

# Canucks Trek To Kamloops Saturday

Vernon Junior Canadians hit the road again Saturday as they make the trek northward to the home of Kamloops Central Rockets.

Coach Odie Lowe is expected to have a hard time rounding up enough players to make the jaunt because of the proximity to Christmas which is keeping a lot of the boys busy at part time work.

Attempts to reschedule the game were thwarted last night when Rocket officials informed league president Bill Brown that the Kamloops club would have to pay for the ice time in the Kamloops arena whether it was used or not.

Meanwhile, plans are being finalized here for the Boxing Day afternoon tilt when the Junior Canucks host Don Slater's Penticton Junior Vees at the Civic Arena.

If past games are any indication, the Boxing Day game should provide plenty of action for fans enjoying "family day" at the arena. Price per family is \$1.00.

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# Five Goal Outburst Crushes Blues Lead

## Canucks Crash And Burn In Rockets' 2nd Period Drive

VERNON 4, KAMLOOPS 8

Vernon Junior Canadians went from the sublime to the ridiculous Tuesday night as the Kamloops Rockets banged home five goals to crush Canucks' 2-1 lead in the second stanza of an Okanagan Junior A Hockey League contest here.

The Blues, after displaying superior talents to the league-leaders during the first period, seemed to forget all they had learned in past hockey wars as the Rockets flashed through almost at will to pace their 8-4 win on the strength of second period goals.

The Vernon squad did a drastic switch back to a once-again contentious team which matched the northerners two for two in the final frame.

Jackie James lengthened his lead in the scoring race by conveying four Kamloops goals, three of them in the middle period.

Leading the Vernon attack with a brace was Dave Kowal, playing his second game since coming out of semi retirement to provide some of the much-needed junior strength in coach Odie Lowe's line-up.

Kamloops' tallies had to be well-constructed and labelled to humble the efforts of lanky Westwold netminder Bob Jones in the Vernon cage.

Jones consistently robbed Kamloops attackers with long lonely limbs left behind to ward off rubber while the rest of him untangled from where the play used to be. He turned away 41 potential goals while Pete Sternig, still within his rights as a midget, stopped 29 pucks thrown at him in the Kamloops net.

Canadians were first on the scoresheet at 4:28 of the first



DAVE KOWAL

### ... Two-Goal Comeback

period when defenceman Warren Henry held in at the point and passed ahead to Kowal who flicked it over to Ike Colter heading towards the net at point blank range.

Pass was waist high but Colter connected to bat it past Sternig for the first tally.

Kamloops answered less than two minutes later on a three-way play by Glen Madsen, Vic Minamide and Bob Nishimura; Nishimura finalizing the effort.

But the Canadians were working too smoothly and efficiently to leave the Rockets unscathed in the remainder of the period.

Kamloops defence was finally disorganized at 17:42 long enough for Reg Main to take a loose puck in the corner and slide it to Kowal for the marker.

But it was all over for the Blues in the second. Kamloops notched the first at 8:27 then scored an average of one every three minutes thereafter.

Minamide scored the first followed by Buck Crawford, then James proceeded with three of his.

James didn't stop there. He opened the third period scoring at 5:57 on a short pass from Bob Steinke.

Vernon slowly became disorganized and at 6:40 Dale Soro-chuk was Johnny on the spot from 15 feet out. Kowal followed up with his second at the halfway mark but the faint threat ended there.

Kamloops completed the scoring at 13:31.

1st Period: 1. **Vernon**, Colter (Kowal and Henry); 2. Kamloops, Nishimura (Madsen, Minamide); 3. **Vernon**, Kowal (Main) **Penalties:** Kowal, Nuyens.

2nd Period: Kamloops, Minamide (Nishimura, Shishido); 5. Kamloops, Crawford; 6. James (Richards); 7. Kamloops, James (Richards, Recchi); 8. Kamloops James (Richards); **Penalties:** Wynnychuk, Richards, Morris, Steinke.

3rd Period: 9. Kamloops, James (Cochran); 10. **Vernon**, Soro-chuk; 11. **Vernon**, Kowal (Sherk); 12. Kamloops, Richards (Cochran); **Penalties:** Henry.

### O.J.A.H.L. STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kaml'ps	13	2	0	111	40	26
Kelowna	9	5	1	80	56	19
Penticton	6	8	0	50	74	12
Vernon	1	14	1	48	117	3