

Blues Winger Still Among Junior Top 10

Junior Canadian left-winger Gary "Buck" Sherk continues to hang on to last position among Okanagan Junior A Hockey League's top ten point-getters.

Sherk, in 18 games, has scored nine goals and picked up eight assists for 17 points.

Leading the league with goals is Kamloops Rockets' Jackie James, who has notched 25 counters. James also leads in assists.

Teammate Glenn Richards, second in the standings, leads the league with four hat-tricks, while Rocket netminder Pete Sternig has posted the only three shutouts recorded this season.

TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops	15	4	0	142	53	30
Kelowna	13	7	1	108	81	27
Penticton	8	12	0	66	105	16
Vernon	3	17	1	62	141	7

Rockets Here Tuesday

Vees Down Blues

Vernon Junior Canadians dropped a disappointing 5-3 loss to a short-handed roster of Penticton Junior Vees in Okanagan Junior A Hockey League action at the Peach City Friday night.

Coach Odie Lowe, sporting his best turnout of players for a road trip this season and anxious to pick up a first Canuck victory away from home, was pleased with the Blues' performance despite the loss.

"They're playing better all the time. If they keep it up, we may win a few," said the coach.

Contest was scrappy and lagged through most of two periods while neither club was able to get a solid attack off the ground.

Juvenile goaltender Larry Pirnak, replacing Canuck regular Bob Jones in the net, did his job well, turning aside 30 shots.

Vees, going with only 11 men, got the jump on Lowe's squad early in the first period with two fast goals. Canucks answered with one then tied it up with the only goal of the second stanza, outshooting the Vees in both periods.

Blues took the incentive early in the final frame to go ahead 3-2 but three goals by the Vees, all before the period was half finished, crippled Vernon's lead and the third-place southerners were able to hang on for their eighth win of the season.

Howie McNeil was Penticton's top point-getter with two goals and an assist. He scored the two first period goals for Penticton while Gordie Kineshanko, continuing his goal-a-game performance, notched Vernon's.

The teams held each other scoreless in the lackadaisical second period until Vernon's Wayne Morris took a pass from his centreman Seiko Ouchi to knot the score at 17:25.

Bob Stein put the Blues one up at 3:23 of the final session when he grabbed the puck from a scramble on the boards inside Vee territory and fired a low hard sot that caught the corner.

But Penticton came back at 6:15 to tie the score on a marker by Shelly Attwell, went one up

at 9:40, Russ Specht doing the honors and cinched it on a tally by high-scoring Charlie Cuzzo