

Blues Try For Second But Beaten By Clock

Buckaroos Pushed To Limit By Hot-Scoring Local Squad

KELOWNA 8, VERNON 7

Vernon Blades made a spirited, third period grab for second place in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League Saturday but missed by one frustrating goal.

The Blades, continuing to show the strength and spirit that carried them to their first win of the season last Tuesday against Kamloops Rockets, just couldn't repeat the trick over Kelowna Buckaroos.

The fired-up Blues fought back from an 8-5 deficit midway through the third period of Saturday's OJHL game played in the Orchard City but time ran out before they could catch the equally live-wire Buckaroos and they had to settle for an 8-7 loss, their fifth of the new season.

The defeat dropped the Blades two games back of the second-running Buckaroos again and four behind the league-leading Rockets but indications are they won't be lagging for long. Tuesday night they host the Bucks back here at the Civic Arena and if they can unleash the same scoring power they did in Kelowna Saturday they could be in reach of second place again.

All-out Effort

The weekend clash at Kelowna was an example of what an all-out team effort can accomplish. The Blades, be it admitted, made their share of mistakes which resulted in costly goals but they were never "out" of the game.

They paced and chased the Bucks the whole route, leading 3-2 after the first period, trailing 5-4 going into the third and all but sending the contest into overtime with a tremendous "late-but-never-lost" comeback effort in the final ten minutes.

Allan Rogan is the smallest player on the Vernon club but Saturday he stood the tallest. The pint-sized, first-year junior led the Blades on the scoreboard, rifling in two goals in the second and third periods to keep the locals alive and he was a standout defensively as well, snarling up many Buckaroo power plays with timely, well executed checks.

Gordie Nuyens was all over the ice as usual and came up with another good performance, picking up three points on a goal and two assists. Winger Buck Sherk boosted his scoring total with a goal and a pair of helpers.

Other Blade goals came off the sticks of Bobby Stein, Ike Coulter and Gordie Kineshanko.

Strong Top Buck Scorer

John Strong was the Buckaroos' top gunner with four points on two goals and two assists while single tallies went to Harvey Stolz, Gordie Schnepf, Don Evans, Terry Strong, Ken Hokazono and Greg McClelland.

The Buckaroos outshot the Blades 46-37 and gave goalie Brian Woodward lots of business, especially in the last two periods.

Sixteen penalties were levied by referee Johnny Cullos, eight apiece. Gordie Kineshanko drew a 10-minute misconduct for banging his stick on the ice in protest of a two-minute sentence.

The Blades were plagued by injury and absences during the game. Defenceman Jim Stephen was late and didn't appear until the second period, forward Ralph Litzenberger suffered a foot injury in the first period and had to retire and defenceman Dave MacKay played most of the game with a bad gash over his eyebrow which required three or more stitches to close.

McClelland put Kelowna ahead 1-0 at 0:04 of the first period with a backhand from the left side, assisted by Schnepf.

Quick to Recoup

But the Blades were quick to recoup as 40 seconds later Coulter scored on a weird play which saw his shot caught by Kelowna goalie Richard Robinson only to be shaken loose into the net by a stiff check from Nuyens.

Hokazono, a newcomer to the Bucks but no stranger to the league, having played with Penticton Junior Vees last season, scored a minute later to edge Kelowna up 2-1.

And back came the Blades with Nuyens lifting in a long screen shot and Stein firing in a loose puck deposited by Sherk.

Kelowna bypassed and took a 5-3 lead in the second period on goals by John Strong, Evans and Schnepf, the last one going in past Woodward from an impossible angle. Rogan then put the Blades back into the game at 17:47 when he slammed in his own rebound on a pressure play.

The Bucks upped the count to 6-4 shortly after the third period opened with Strong blasting in his second goal from Doug Chisholm and Terry Kasubuchi. Kineshanko made it 6-5, rapping in a puck kicked out to the point by Nuyens who had lost his stick.

Terry Strong and Stolz looked to give the Buckaroos the game when they slammed in a couple of quick ones starting at the 11-minute mark but the Blades pressed and in the space of 30 seconds narrowed it to a 8-7 with Sherk dumping in a Stein pass and Rogan tapping in a short one during a goal-mouth scramble.

Game Summary

First period: 1. Kelowna, McClelland (Schnepf) 4:04. 2. Vernon, Coulter (Nuyens) 4:45. 3. Kelowna, Hokazono, 5:35. 4. Vernon, Nuyens (Agar) 8:21. 5. Vernon, Stein



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(Sherk) 10:24. Penalties — Ueda (7:35); Ueda, Tantrum (11:20); Tantrum (13:35); Lanaway, McClelland (17:10).

Second period: 6. Kelowna, J. Strong 2:40. 7. Kelowna, Evans (Kasubuchi) 2:49. 8. Kelowna, Schnepf, 13:43. 9. Vernon, Rogan (Sherk, Stephen) 17:47. Penalties — Kineshanko (2:06); Schnepf (5:43); J. Strong (11:16); Sherk (11:42); MacKay (12:26); Stolz (15:47); Stephen (19:35).

Third period: 10. Kelowna, J. Strong (Chisholm, Kasubuchi) 1:34. 11. Vernon, Kineshanko (Nuyens) 10:43. 12. Kelowna, T. Strong (Stolz, J. Strong) 11:55. 13. Kelowna, Stolz (J. Strong) 12:13. 14. Vernon, Sherk (Stein) 12:30. 14. Vernon, Rogan, 12:59. Penalties — Chisholm (7:04); Evans (16:07).

Shots:

Robinson	13	12	12—37
Woodward	13	17	16—46

Additional

SPORT

Cougars, Frenchies Post Shutouts In NOHL Openers

Armstrong 3—Grandview 0
Lumby 11—Grindrod 0

The North Okanagan Hockey League started its 1963-64 season Sunday at the Vernon Civic Arena with two shutouts marking opening play.

In the first game of the regular evening doubleheader Armstrong Cougars Blanked Grandview Warriors 3-0 and in the nightcap defending NOHL champion Lumby Flying Frenchmen completely overpowered a weak Grindrod Elk club 11-0.

The fifth team in the league, Head of the Lake Stampeders, had the bye but will see their first action next week versus Grandview while Grindrod tries to find better luck against Armstrong.

The Cougars and Warriors played scoreless hockey through the first period of Sunday's opener but Don

Ramsey finally beat Grandview's Bob Jones at 8:10 of the second, taking a pass from Marcel DeLeeuw.

At 9:20 Norm Reimer made it 2-0 for Armstrong with Larry Wynn setting up the insurance marker.

Early in the final frame Don Doidge salted the game away with John Turanski providing the assist.

Only four penalties were called by referee Mickey Ogasawara, three to Grandview. Armstrong edged the Warriors in total shots 20-19 with George Beck collecting his first shutout.

The second game was strictly no contest. Lumby grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first period, extended it to 7-0 in the second and added four more goals in the final 20 minutes.

Gary Anderson and Merv Koski paced the Frenchies with two goals apiece while singles were scored by Leroy Martin, Bob Hornell, Butch Altwasser, Earl Morrison, Don Roland, Bob Glenn and Dave Pattie.

Surprisingly enough the Elks outshot the Frenchmen 20-19 but their rookie goaltender Brian Woodward, recruited from Vernon Junior Blades for the game, had no defence to help him and got bombed badly.

Lumby was tops in penalties too, collecting four of the five issued.

Pheasant Trophy Goes Three Ways

The annual Okanagan Elementary School Soccer Tournament ended in a three-way tie for first place and a share of the Silver Pheasant Trophy Saturday.

Enderby, Lumby and Kelowna each emerged from the round-robin affair with two wins and one loss. Vernon (Beirsto), the other school entered, was the only entry left out in the cold.

In first round play Saturday Lumby blanked Enderby 1-0 and Kelowna whipped Beirsto 4-0. At 12:30 Enderby bounced back to edge Kelowna 3-2 while Lumby again dumped Beirsto 2-0.

In the final round Kelowna beat Lumby 2-1 and Enderby dropped Beirsto for the third time, 3-2.

Following the tournament Larry Buchan, president of the Vernon Rotary Club, presented the three clubs with the Silver Pheasant Trophy.

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Blades Will Try Cellar Escape Tuesday

Vernon Blades host Kelowna Buckaroos again Tuesday night at the Civic Arena and this time around they're banking on a victory to satisfy impatient hometowners.

The Blades are presently two games off the pace of the second-running Buckaroos and a victory could edge them within striking distance again.

Meanwhile the Kamloops Rockets are still flying high in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League with four wins and one loss.

That loss was to the Blades here last Tuesday and the Buckaroos just happen to be next in line according to coaches Jim Moro and Hap Schaefer.

Fans will see what gives starting at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Programs will be on sale at the door as usual.