

Hot Rockets Cooled For Two Periods By Improved Blades

The Vernon Blades, with a motley cast of players, staged one of their best road shows of the Okanagan Junior Hockey League season Saturday night.

Icing only 10 regulars along with a juvenile, a midget and a "busher," the Blades fought the league-leading Kamloops Rockets to a 2-1 standstill for 40 minutes of a game played in the Hub City.

But the Rockets finally opened up in the third period with four straight goals to send the Blades down to another defeat 6 to 1.

With luck and better puck control in front of the Kamloops goal Bill Brown's blue and white squad would have shored up the one-sided score and paced the Rockets all the way.

In the first two periods they controlled almost all of the play and even in the final frame when the Rockets came alive scoringwise they put up a battle.

The spirit behind the Blades' dogged fight just had to be Dennis Taylor, their newest goaltender up from Juvenile ranks replacing Dave Groenhausen.

Taylor, normally a forward on Frank King's roster and a practice goalie for the Blades, had himself a whale of a night between the pipes. He stopped 34 shots to Roy Hart's 21 and drew the ad-

miration of the partisan Kamloops crowd with a number of sensational saves.

Also making his first appearance as a Blade was Pete Kapak, a midget-sized Midget from Salmon Arm. Although knocked around frequently because of his size he showed plenty of hustle and stick-handling ability. Gord Brown, who has had stints with the NOHL Armstrong Cougars, was the other newcomer.

Ralph Litzenberger scored the only Blade goal to give them a short term lead in the first period.

Eric Shishido countered with two for Kamloops, single markers coming from Bill Steinke, Dale Sandyke, Glen Richards and Larry Roberge. OJHL scoring leader Glen Madsen was credited with two assists.

Not making the trip for Vernon were regulars Ike Coulter and Dave Groenhausen. John Turanski and Gary Roland have left the junior club.

Woman Heads Lumby Legion

LUMBY—The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 167, Lumby, held its annual meeting on Tuesday, with the election of officers being the main business.

The new president for the coming year is Mrs. Maurice