



## Watch The Little Black Object!

Vernon Blades' Dale Sorochnik (left), Penticton Vees' Russ Specht and goalie Ernie Pushkarenko engage in a three-way race for the puck in a goalmouth scramble during Saturday's junior hockey league game at the Civic Arena. Sorochnik failed to score on this occasion but got a goal later to help in Vernon's 5 to 0 victory.



# Blades Skewer Vees, Post Double Shutouts

## Bobby Stein Hot Man On Ice, Scores Five Weekend Goals

VERNON 5, 5; PENTICTON 0, 0

When the Vernon Blades found themselves over the weekend they found themselves in a big way.

Down on the fledgling season with four straight losses they swept over the Penticton Junior Vees twice, pumping in 10 goals and recording two shutouts.

The double victories put the Blades right back into Okanagan Junior Hockey League contention, five points behind the second-place Kelowna Buckaroos who tied and lost in two meetings with Kamloops.

The weekend activity showed the Blades are getting into a good team after a slow start.

### Scoring Punch

They have found their scoring punch for one thing. The line of Stein, Sherk and McNeil is hot as Hades at the moment, responsible for more than half the points collected in the two Penticton games.

Winger Bobby Stein is after the scoring leadership as he picked up five goals and an assist over the weekend. He scored four in the Peach City Friday and netted another here Saturday.

Another early season weakness, defence, has now become a strength. In the Friday-Saturday contests the Blades' blueline patrol really laid on the gristle in checking and showed more adeptness at getting the puck out of their zone.

"We have the best defence in the whole league right now," said coach Bill Brown. "They're tough and not afraid to mix it up if they have to."

### Pirnak Star

Goaltender Larry Pirnak shouldn't be left out of the bouquet reception. As of the moment he has a two-game shut-out streak to his credit and on the season has allowed only 19 goals, the best record in the league.

Saturday night he had a relatively easy time, stopping 17 shots while the Vees' Ernie Pushkarenko had to cope with 30.

Although Brown figures the Friday game in Penticton showed the locals at their sharpest the game here the following night gave the 200-odd spectators a lot to cheer about.

The blue-sweatered Blades rarely let up on their attack, scoring twice in the first period, once in the second and twice again in the

third. Two of these goals were scored while they had a player sitting it out in the penalty box.

Bobby Stein, Buck Sherk and defenceman Gordy Kineshanko were in on most of the scoring, picking up a goal and an assist apiece.

### Eight Penalties

Eight penalties were handed out in the jarring ice duel, six to Vernon. Midway through the 3rd period Sherk and Penticton's team captain Gil Goodman slugged it out and earned five-minute rest periods.

Sherk chalked the scoreboard first on a spectacular if somewhat shaky play. Snatching the puck from the blue line he stickhandled his way through the Penticton defence, tripped and as he went sprawling into the crease gave it a desperate poke in behind Pushkarenko.

Forty seconds later Stein took a Sherk pass on the left side and drilled it hard and fast.

Vernon's third marker caught Pushkarenko completely asleep. Rangy forward Dale Sorochnik streaked in from center, pulled him right out from the goal mouth and slipped the rubber into the right corner.

The last two goals were real sparklers and drew admiring applause. Corky Agar handled the first one, converting a crisp Litzenberger-Kineshanko pass into a short, ice-level blazer that Pushkarenko never even saw.

Kineshanko flicked the puck high into the corner of the net to round out the Blades' blitzkrieg.

### Couldn't Score

Penticton's only dangerous scoring opportunity came in the first period when Vernon had two players in the sin bin. But Pirnak and his protective wall of defencemen held them off handily.

In other games over the weekend the Buckaroos and Rockets fought to a 6-6 tie in Kelowna Friday and then Kamloops broke out on top of the league standings by pasting the Buccos 10 to 5. They now have a two point bulge.

In action coming up the Blades visit Kelowna on Friday, Nov. 9, returning here Saturday, Nov. 10 for a rematch. Game time is 8:30

p.m. at the Vernon Civic Arena.

### Game Summary

First Period: 1. Vernon, Sherk (13:28). 2. Vernon, Stein (Sherk, Mackay) 14:08. Penalties, Sorochnik (6:57), Stephen (13:21), Sorochnik (14:35), Macko (16:15).

Second Period: 3. Vernon, Sorochnik (Stephen, Mackay 14:19) Penalties, McAstocker (14:48).

Third Period: 4. Vernon, Agar (Litzenberger, Kineshanko) 8:07. 5. Vernon, Kineshanko (McNeil, Stein) 13:09. Penalties, Sherk, Goodman (11:49), Stephen (18:59).

## Blades Gain Three Points On Buckaroos

The standings of the Okanagan Junior Hockey League changed radically over the weekend in both the higher and lower echelons.

The highflying Kamloops Rockets broke into the league lead Saturday with a 10-5 win over the Kelowna Buckaroos. The previous night the two clubs had battled to a 6-6 tie in Kelowna.

The Vernon Blades gained three points on Kelowna in the exchange by beating the hapless Penticton Junior Vees twice. Both Kelowna and Kamloops, Vernon and Penticton had been tied before the weekend action.

### OJHL Standings

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Kamloops	6	5	0	1	36	22	11
Kelowna	6	4	1	1	36	21	9
Vernon	6	2	4	0	19	19	4
Penticton	6	0	6	0	7	36	0

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