

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

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Final OJHL Statistics Dominated By Buckaroos

Regular season play in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League ended last weekend with the Kelowna Buckaroos emerging in first place.

Their season record stands at 26 wins and three ties, good for 55 points. They only lost three games and none of these on home ice.

Kamloops Rockets, who led the league earlier in the year, faltered in the home stretch and fell four points behind the Bucks. They won 24 games, and tied three for 51 points. Their loss record is five.

In the semi-final playoffs which start this week Kelowna takes on third place Vernon Blades while the Rockets meet the last place Penticton Junior Vees.

The Blades, though not looking impressive this season, had a better record than last year, winning nine games for 18 points while losing 22.

The Junior Vees compiled a record they would sooner forget, finishing up dead last on only one win and 30 losses.

Besides winning first place laurels the Bucks also topped both the individual and team scoring statistics. Their big captain Bob Gruber set a new OJHL record with 103 points for the season on 45 goals and 58 assists. His 103 point total is also believed to be a new B.C. record for Junior "A" competition.

Best goaltender in the league was also the property of the Orchard City champs. Sid Shussel had a respectable 3.12 average followed closely by Roy Hart of Kamloops with 3.18.

Only three Blades placed in the top 20 scoring column. Bob Stein was twelfth with 20 goals and 13 assists for 33 points; Howie McNeil fourteenth with a nine and 18 record for 27 points, as was Gordie Kineshanko with 14

goals and 13 assists.

Both Vernon and Penticton played one less game than the other two clubs

OJHL Standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kel.	26	3	3	243	100	55
Kam.	24	5	3	229	102	51
Ver.	9	22	0	114	145	18
Pent.	1	30	0	61	300	2

Two By Fours Hold 'Spiel For Carnival

Although no invitational bonspiel has been scheduled for Vernon's Winter Carnival, curling buffs as well as the curious will have a chance to watch the Two by Four League pitching rocks this weekend.

The popular industrial curling league is holding a bonspiel Friday, Saturday and Sunday to wind up its season for another year.

A total of 16 teams are entered in the three-day affair composed of five teams from Vernon Fire Dept., four from Pioneer Sash and Door, two from Long Lake Lumber, one from Vernon Lumber, one from Okanagan Lumber and three from Howries.

There will be one draw Friday night at 9 p.m., four draws Saturday at 1, 3, 7 and 9 p.m., and two draws Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. Finals commence at 7 p.m. in A, B, C and D events as well as a "reject" event.

Sunday there will also be a presentation of the Two by Four League trophy to the season's winner along with prizes to the various finishers in the bonspiel.

Prizes are being awarded to the winners and the runners-up in the A, B, and C events as well as to those placing first in the D and the "reject" flights.