

# No Magic In Uniforms Rockets Bend Blades

**Kamloops 5, Vernon 4**

New uniforms made some difference to the Vernon Junior Blades Saturday night—but not enough.

The fast-skating Kamloops Rockets refused to be dazzled by their bright blue new sweaters with "Blades" emblazoned across the front and edged them 5 to 4 in an exciting hockey contest at Vernon Civic Arena.

The juniors had just acquired the uniforms from the Los Angeles Blades and were hoping to switch from their losing streak to a winning one as readily as they switched sweaters.

But they didn't reckon with the party pooping Rockets who skated away with their fourth straight win at the expense of the locals' fourth straight loss.

It was good, crowd-pleasing game however, the Blades falling behind 3 to 0 and then roaring back to lock it at 4 to 4 only to lose by a break-away scoring effort by the Rockets' Glen Madsden in the third.

As in the previous clash with Kamloops Wednesday the Blades failure to play man for man cost them the game.

Their defence was particularly weak and couldn't clear the puck out of their own zone effectively, a failure that was responsible for three quick goals by Kamloops in the first period.

The Blades were also without the services of forward Bobby Stein until the second period. Stein was involved in an automobile accident while en route to the game and was held up.

But he made up for it by getting an assist in the second and a goal in the third. Buck Sherk also collected two points on a goal and an assist. Jim Stephen and Ed Spelay scored the other markers.

For Kamloops it was the rookies that dominated the point-getting. Dale Sandyke notched a goal and an assist as did Ken Rinaldi. Ricky McShane got another for the green crop and Eric Shishido aided goalgetting on two occasions.

Glen Madsden scored and assisted for the oldsters, Larry Bedard chalking up the other goal.

The Rockets opened the scoring half way through the first period when Robby Jamieson shot the puck across the goal mouth to Ricky McShane who blazed an unstoppable screen shot past netminder Larry Pirnak into the left corner.

Minutes later Larry Bedard backhanded a Madsden pass from the opposite side over the sprawling Pirnak.

Ken Rinaldi followed with

another screen shot (an identical play to the first), flipping in the puck from Shisido and Sandyke.

On all three occasions sharp forechecking by the Rockets and defensive lapses by the Blades were the causes. Time and time again Kamloops forwards roared into the corners and behind the Vernon goal to steal the puck and pass it out in front to a waiting confederate.

In the second frame the Blades finally unbent a bit when Jim Stephen drilled a slapshot from the right side past Kamloops goalie Roy Hart. Gordie Nuyens assisted on the play.

Buck Sherk made it 3 to 2 when he dug a Kineshanko-Stein pass out of the left corner and flipped it off Hart's pads.

Kamloops countered with a goal by Sandyke with helpmates Shisido and Rinaldi in for the play.

In the third period the Blades let loose with a regular blitz of pucks.

Bobby Stein finally made it pay off, steering the puck into the net from close range with help from Howie McNeil and Sherk.

Vernon closed their scoring when Ed Spelay blasted a shot from the point to tie it up.

With half the third period gone it looked as if overtime was in the offing but Glen Madsden decided the issue when he broke into the clear and beat Pirnak with a low, hard shot.

In the dying minutes the Blades pulled their goalie and went for broke in hopes of getting the equalizer.

Although the Blades outshot the Rockets 27 to 21 accuracy made the difference in the scoring column.

The game was cleaner than the one the previous Saturday night. Tempers took Soro-chuk and McShane to the penalty box for roughing in the second period.

Eight other penalties were handed out, four for each club.

Friday, November 2 Vernon travels to Penticton for a game with the Junior Vees, returning here Saturday with the same club as guests.

## Game Summary

First Period: 1. Kamloops, McShane (Jamieson) 10:54. 2. Kamloops, Bedard (Madsden) 15:30. 3. Kamloops, Rinaldi (Shishido, Sandyke) 17:51. Penalties: Richards (15:14), Roland (18:40), Recchi (19:30).

Second Period: 4. Vernon, Stephen (Nuyens) 3:46. 5. Vernon, Sherk (Kineshanko, Stein) 6:50. 6. Kamloops, Sandyke (Shishido, Rinaldi) 16:51. Penalties: Steinke (2:15), Roland (8:10), Soro-chuk, Mc-

## District

Frank King returned home on Saturday from Eastern Canada where he was called last week by the death of his father.

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The Young People's Group of Trinity United Church enjoyed a Hallowe'en party at Camp Hurlburt on Friday night.

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Miss Alice Warner has returned to Vernon from a five month holiday in Britain and the Continent. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Ruth Warner of Toronto, and Mrs. George Warner of Quebec City, her sister-in-law.

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic opens on Tuesday afternoon for three days. Hours are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Telephone number for those requiring transportation is LI 2-3817. Vernon's target is 1,500 pints.

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Mrs. W. A. Hudson of the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. has just returned from a cosmetician's course in Vancouver.

Shane (19:08).

Third Period: 7. Vernon, Stein (McNeil, Sherk) 2:51. 8. Vernon, Spelay (Turanski, Agar) 8:24. 9. Kamloops, Madsden (Richards) 10:12. Penalties: McNeil, Steinke (3:38), Nuyens (18:31).

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