

Kelowna Whips Blades In Friday Opener

Kelowna Buckaroos showed good power on their home ice as they beat the visiting Vernon Blades 7 to 3 in the Junior League opener Friday night.

About 600 fans turned out for the fast-paced, penalty-ridden game.

For the Buckaroos it was team captain Bob Gruber who did the most damage with two goals and an assist, followed by Terry Kasubuchi with a brace. Phil Larden, Derek Pyle, and John Strong collected the other markers.

The Blades got on the scoring sheet in the first thanks to a goal by Gary Roland.

In other hockey action the Kamloops Rockets knocked out the Penticton Junior Vees twice, 7-3 in Penticton Friday night and 3-2 on home ice Saturday.

Buccos Blank Blades In Hockey Opener Here

Nineteen Penalties Levied In Hard Knocking Contest

KELOWNA 2, VERNON 0

The Vernon junior Blades got off to an inauspicious season opening here Saturday night when they were blanked 2 to 0 by the Kelowna Buckaroos.

The previous night as Kelowna guests they were out-matched 7 to 3 by the 1962-63 edition of the Buccos.

About 300 fans attended the Saturday night game, a rough, brawling penalty-filled contest.

Although Vernon outshot Kelowna 25 to 23 they just didn't have the scoring finish to come away with a win. Penalties, poor pass plays and weak checking didn't help either.

The marksmen for Kelowna were Derek Pyle who scored in the first period and Roy Ueda who added one in the second.

Pyle got his goal at 15:30 of the first when he tipped in a pass from Terry Kasubuchi and team captain Bob Gruber.

Ueda notched his unassisted when he knocked the puck past Vernon netmanned Larry Pinak while a big scramble was taking place in front of the goal. The goal came at 17:59 of the second.

Both teams played short-handed for most of the game, 19 penalties being handed out altogether. The Buccos were the worst boys with 11 while the Blades visited the sin bin 8 times.

Vernon forward Gordie Kineshanko sat it out for eight minutes altogether for hooking, roughing, freezing the puck, and interference.

Phil Larden of the Buckaroos landed a 10-minute game misconduct after a near fight started in front of the Vernon goal late in the second period. He earned another two minutes for freezing the puck.

Vernon had many opportunities to break through and score but couldn't get a constant offence rolling. Most of their shots on goal were anemic and their pass patterns in front of the net were broken up by the Bucco's patrolmen.

The Blades next play on Wednesday, Oct. 24 when they travel to Kamloops. The Junior Rockets then come here for the Saturday game.

Game Summary

Kelowna 2—Vernon 0

First Period: 1. Kelowna, Pyle (Kasubuchi, Gruber) 15:30 Penalties, Kineshanko (3:34), Stephen, Kasubuchi (12:44), Roland, Thomas (13:51), Strong (19:11).

Second Period: 2. Kelowna, Ueda (17:59). Penalties, Kineshanko (3:23), Larden (7:32), Kasubuchi (9:55), Lake (13:56).

Third Period: No scoring. Penalties, Thomas (1:20), Kineshanko (6:57), Kasubuchi (11:21), Thomas, Shussell, Sherk, Kineshanko (12:17), Mackay (15:22).

