

Bucs Here For Return Junior Game Tonight

Kelowna 4, Vernon 1

Junior Canadians host Kelowna Buckaroos in a return Okanagan Junior A Hockey League tilt at Civic Arena tonight.

Saturday night, Canucks travelled to the Orchard City and were defeated 4-1 by the Bucks in a fast-skating contest that saw Kelowna win on the strength of three goals in the first period.

Odie Lowe's squad skated on the ice determined to pick up their first win away from home.

Canucks carried the play for the first five minutes, doing everything but putting the puck in the net. However, a let-up in Vernon defences allowed a quick pass out from Perry Romeo to Ian Angus who slapped it in from point blank range to open the scoring.

Less than three minutes later, while Canuck Ike Colter was sitting out a slashing penalty, Kelowna's Phil Lardin rifled one from the point to put the Bucks two up.

Kelowna's third goal came just after the half-way mark of the opening frame on an unassisted counter by leading marksman Bob Gruber.

Canucks made few mistakes from then on. Al McBride tallied once for Vernon in the second period, answered by Kelowna; then the teams held one another

SICAMOUS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peters with their daughters, are spending the holiday season at the home of Mrs. Peters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Tapp of Point Grey, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maier and Carol are guests of the Maiers' eldest daughter Mary, Mrs. Gordon Stewart, her husband and family of Calgary.

Bruce Kallio of UBC and his sister Judy from Castlegar are home for Christmas and New Year. Lionel Seed, Anne and Allen Holm, all UBC students, are also home for the festive season; also Barrie Seed from Calgary Tech. Earl Hyde, now stationed at Penhold, Alberta, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meston. Yvonne Tokosh has returned from Quesnel to visit her parents and many friends in the district.

Word has been received of the death of S. E. Leininger on December 18, father of Mrs. Fred Read, at his home in Idaho. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, two sons and 12 grandchildren.

The John Stadnicki home was brightened by the homecoming of their young son Buddy, from school in Vancouver, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Nellie McKay, now teaching at Chetwynd near Dawson Creek.

scoreless in the final session.

Tonight's encounter, the first of the new year for the Canucks, promises to provide close action. Last time the teams met on Vernon ice the game was held at a 4-4 overtime tie.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Scoreboard

HOCKEY OJAHL

Friday:

Penticton 3, Kamloops 2

Saturday:

Kelowna 4, Vernon 1

Monday:

Kelowna 8, Penticton 5

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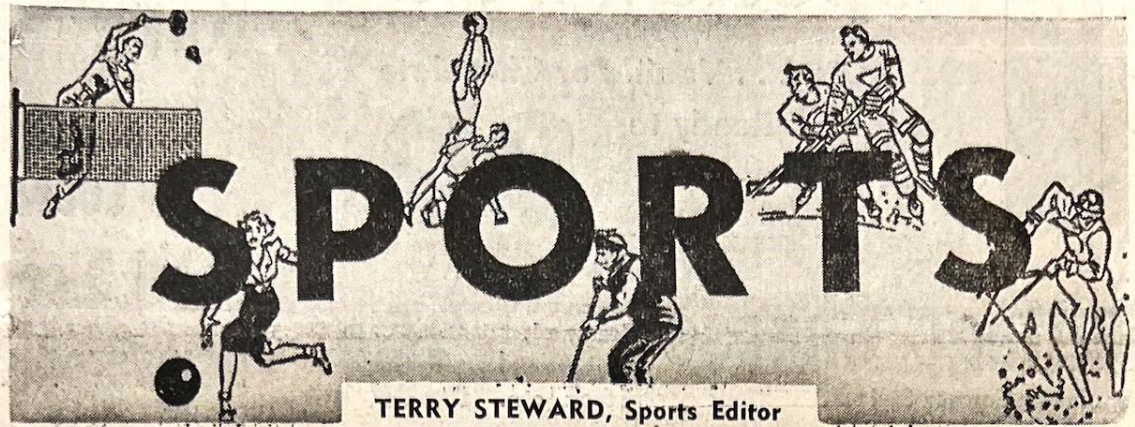
Saturday:

Head of Lake 3, Grindrod 5

Ken Tarnow	10	0	10
Mike Sigalet	9	1	10
Gerry Vachon	7	3	10
Wayne Balcombe	7	2	9
Rick Benson	7	2	9
Brian Sherk	4	4	8
John Ross	7	0	7
Mike Perepolkin	6	1	7
Kerry Smith	2	5	7

GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS

	GP	GA	Ave
Bob Mayer	8	8	1.00
Don McGee	4	4	1.00
Eddie Forslund	7	10	1.43
Keith Corrigan	11	16	1.45
Brian Pitman	12	21	1.75
Allan Alexander	9	18	2.00
Glen Pillar	12	25	2.08



Decision Made

Juveniles To Stay In Junior Ranks

Vernon will continue to ice as aggressive a junior team as possible for the remainder of the season as a result of a decision by juvenile coach Dave MacKay and Junior Canadian coach Odie Lowe.

With the inter-city juvenile league opening Thursday, a decision had to be made as to whether MacKay would utilize the juvenile playing with the Canucks to form a strong club in the juvenile league or whether they would be left in junior ranks.

There are some 10 or 11 juveniles seeing regular action with the Canadians and the loss of these players would leave the junior club too short-handed to complete the season.

MacKay stated, "our main aim at the moment is to help hockey and promote a strong minor hockey association within the area."

"I've worked with these boys for the past few years and finally am in a position where we could ice an exceptionally strong juvenile club," said MacKay, "but as much as I hate to do it, I see no other way but to leave them with the juniors."

Lowe had stated flatly, "it

will finish the Canadians right now if the juveniles are removed."

MacKay, former National Hockey League competitor, remarked that the midgets under coach Tom Stecyk have some 40 players turning out and have a potentially strong midget entry for their league opening today with Vernon at Kelowna.

He said, "It all boils down to

this. We'll have to concentrate on the midgets, I'll stay with the juveniles that are left and bring up a few midgets to strengthen the team and we'll sign the juveniles playing with the Canadians on junior cards."

Among the juveniles playing with Lowe's Canucks is Gary "Buck" Sherk, tenth in the OJAHL scoring race, and one of the Blue's strongest players.

Also playing with the Canucks, is Bob Stein who, although producing well for the junior squad, is still of midget age.

The lengthy meeting was ended on a word of cheer by MacKay to Lowe and his cellar-dwelling juniors: "Come playoffs you could surprise everybody. It's been done before."



ODIE LOWE
Without Juveniles we're finished



DAVE MacKAY
Could Have Been Strong

CURLING

- Monday, January 1—**
7 p.m.—Business Girls.
9 p.m.—Open.
- Tuesday, January 2—**
7 p.m.—Unplayed games.
9 p.m.—Unplayed games.
- Wednesday, January 3—**
7 p.m.—1, Mullen vs Brown; 2, D. French vs Clarke; 3, Schell vs McCarthy; 4, Nakoneckny vs Coley; 5, Ferguson vs W. French.
9 p.m.—1, Kinnard vs Mills; 2, Townsend vs G. Green; 3, Briggs vs Brisco; 4, Tinkham vs Schmidt; 5, Shockey vs McDonald.
- Thursday, January 4—**
1, Poggemiller vs Chesser; 2, Foord vs Scott; 3, Bowes vs LeBlond; 4, McWilliams vs Sorenson; 5, Stephen vs Ogasawara.
9 p.m.—Business Girls.

A cord of seasoned wood will give as much heat as a ton of coal. Wood leaves only 60 pounds of ash, whereas a ton of coal leaves 200 to 300 pounds. Old trees and stunted, deformed, diseased or injured trees should be cut for this purpose so that the forest may be actually improved by the fuel harvest, just as a garden is improved by weeding.

BCAHA Frowns Upon Plans To Produce Allan Cup Team

Aspirations of Vernon hockey figure Odie Lowe to produce an Allan Cup contender from the Vernon Canadians are being frowned upon by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association.

Lowe said he talked with association secretary Jim Anderson and was informed the Canadians would not be able to launch themselves on the Allan Cup trail because of their so-called all-star status.

Lowe's plans were to gather as many of the old Vernon Canadians together as possible and add players from Kelowna and Penticton.

Lowe stated he still intends to sign the players and send their cards to the association for final decision.

"I think maybe if we show we are serious about the undertaking, they will reverse their decision," he said.

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