

Former NHL'er and city engineer **Dave MacKay** suggests effort be made to push one big junior tilt during winter carnival. Dave says fans would be surprised at how thrilling these games are. If we filled the arena one night during the carnival at least 75% would return for the playoffs. Barely 100 persons saw our own Canucks edge Peach City Vees here Tuesday.

# Canucks Edge Vees In Final Seconds

## Wayne Morris Fires Winner With 25 Seconds Remaining

Vernon Junior Canadians scored two goals in the last two minutes of play Tuesday night to come from behind and edge a short-handed but determined team of Penticton Junior Vees 6-5 at Civic Arena.

Blues were two goals down at about the 15-minute mark but made a pressing attack pay off when Bob Stein drove low past netminder Dale Harder to set the stage for the tying mark by defenceman Dave MacKay.

Vernon attackers, working smoothly and displaying deadly efforts around the Penticton net, missed by inches countless times during the game, pushing Goalie Harder the limit with his sensational efforts tinged with horseshoes.

Don Slater's Vees, having trouble dressing a team for road trips because of employment and scholastic commitments, were able to ice only a nine-man team for Tuesday's tilt but were anything but a pushover despite the fact.

Canucks, however, outshot the Vees 35-22 and were again in form after a one-game slump seen by home town fans last week.

Bob Jones in the Vernon net, turned in another fine job. His steady performance throughout the season is expected to earn him a spot on the all-star team being chosen by managers, coaches and sportswriters this month.

Speedy Canuck winger Wayne Morris picked up two goals and two assists in the tilt, scoring the winner at 19:35 of the final frame on a pass from his centreman, Seiko Ouchi.

Eleven penalties were handed out in the closely officiated contest including two five-minute majors to Canuck Dale Soro-chuk and Penticton's Mike McAstocker for fighting early in the second period.

Odie Lowe's squad picked up seven of the 11 infractions. Stein, outstanding in junior ranks although still eligible for midget play, received the first penalty of his career near the end of the second stanza.

Game was scoreless until 12:14 of the first period when Vernon's Dave Kowal, playing after a two-week layoff with an injured arm, received a pass at the point and slapped a sizzler past Harder.

Jim Stephen and Ike Colter were credited with assists after engineering the rush and setting up the counter.

However, teams left the ice deadlocked at 1-1 when Vees' high-scoring centre Charlie Cuzzocrea danced in unassisted at 17:10 to knot the score.

Vees, pacing themselves because of their lack of manpower, opened the scoring in the second on a marker by Lance Stiles but

Canucks answered a minute later when Ouchi slid one from a scramble with Morris assisting.

Morris put the Blues back in the driver's seat halfway through the second stanza, leaving the score 3-2 for Vernon at the end of the period.

Penticton banged in three before the last period was half over but Stein put the locals back in the game at 14:45, MacKay tied it up at 18:04 and Morris skated in with Ouchi with 25 seconds remaining to score the winner.

First period: 1. **Vernon**, Kowal (Stephen, Colter), 12:14; 2. Penticton, Cuzzocrea (unass.), 17:10. Penalties: Kowal, Stephen, and Morris.

Second period: 3. Penticton, Stiles (Wish), 4:04; 4. **Vernon**, Ouchi (Morris), 5:25; 5. **Vernon**, Morris (Nuyens, Ouchi), 11:39. Penalties: Soro-chuk, McAstocker, Stein, Nuyens.

Third period: 6. Penticton, Wish (Stiles), :37; 7. Penticton, Cuzzocrea (unass.), 6:12; 8. Penticton, Stiles (unass.), 6:29; 9. **Vernon**, Stein (Kineshanko), 14:45; 10. **Vernon**, MacKay (Ouchi, Morris), 18:04; 11. **Vernon**, Morris (Ouchi), 19:35. Penalties: Specht, Stephen, Stiles, Wish.

## OMJHL All-Star Squad To Be Selected This Month

Coaches, manager and the press of the four cities comprising the Okanagan-Mainline Junior A Hockey League have been asked to select a first and second all-star team.

Each person will select a first, second and third choice of players for each position as well as the coaching job. No players may be picked from the home town.

First choice will receive three points, second choice receives two and third choice one.

Arrangements are expected to be made to match the team against other clubs in the valley.

## GOLF SCHOOL

Classes in Golf Instruction for Adults will be held on

# Kamloops Ace Centre Leads OJHL Scoring

Okanagan Junior A Hockey League statistics released today but not covering last night's Kelowna-Kamloops game show Kamloops Rocket Jackie James continues to lead the points race with 56, four more than teammate Glen Richards.

Only one player from the Kelowna Buckaroos and one from the Penticton Junior Vees are among the top 10 point-getters. Vernon Junior Canadians have no representatives among the top 10.

## Standings:

|             | W  | L  | T | GF  | GA  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Kamloops    | 18 | 4  | 0 | 156 | 56  | 36  |
| Kelowna --  | 14 | 8  | 1 | 121 | 87  | 29  |
| Penticton   | 9  | 14 | 0 | 79  | 124 | 18  |
| Vernon ---- | 4  | 19 | 1 | 71  | 160 | 9   |

|                         | G  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Jackie James, Kam. --   | 29 | 27 | 56  |
| G. Richards, Kam. ----- | 24 | 25 | 49  |
| Bob Gruber, Kel. -----  | 24 | 18 | 42  |
| B. Donaldson, Kam. --   | 13 | 29 | 42  |
| Glen Madsen, Kam. --    | 12 | 27 | 39  |
| Vic Minamide, Kam. --   | 21 | 16 | 37  |

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|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| Bob Nishimura, Kam.     | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| C. Cuzzocrea, Pen. ---- | 18 | 8  | 26 |
| Terry Shishido, Kam.    | 4  | 22 | 26 |
| Bill Cochran, Kam. ---- | 9  | 15 | 24 |