

Blades Pull Upset, Scuttle Rockets

Kineshanko Scores 5 Goals In New Year's Day Game

VERNON 6, KAMLOOPS 3
VERNON 15, PENTICTON 1

To top off the old year the Vernon Blades ate heartily of a victory fruit so long forbidden them this season.

Saturday night before 200 surprised and delighted hometown fans, they took a 6-3 bite out of the powerful Kamloops Rockets, their first win over the league leaders this season.

Then New Year's Day the Blues gorged themselves on the Penticton Junior Vees, taking a topheavy 15-1 decision from the cellar dwellers.

The double holiday triumphs boosted their point total to 14 in Okanagan Junior Hockey League standings on a 7 and 15 record, still miles behind the Rockets and the Kelowna Buckaroos but indicating their growing competitive strength.

Razor Sharp

Despite having no practices for over a week, the Blades were honed to razor-sharp perfection for their game with Kamloops.

Slick passing, hard shooting and careful checking plus an added dash of spirit gave them a complete edge as the 33-31 shots-on-goal figure indicates.

And to make their victory look even more convincing, they iced 12 players to the Rockets' 15. Coach Bill Brown had to use juvenile forward Ted Palm to fill the absence of his regular winger Corky Agar and with John Macko missing, he had only three defencemen to rely on.

Centerman Ike Coulter, a sleeper so far this year, erupted with three big goals to lead the Blues' attack. Single scorers were Gordie Kineshanko, Buck Sherk and Dave MacKay.

The Rockets relied on fleet wingers Dale Sandyke and Eric Shishido for their goals, Sandyke getting two of them.

Three in Second

After a 1-1 first period, Bill Brown's brood broke open for three unanswered markers in the second. Kamloops came back to make it 4-3 with a goal late in the second and one early in the final session but Coulter and MacKay put the game out of

reach in what was assuredly the Blades best late period rally of the season.

For three quarters of the opening stanza, action was tight and close but at 14:36 Coulter took a Palm pass out from the boards and slapped the puck past Roy Hart to loosen things up.

Kamloops countered two minutes later while a man short, Sandyke grabbing a rebounded slapshot off his pads and soloing in to beat Dennis Taylor with a hard blast.

Just 22 seconds after the middle period was whistled in, Kineshanko burst through on the left side, looked to be off stride, but let loose a hot one that caught the bottom right corner.

Coulter's second tally was almost identical to his first, Palm again fishing the puck off the boards to the centerman on the point.

Sherk Gets Fourth

Buck Sherk made it 4-1 for the Blades when he broke away from center with two Kamloops defencemen hanging around his neck. With sheer strength he held off both and rifled a beauty just inside the right pipe from 30 feet out.

With Vernon holding a comfortable bulge, the Rockets staged a revival. Sandyke picked up a loose clearance from Gordie Brown on the blueline and slapped in a high shot and then Shishido stickhandled his way into the crease for another at point blank range.

The Blades resumed their offensive and it was curtains for the redshirts. On a two-man break Kineshanko scooted into the clear with Coulter and the chunky team captain notched his hat-trick with a hard rising shot to the top right corner.

MacKay backhanded a low skimmer with help from Bobby Stein to wrap up the game and the old year.

Poor Player Turnout

Vernon's near perfect scoring attack coupled with Penticton's disgraceful bench offering of nine players, made the New Year's junior hockey fixture nothing less than a massacre.

The Vees opened play on a hopeful note, scoring the first goal and looking spirited but an eye injury to their one big mainstay, Charlie Cuzzacrea, spelled doom in big black, capital letters.

When he left the game, the Blades had eight men to face and they took supreme advantage, striking for four goals in the first period, eight in the second and three in the closing session.

Burly forward Gordie Kineshanko blew wild, scoring five goals and assisted on three others. At one point in the game, he accounted for three straight, all within the space of two minutes.

Howie McNeil continued to give his ex-mates a beating,



GORDIE KINESHANKO
... five-goal feat

collecting a hat-trick and assisting three times. Other goal-getters were Corky Agar with two, Buck Sherk, Bobby Stein, Ted Palm, Ralph Litzenberger, and Ike Coulter each with singles.

Mike McAstocker tallied the lone lead-off goal for the Vees. Vernon outshot them by a whopping 50 to 15.

The Blades' next play Saturday, January 5, when they meet the Rockets again in Kamloops. Next home game is versus the Buccos the following Tuesday.

Pups Provide Some Exciting Hockey Action

Pups' Division games played at the Vernon Civic Arena Thursday afternoon, December 27, saw a good turnout of children and parents and some exciting action was provided.

In the Junior League, the Lions came out winners by potting four goals to the Cubs' two. Fred Perepolkin bagged a brace for the winners and singles were chalked up by Len Kowalski and Allan Schuck. Both Cub goals came from Jeff Todd.

Another thrilling encounter took place in the Intermediate Division with the Vikings finally winning 6-3 over the Hawks. For the Vikings it was Donnie Schaeffer with two goals; Terry Tarnow, Gard Both, Jerry Malysch and Walter Jaster each with singles. The Hawks countered with goals from Gordie Kaine, Keith Wheeler and Paul Evoy.

It took a long time for the scoreless tie to be broken in the Senior Division game but the Wings finally put in two goals past the Shamrocks from the sticks of Willie Bevan and Jeff Shirley.

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Golfing All Year Around In Vernon

"Fore" has echoed often on the fairways of the Vernon Golf Club during the holiday season this year.

The uncommon mild weather Vernon has been experiencing lately has coaxed quite a number of dyed-in-the-wool golfers out of hibernation.

According to greenskeeper Reg Betts the course is in pretty fair shape for this time of year and has been used steadily all winter except for a few interspersed days of snowfall.

Betts said he played 18 holes Wednesday and found no extra difficulties on the course.



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