

Sports Round-Up

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Players signed from Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton and cards forwarded with a bundle of money to BCAHA secretary **Jim Anderson** . . . but thinking still seems to be it's no go for an Okanagan aspirant to the Allan Cup. Official word expected soon and am waiting for reason **why not**.

But one league flourishes . . . NOHL meeting Monday night at 8:00 in National Hotel. Agenda: bush league all-stars which raises the question could the Junior Canucks beat a hustling team of NOHL all-stars. Chances are we will see. Best to Frenchman **Bob Glenn**, out for the season with a shoulder separation.

And for those wondering . . . Vernon did **not** win the B.C. Senior B Lacrosse championship but neither did Victoria. Championship suspended for one year and word is that the association has a definite proposal as to where the dollars come from in future Senior B finals.

Fishermen are reminded expiry date on fishing licences has been extended from December 31 to April 30. Licence bought **now** is good until April 30, 1963 and features the steelhead-card-punch. Card is punched when a steelhead is caught. Government was previously thinking of selling the system but have since decided to give it away. Use: to account for size and number of steelhead taken from B.C. waters.

On the Brier trail . . . **Bill Clark** rink currently topping men's league with 12 wins, two ties and no losses, is set to meet **Cam LeBlond** to decide second Vernon representative in zone play-downs. **Gerry Green** foursome has already made the grade.

Treading heavily often achieves desired effects but occasionally results in last laughs . . . so to Civic Arena where a good chuckle was had after Tuesday night's junior tilt in which our Canucks posed a few problems for their would-be oppressors. Actually, **Odie Lowe's** squad won the game and the joke would seem to stem from words arriving here same day as victory. . . . Vernon Canadians are certainly no problem. . . . "Unquote. Fine example of eating your words by our philosophical sports columnist to the South.

With that . . . I predict a 5-3 win for Canucks in travels further South Friday and to scribe **Stan Kelly** of the hosting club . . . get your names right!

17 Rinks Expected Here For Legion Bonspiel On Weekend

Seventeen rinks from Vernon, Kelowna, Lumby and Salmon Arm have entered the Legion Zone Bonspiel here Saturday and Sunday.

The rinks, seven representing Vernon, will all have a shot at "A" event honors but will also have the "B" and consolation events to shoot for if knocked from "A."

Legion Dominion Bonspiel is also getting underway with four rinks due to meet each other to decide the Vernon representative in the North Okanagan Zone playdowns here February 3 and 4.

Mara Lakers Tie NOHL Team

MARA, Jan. 2. — The Mara Lakers senior hockey team played their first game of the season against Armstrong Cougars last Wednesday night.

Game was played hard and fast by both teams and ended in an 8-8 tie.

Armstrong Cougars only had five of their regular players available and had to muster a few recruits from the sidelines, while Mara Lakers team was strengthened by some out-of-town players.

Allan Robertson, home on holidays from Victoria, Daryl Koskimaki of Enderby, who plays on the Grindrod Elks team in the NOHL and George Halverson also of Enderby, formed the star line for Mara.

Robertson tallied five times with Koskimaki assisting each time. Koskimaki also scored once with an assist from Robertson, while Halverson scored once with an assist from Carl Thomas who played on defence, and Benny Zettergreen also scored one goal.

For the Cougars, K. Screen tallied three times, while Dick Ramsey, Swartz, Mills, Johnson and Demalenko scored one goal apiece.

Bill Zettergreen, Jr., was back in fine form for Mara and played his usual good game after having the misfortune of breaking his leg in last season's NOHL, where he was on the Grindrod Elks' defence line.



Charlie just slipped out to go to The Vernon News to place a Want Ad to sell his far too big a suit. Charlie does the right thing. Vernon News Want Ads are very reasonable and so effective. If you have anything to rent, sell, swap, buy, just phone . . .

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Skating Club Competitions Here Sunday

Vernon Figure Skating Club competitions will be held at the Vernon Civic Arena on Sunday, January 7.

Deadline for entries from members is January 5. Entry fee is 25c, to be paid in advance.

Anyone having club competition trophies in their possession is asked to turn them in immediately for presentation on Sunday.

Rehearsals are underway for the 11th annual Silver Blades Ice Revue, which will be held February 16 with all club members requested to attend each session for carnival practice.

Figure Skating Club rates have been cut in half as of the beginning of January. New members joining immediately will be able to participate in the carnival.

Children 12 years and under skate each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Junior Blues Showing Well On The Road

A more enthusiastic-than-ever team of Vernon Junior Canadians travel to Penticton Friday to tangle with Don Slater's Junior Vees in an Okanagan Junior A Hockey League contest.

Canucks, spirited by their win over Kelowna Buckaroos Tuesday, have been showing well both at home and on the road, in the past few games and are expected to continue to do so against the third-place Vees.

Odie Lowe's squad, up until recently, had been unable to get off the ground away from home, mostly because employment commitments kept a lot of the players from travelling.

However, in a game with the Bucks at Kelowna Saturday, Vernon was at full strength and Brian Roche's club was hard-put to eke out the 4-1 victory.

CURLING

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.

Friday, January 5—
7:00 P.M.
 1. Shockey vs G. Green; 2. Kinnard vs Schmidt; 3. Tinkham vs D. Browne; 4. Adams vs McDonald; 5. Townsend vs Brisco.

9:00 P.M.
 1. Churchill vs Marsland; 2. Bery vs A. Green; 3. Briggs vs Kurbis; 4. Jenner vs Mills; 5. Hall vs Sammartino.

LADIES' AFTERNOON
Friday, 2:00 P.M.
 1. I. McDonald vs M. McDonald; 2. Thorarinn vs S. Munk; 3. Maynard vs LeBlond; 4. Ryall vs Anderson; 5. Forsythe vs Henschke.

2 x 4 LEAGUE
Sunday, 7:00 P.M.
 1. Howrie's 3 vs Okanagan 3; 2. Pioneer 2 vs Vernon Lumby; 3. Howrie's 2 vs Pioneer 3; 4. Okanagan 1 vs Okanagan 2; 5. Howrie's 1 vs Pioneer 1.

Local Midgets Meet Kelowna

Vernon Midgets will be out to avenge their first loss of the season tonight when the Kelowna Midgets play a return game at 8:00 o'clock in the Civic Arena.

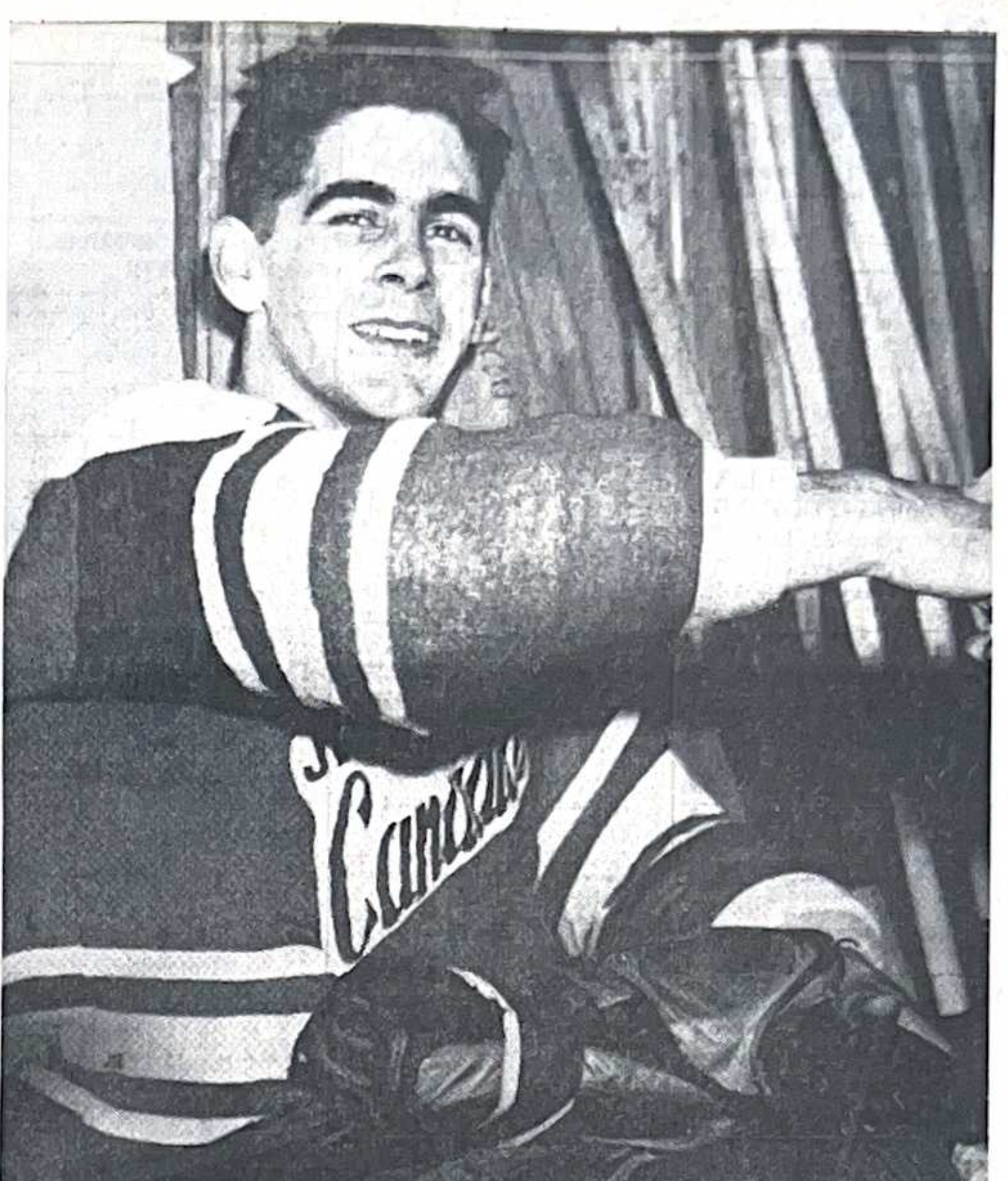
Despite the efforts of netminder Mike Luchenko, Tom Stecyck's locals suffered a surprising 7-2 loss at the hands of Kelowna in the first game of the midget league in the Orchard City Tuesday night.

Kelowna hoisted three goals to Vernon's one in the first period, scored two unanswered tallies in the second, then out-scored Stecyck's crew 2-1 in the final frame.

Twelve penalties were handed out in the contest, Kelowna taking nine of them.

Mike Clarke scored Vernon's only two goals on assists by Vern Colley and Ted Palm while Doug Bailey led the southern scoring punch with two goals and an assist.

Vernon had previously beaten Kelowna twice in exhibition games and were favored to take Kelowna in the league-opener last Tuesday.



Another Fine Performance
 Junior Canadian netminder Bob Jones jokes with cameraman as he receives congratulations for his brilliant efforts against Kelowna Buckaroos Tuesday. Jones was one of many receiving congrats from fans who rushed to Canuck dressing room after game.

Blues Gain Victory Over Vaunted Bucs

Netminder Jones A Standout As Canucks Record Big Win

VERNON 4, KELOWNA 3

A battling team of Vernon Junior Canadians, backed by the sensational goaltending of Bob Jones, skated to a 4-3 win over the highly-rated Kelowna Buckaroos Tuesday night in an Okanagan Junior A Hockey League contest at Civic Arena.

What looked to be the largest turnout of fans this season, some 350 strong, saw the hard-working Blues fight through a scoreless first period, dump in four goals in the second, then hang on by the skin of their teeth as the Bucks tried desperately to deadlock the game.

Climax came with less than half a minute remaining and six Orchard City attackers attempting to win the face-off to the left of Jones in the Vernon cage.

Buckaroos took possession at the face-off and worked a pass to the point. With eight seconds remaining, the puck went screaming in, clearly marked for the upper left corner.

GOLDEN ARM
 But the tall netminder's golden arm shot out to snag what would have been the tying goal and his body glided out of danger as he held on.

Jones was mobbed by teammates and the fans' sigh of relief was audible throughout the arena.

And it wasn't the only spectacular save. Jones turned aside 34 potential goals, 14 in the final frame, in aiding his fellow Blues with their biggest win to date.

Canuck winger Gordie Kineshanko earned himself the smoothest and most well-deserved goal of the game to open scoring in the second stanza.

He came up with the puck on the boards in a good defensive manoeuvre inside Kelowna territory and worked his way in to the corner to build up steam.

Drawing Buckaroo defenders at himself, Kineshanko skated in behind, out the side and across the goal-mouth, back-handing the tally as he crossed.

BRUISING TILT
 On the whole, the game was a bruising contest, matching what probably are the two toughest clubs in the league in respect to dishing it out.

Buckaroos, by virtue of hockey knowledge and weight, and Odie Lowe's Canadians because they've been shorthanded and on the short end of the score so often that the determination is becoming more and more natural.

Lowe expressed extreme satisfaction with his crew in the jubilant Canuck dressing room after the game. "We're the youngest club in the league," remarked Lowe, "but the boys are starting to play the calibre of hockey needed."

WIN FRIDAY
 "We've got a game in Penticton Friday, and we should take it to really get the ball rolling in the new year," said the coach.

Only two penalties, one to Vernon and one to Kelowna, marked the scoresheet in the opening session.

Kineshanko's marker at 4:02 of the second opened the scoring. Bob Stein, engineering the rush into Buckaroo territory, was given the assist.

Brian Roche's squad answered at 8:48 when Sonny Herbst took a pass from Russ Evans, faked a pass and dribbled it between Jones' pads while the lanky goalie was off balance.

Harry Wynnchuk, playing his first game for the Canucks since before Christmas, put the Blues out in front to stay at 14:30 of the second when he found himself home-free in front of the net.

The defenceman took a quick look, picked his corner and fired it in.

AND ANOTHER
 Two minutes later, Vernon banged another one home when Gordie Nuyens slid it towards the net. A Buckaroo defenceman kicked at it, missed, then goalie Don Kennedy also kicked and missed as it trickled into the net.

In another two minutes, the Blues tallied again with speedy centreman Seiko Ouchi doing the honors on an assist by Wynnchuk to leave Kelowna with a 4-1 deficit going into the last period.

Both teams again came on fast and hard, but the superior efforts of the Canucks had overtaxed the offense and at 11:13 Kelowna's Fred Thomas scored to open up a blitz on the Vernon net.

Derek Pyle scored again at 17:40 for the Bucks, despite spartan efforts by the Blues, which nevertheless held Kelowna one down for the remaining two minutes.

SUMMARY
 First period—No scoring.
 Penalties—Romeo, Stevens.
 Second period—1, **Vernon**, Kineshanko (Stein); 2, Kelowna, Herbst (Evans); 3, **Vernon**, Wynnchuk (unassisted); 4, **Vernon**, Nuyens (unassisted); 5, **Vernon**, Ouchi (Wynnchuk).
 Penalties — Morris, Larden, Morris, Roland.
 Third period — Kelowna, Thomas (unassisted); 7, Kelowna, Pyle (Thomas).
 Penalties — Nuyens, Angus, Sherk.

Bantam Action Re-scheduled For Tonight

Bantam League play will be rescheduled to allow Midget and Juvenile inter-city league play at Civic Arena.

A complete revised schedule will appear Monday.

Tonight, because of the Vernon-Kelowna Midget tilt here, only the Flintstone-Comet bantam game will be played at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, Panthers will go against the Goldenhawks at 10:00 a.m. while the Blackhaws and Bloopers follow at 11:00 a.m.

Peewee games are as scheduled tonight with Canadians and Maple Leafs battling for sole possession of third place at 5:00 p.m. and the last-place Warriors taking on the league-leading Totems at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Maple Leafs and Blackhaws tangle at 8:00 a.m. and the Canadian-Redwing tilt follows at 9:00 a.m.

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Friday:
 Vernon at Penticton
 Kamloops at Kelowna

Saturday:
 Kelowna at Kamloops

NOHL

Sunday:
 Grindrod vs Head of Lake
 Armstrong vs Salmon Arm
 Juvenile

Tonight:
 Vernon at Kelowna

Sunday:
 Kelowna at Vernon
 Midget

Tonight:
 Kelowna at Vernon

Sunday:
 Penticton at Summerland