off for slashing.

Then Kelowna took the lead on a marker by Russ Evans assisted by Sonny Herbst.

Hustling Wayne Morris and Kelowna's Ken Haminishi were sent off for fighting at 16:58 but Morris was back on the ice in time to flip a pass to Sherk for the deadlock at 18:59.

Vernon took the incentive at 2:03 of the overtime when Kineshanko took a pass laid on his stick by Al McBride and fired it in.

FOUGHT BACK

But a seemingly tireless Kelowna club fought back to send in Evans, Angus and captain Bob Gruber on a three-way play with Evans doing the honors to tie the final knot and cheat Vernon from another win on home ice.

Summary:

1st Period: 1. Kelowna, Culley (Kasabuchi); 2. Vernon Stein (Sherk); 3. Vernon Soro-chuk (Colter, Stevens). Penalties: Sherk, Schaefer.

2nd Period: 4. Vernon, Stein (Sherk); 5. Kelowna, Kasabuchi. Penalties: Arrance.

3rd Period: 6. Kelowna, Schaefer; 7. Kelowna, Evans (Herbst); 8. Vernon, Sherk (Morris). Penalties: Kineshanko, Angus, Culley (10 minute misconduct), Haminishi, Morris.

Overtime: 9. Vernon, Kineshanko (McBride); 10. Kelowna, Evans (Angus, Gruber). Penalties: none.

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