

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

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Gruber MVP

Nuyens, Holland Lone Blades On All-Stars

At long last the Okanagan Junior Hockey League All-Star team has been chosen and made public along with the Most Valuable Player award.

Final compilation was made following last week's annual general meeting of the OJHL executive. New president Len Miller released the results on the weekend.

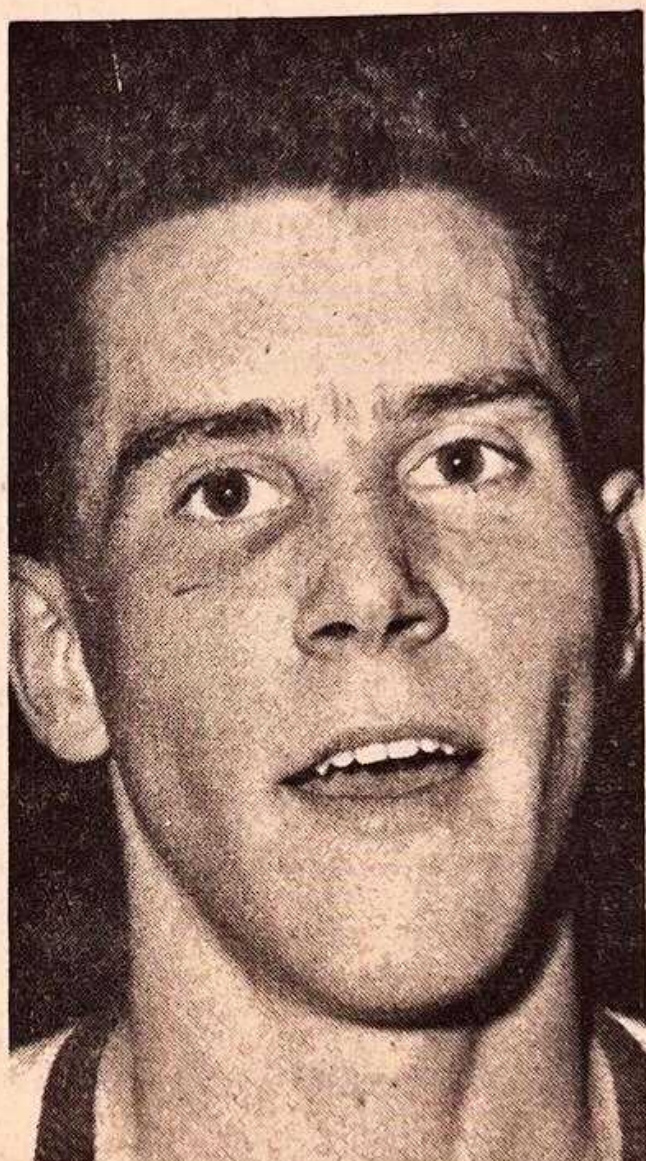
Only two Vernon Blades made the two junior "dream teams" selected. Gordie Nuyens, the Blues' hustling, hardrock defenceman made the first all-star squad and Gary Holland, by his late but outstanding showing, tied for Sid Shussel as top goaltender on the second team.

Kelowna Buckaroos' centerman Bob Gruber, not surprisingly, was voted the league's most valuable player and also found a spot on the first all-star team in the pivot spot. During the regular season Gruber topped the century mark in total points amassed in the league and set a new goal-scoring record as well.

The rest of the all-stars, both first and second class, were Kelowna and Kamloops Rocket players. The Buckaroos polled three on the first team and four on the second, the Rockets three on each.

Listed fully the teams are as follows:

First All-Star team: goal—Leroy Hart, Kamloops; left defence — Gordie Nuyens,



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Vernon; right defence—Phil Larden, Kelowna; center—Bob Gruber, Kelowna; left wing—Glen "Cowboy" Richards, Kamloops; right wing—Dale Sandyke, Kamloops; coach—Don Culley, Kelowna.

Second All-Star team: goal—Gary Holland, Vernon and Sid Shussel, Kelowna (tie); left defence — Ken Hamanishi, Kelowna; right defence—Terry Shishido, Kamloops; center—Glen Madsen, Kamloops; left wing — Fred Thomas, Kelowna; right wing—Harvey Stolz, Kelowna; coach—Kenny Stewart, Kamloops.

A new and special award for the league's top goaltender may also be made later.