

# Junior Blades Should Be Ready For Rockets

## But Goaltending Could Pose Problem With Loss Of Holland

Junior hockey season ticket sales are rolling along well according to Vernon Blades' president Bill Brown.

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League opens here Tuesday, October 15 and Brown hopes to have as many sold as possible by game time. The tickets offer fans 18 home games for \$8, a real bargain.

Members of the Blade executive as well as the players have been busy selling them this week. Fans can also obtain them at the opening home game.

The first game will see the Blades squaring off with Kamloops Rockets. Wednesday night Vernon travels back to Kamloops and on the following Saturday night they take on the Buckaroos in Kelowna. Kelowna visits Kamloops this Saturday in the first OJHL game.

### Game Every Tuesday

There will be at least one home game every week on Tuesdays, and intermittent Saturday night games. The Blades visit Kamloops on Wednesday and Saturdays and Kelowna on Fridays and Saturday.

Practices have been held nightly at the Civic Arena this week and coaches Hap Schaefer and Jim Moro figure they'll have a team rough and ready for the Rockets Tuesday.

With all but two of last year's faithful back in the lineup the only problem is goaltending. Gary Holland, last season's standout, will not be back.

Blade president Bill Brown received a wire from Holland stating he was trying out with Flin Flon Bombers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Brown is presently investigating terms of release.

Returning this season but a doubtful starter for possibly the first few games is Howie McNeil. The big forward caught his hand in a conveyor belt while working at a packinghouse Wednesday and was hospitalized. The injury could be serious

as an operation was necessary.

### Three Full Lines

Despite the absence of McNeil, the Blades will be able to ice three full forward lines Tuesday.

Among the returning wingers are Corky Agar, Ralph Litzenberger, Buck Sherk, Gordie Kineshanko, and Ike Coulter. Bobby Stein and Dale Sorochnik will probably be seen at center again and maybe Agar.

Newcomer Frank Harrison will be able to serve capably at a wing spot as well as Alan Rogan, Ed Spelay, Bob Ouchi and Len Lanaway up from juveniles. Wayne Wutzke seems to fit in well at center.

Last year's blueline brigade is complete save for John Macko. All-star Gordie Nuyens, Jim Stephen and Dave MacKay will be the nucleus with juvenile Wilf Tantrum making up the foursome.

## Phyl Churchill Heads Business Girl Curlers

The Vernon Business Girls Curling Club held a general meeting at the Curling Club last week with the following elected to the executive:

Phyl Churchill, president; Ruth Wilson, vice-president; Gladys Watson, secretary; Lillian Galbraith, treasurer.

Application forms for this season's curling can be obtained from either Mrs. Ella Copan at Bennetts or Mrs. Marg Sigalet at Bloom and Sigalet.

The forms can be returned to these two or to Anne Hall at the curling rink. All applications must be in by October 26 at the latest.

The club expects to start curling early in November with some practice sessions planned beforehand.

## Ski Clubbers Meet Friday

The Vernon Ski Club held a general meeting and election of officers at Beaumont Elementary School Friday night at 8 p.m.

A ski film will be shown and various topics discussed concerning the coming season. There will be some discussion on the ski club's participation in the Vernon Winter Carnival, a jumping and racing clinic and a free ski school for beginners and advanced skiers.

## Lumby B Of Plans For NFPW Feast

LUMBY — At Monday Board of Trade meeting plans were made for the forthcoming North Okanagan National Forest Products Week banquet being held at the Lumby Community Hall Friday, October 25.

Chairman Pat Duke named the committees that would be in charge of the event, and the heads of these are: hosting committee, Vic Loney; decorating, Mrs. Pat Duke; transportation, Peter Dyck; cloaking rooms, Jim Foord. The catering is to be handled jointly by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion (Lumby Branch), the Women's Institute, the Catholic Women's League and the United Church Women, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Andrew Pattie.

Mrs. Dave Atkins is to supervise the use of cooking facilities at the high school and will also be in charge of the 30 high school girls who will serve the meal.

Bill Dyck is to be in charge of the public address system.

The banquet will be held in the evening following a demonstration of logging

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