

# NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

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## ***OJHL Scoring Race Tight; Agar 2nd In Point-Getting***

The 1963-64 Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League is only a week and a half old and already there's a hot scoring race underway.

According to statistics released this week Kamloops Rocket winger Eric Shishido is leading the league with seven points on three goals and four assists but he's getting lots of crowding.

Four players are tied for second in scoring, two for third, and two for fourth.

Vernon Blades' Corky Agar with his two-goal performance Tuesday night, vaulted into second spot in point-collecting with a two and four record and six points. Other Blades in the Top Ten include winger Frank Harrison and Gordie Nuyens.

Rick McShane of Kamloops is the leading goal-scorer with four. Agar, Shishido and Dale Sandyke of Kamloops are the top playmakers with four assists each.

Goalkeepers' averages show the Rockets' Harvey Budrick out in front with a 1.0 average followed by his alternate Lee Simpson with 3.5, Kelowna's Richard Robinson with 4.0 and Vernon's rookie sensation Brian Woodward with

4.6. Woodward, however, has played more games than his rivals.

The Blades have the dubious distinction of being the most penalized team in the league with a grand total of 87 minutes after five games. The Buckaroos' are the next in line with 67 minutes and the Rockets have just picked up 39 minutes.

### **League Standings**

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Kamloops	4	3	1	0	21	10	6
Kelowna	3	2	1	0	12	12	4
Vernon	5	1	4	0	12	23	2

### **Top Ten Scorers (To Oct. 22)**

	G	A	P	PT
E. Shishido (Kam.)	3	4	0	7
McShane (Kam.)	4	2	2	6
Harrison (Kam.)	3	3	7	6
Stolz (Kel.)	3	3	7	6
Agar (Ver.)	2	4	6	6
J. Strong (Kel.)	3	2	20	5
Sandyke (Kam.)	1	4	2	5
Roberge (Kam.)	2	2	7	4
Harrison (Ver.)	1	3	2	4
Nuyens (Ver.)	3	0	15	3

### **Goalkeepers Averages**

	GP	GA	AV
Budarick (Kam.)	2	2	1.0
Simpson (Kam.)	2	7	3.5
Robinson (Kel.)	3	12	4.0
Woodward (Ver.)	5	23	4.6

The flounder's mouth is in the right side of his face.



# Jr. Blades Look Alive—Win First

## Corky Agar Scores Brace To Roll Over Rockets

VERNON 3, KAMLOOPS 2

Vernon Blades re-awoke to the hockey they're capable of playing Tuesday night and were justly rewarded for their efforts.

The Blades, in by far their best showing of the young season, delighted a small Civic Arena crowd by posting their first Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League victory after four straight defeats, edging Kamloops Rockets 3-2.

It was a ding-dong battle with the Blades jumping to a 3-0 lead in the first two periods, then staving off a furious Rocket rally in the dying minutes of the third that came within one goal of nullifying the whole kaboodle.

The win left the Blues still in the cellar but only a game behind second-place Kelowna Buckaroos and two off the league-leading pace set by Kenny Stewart's Rockets.

Starring for the Blades Tuesday night was sophomore centre Corky Agar who scored two goals and generally kept the Kamloops blue-line brigade in catfits with his fancy stickwork and flashy skating. Agar's line, in fact, was the clickiest of the night, with wingmen Frank Harrison and Dale Sorochnik setting him up perfectly on his double tally.

Alternate centre man Bobby Stein scored the third and winning goal unassisted late in the second period. Agar's brace came early in the first.

Brian Woodward worked so hard in the Vernon net Tuesday he deserved a shut-out but the Rockets had other ideas. With less than six minutes to full time Rick McShane and Brian Fournier put the Red and White right back in the game with two quick counters scored while the Vernon defence lapsed its vigilance.

The rookie 17-year-old goaltender looks better with every game and he was a stone wall until McShane cracked through in the third. He was particularly outstanding in the first period when the Rockets had a real

squeeze on, outshooting the Blades 12-8. Vernon eventually outshot the visitors 27-26, the big period being the third when they bombed them 11-6.

The Blades had the edge in the penalty department once again, collecting four of the six issued. They now have the dubious distinction of being the most penalized club in the league with a total of 87 minutes spent in the sin bin.

### Five-minute Majors

Sorochnik and Rocket winger Jim Harrison had a go with the mitts late in the third period and it was while they were sitting out their five-minute majors that Kamloops finally got on the scoreboard.

Agar put the Blades ahead 1-0 at 2:36 of the first period when he batted in a short pass from Sorochnik off the end boards behind the Kamloops net. It was screened and Rocket goalie Lee Simpson had no chance.

The sharpshooting centre made it 2-0 at the nine-minute mark on a beautiful play set up by Harrison. The left winger juggled the puck around until Agar was right in front of Simpson, then flipped a pin-point pass dead on target.

The Rockets got hot in the last half of the first frame

and Woodward had his work cut out swallowing pucks.

### See-saw Session

The second period was a see-saw session with both sides threatening. Stein fired in the eventual winner at 15:03, slapping in a rebound during a frenzied scramble in front of Simpson.

At 13:57 of the third, McShane took a pass from defenceman Terry Shishido and let fly a 30-footer that took an unfortunate bounce off Woodward's chest, over his shoulder and into the net.

Two minutes later the Rockets set the Blades to worrying again when Fournier streaked down the left side and picked a postage stamp corner on a shot partially screened by defenceman Dave MacKay who was covering on the play.

In the final few minutes the Rockets pulled out all stops including their goalie bus sharp checking by the Blades salvaged a 3-2 win. It could have been 4-2 but Gordie Kineshanko missed an empty Kamloops net with two seconds to go.

### Game Summary

First period: 1. Vernon, Agar (Sorochnik) 2:36. 2. Vernon, Agar (Harrison) 9:42. Penalty—Agar (19:34).

Second period: 3. Vernon, Stein, 15:03. Penalty—Stein (15:18).

Third period: 4. Kamloops, McShane (T. Shishido) 13:57. 5. Kamloops, Fournier (E. Shishido) 15:33. Penalties—Agar (7:32); Stuart (11:14); Harrison, Sorochnik (12:51).

### Saves

Woodward	12	8	6—26
Simpson	8	8	11—27

## Bantam Puck Times Change

All hockey players registered in the bantam division please note that Thursday night game times have been changed from 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

This is to enable the large overflow of pee wees to get ice time. The pee wees have normally played at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. but this year require extra time.

The midgets will now play at 10 p.m. Thursday nights. Saturday times remain as





# **Blades Can Tie Bucks Saturday**

Vernon Blades can grab a share of second place in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League if they continue their winning ways on the week-end.

Saturday night in the Orchard City they tangle with Kelowna Buckaroos for the third time and coaches Jim Moro and Hap Schaefer hope their charges will be equal to the occasion.

They trail the Buckaroos by just two points following their 3-2 win over Kamloops Rockets Tuesday night. The Bucks had a chance to widen the gap again when they met the Rockets Wednesday night but the Kamloops juniors had no trouble convincing them they were on the wrong track, bombing the Kelowna visitors 8-1 paced by a three-goal effort by winger Brian Fournier.

As for the Blades, with a 3-2 win over the league leaders under their collective belts they should have the necessary confidence to knock off the Bucks Saturday and set the stage for a slam-bang return match Tuesday night at the Civic Arena.

That is, if they suddenly don't lapse into the doldrums again like they did last week-end when they fell to the Buckaroos twice in a back-to-back series.