



"Hey Fellas! The Puck's Over Here, Fellas!"

Everybody seems to have momentarily forgotten about the puck during this mad scramble in front of the Kelowna Buckaroo net during Tuesday night's Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League game. The attention of Vernon Blade winger Frank Harrison (9), Buckaroo defenceman Doug Chisholm (2) and goalie Richard Robinson appears to be diverted towards somewhere other than where that little, black rubber object happens to be. But the Blades didn't lose sight of the puck very often Tuesday as they laced the Buckaroos 9-4 for their second win of the season.

—Vernon News Photo

3rd Period Blast Shatters Bucks

Supercharged Blades Score Quick Six In Wild Finale

VERNON 9, KELOWNA 4

Kelowna Buckaroos and the rafters of Vernon Civic Arena were rattled by a surprise explosion Tuesday night.

The blast in question was detonated by an aroused Vernon Blade demolition squad in the third period of Tuesday's Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League game here.

What was rolling along as a peaceful, normal hockey game with the hometown Blades fighting to hold a 3-2 lead suddenly became something quite the opposite starting at 4:27 of the third when the blue and white brigade pressed the plunger without any warning, rapping in six fast goals to coast to a 9-4 victory over the stunned Buckaroos.

The win was the Blades' second of the young season and their most convincing yet. It was also the most overpowering victory they have ever scored over the Buckaroos since the junior league began three years ago.

Within Striking Distance

And it meant that the Blades were once more within striking distance of second place in the league, still held by their Kelowna rivals.

The Blues now have four points on two wins and five losses, the Bucks have six points on an even seven 3-3 record and two points ahead of them are the high-flying Kamloops Rockets with eight on a 4 and 1 showing.

While the Blades, collectively, were inching their way closer to Kelowna Tuesday two members of the local faithful were making headway, individually.

Centre man Bobby Stein and rightwinger Corky Agar powered their way to a share of first place in league scoring, Stein forging forward with four points on two goals and two assists and Agar keeping pace with a goal and a helper.

They each have nine points, Stein on a league-leading five goals and four assists and Agar on three goals and six assists.

Frank Harrison, the left-hand jab on Agar's line, also had a big night Tuesday, scoring two beautiful goals to boost his point total to six points. Dale Sorochnik, the pivot on this three-man combo, played his best game of the season, scoring once and setting up Harrison on his

second goal.

Productive Line

The other productive line for the Blades was Stein's. Leftwinger Buck Sherk tallied once and Gordie Kineshanko set up Stein once on the other wing.

Ike Coulter and defenceman Wilf Tantrum fired in the other two Vernon markers.

For the badly battered Bucks, Terry Kasubuchi came through as the individual star, scoring two of their four goals. Rookies Terry Strong and Don Evans added singletons.

Until that thunderous third period the game was a hard-knocking, close-to-the-wire affair with neither side getting much of an advantage. The Blues owned a 1-0 edge after the first period and led 2-1 entering the final 20-minute session. The edge was 3-2 just before they blew wild.

The Blades had a definite edge in play through most of the game and shots on goal will bear this out: 29 for Vernon, 24 for Kelowna. The Blues also had the edge in penalties, collecting five of the nine issued.

Woodward Steady

Brian Woodward continued to look steady in the Blade net, especially when the pressure was on with Vernon men in the penalty box.

Play was sloppy and slapdash for most of the first period and it wasn't until 14:53 that the Blades finally broke the ice with Coulter banging in a pass from Allan Rogan.

Then both sides clammed up again and fans had to wait more than a full period for more of the same. Late in the middle period Stein, after numerous unsuccessful blasts at the Buckaroo net, picked a corner from the point with defenceman Dave MacKay assisting.

But a minute later Kelowna put the issue in darkest doubt with Kasubuchi rifling one from the blueline that Woodward made a swipe for but missed.

At 3:15 of the third Tantrum scored on a screened drive and the Blades were up two again. However the Buckaroos were not to be

denied another crack at catching their hosts and young Strong, at 3:51, struck home on a quick play from Marcello Verna.

And that, as it turned out, was the last they saw of the Blades who disappeared into the sunset with sticks a'smoking.

Harrison Started It

Harrison started it all with one of the finest goals of the game, latching on to a loose puck and stick-handling in on Richard Robinson unassisted.

Stein then scored his second goal on a quick deflection from Kineshanko and Sherk made it 6-2 with Stein the playmaker.

Sorochnik was next on the list with help from Agar and then Agar came up with his own unassisted dilly on a breakaway. Foiled earlier in the game under similar circumstances the sophomore centre made no mistake this time, deking Anderson and picking the short side.

Harrison ended the upheaval at 16:25 on another picture play, relaying in Sorochnik's shot from just outside the crease.

Droling for more goals the Blades eased up defensively during the last few minutes and the Buckaroos found time to pick up a quick brace themselves, Kasubuchi converting Evans' pass and Evans then tipping in Greg McClelland's lob from the corner.

Game Summary

First period: 1. Vernon, Coulter (Rogan) 14:53.

Second period: 2. Vernon, Stein (MacKay) 17:37. 3. Kelowna, Kasubuchi (Stolz) 18:51. Penalties—Schnepf, 6:10; Nuyens, 7:34; Tantrum, 11:02; Ueda, 14:15; Litzemberger, 18:24.

Third period: 4. Vernon, Tantrum (Stein) 3:15. 5. Kelowna, T. Strong (Verna) 3:51. 6. Vernon, Harrison (unassisted) 4:27. 7. Vernon, Stein (Kineshanko) 5:47. 8. Vernon, Sherk (Stein) 8:57. 9. Vernon, Sorochnik (Agar) 11:21. 10. Vernon, Agar (unassisted) 11:36. 11. Vernon, Harrison (Sorochnik) 16:25. 12. Kelowna, Kasubuchi (Evans) 18:58. 13. Kelowna, Evans (McClelland) 19:24. Penalties—Sorochnik, Evans, 5:16; Schnepf, 9:37; Nuyens, 16:35.

Shots:

Woodward	10	7	7—24
Robinson	9	10	10—29

The rare red-haired orangutan of Borneo and Sumatra has a life span of 50 or more years.

Holland Affair Causes Uproar

Flin Flon Suspended For Using Former Blade Goalie

Whether he likes it or not former Vernon Blade goaltender Gary Holland has become the center of one of the biggest uproars in Canadian amateur hockey in some time.

The uproar concerns the suspension of Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for using Holland without first obtaining his release.

Under the new ruling instituted this year by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association, a branch of the parent body of the CAHA, all players leaving B.C. to play for junior teams on the prairies or elsewhere must only be released on payment of \$1,000 to the BCAHA.

The Bombers, however, refused to buy his release and used him anyway and as a result the CAHA stepped in and suspended the team from further play in the SJHL until Holland became eligible. Also suspended was league commissioner Frank Boucher who instructed the Flin Flon team to ignore the transfer requirement.

Called Meeting

Following these suspensions, which were handed down Monday, Gordon Jukes, registrar of the CAHA called a special meeting scheduled for Saturday in Regina at which the whole matter will be discussed in full.

The whole affair has actually mushroomed into the giant test case of the new ruling, the BCAHA versus the SJHL.

Awaiting the outcome of the meeting with intense interest is Bill Brown, president of the Vernon Blades and the one who holds Holland's card at the present time.

According to Boucher, in a statement made following his suspension, Holland was guaranteed his release at the end of the 1962-63 season by Brown.

Then, said Boucher: "The Vernon club backed out of its original agreement and refused to release him. The documents I have held on this matter have been sent to the Manitoba branch and I am quite sure that when these are read, the branch will wipe out the suspension of Flin Flon."

Denied Agreement

Brown, in hearing of Boucher's statements, flatly denied any agreement for Holland's release had been guaranteed.

"We never backed out of any agreement because there wasn't any agreement in the first place," Brown said Wednesday.

"When the question of Holland's release came up I contacted the BCAHA and asked them what action to take and they said to proceed according to the new ruling, which I did. From then on the whole matter was out of my hands

and strictly between Flin Flon and the BCAHA."

Brown said he was curious as to the "documents" held by Boucher which purported to prove that an original guarantee for release existed.

He said he had received a letter this week from BCAHA president Dr. Leo Margolis concerning the suspension. The president stated the Holland affair had become a test case of how effective the new ruling would be in limiting the wholesale exportation of young hockey players from B.C.

According to Gordon Jukes the Blades would be given an opportunity to submit a rebuttal to Boucher's claims at the meeting after which the matter would be taken to the CAHA registration committee for a vote.

Buck Defender Draws Year Suspension

A Kelowna Buckaroo defenceman has drawn a year's suspension from organized hockey following an incident in a game with Vernon Blades Friday, October 18.

Ken Kitsch, 19, was barred from hockey for a year in a decision handed down by Dr. Leo Margolis of Nanaimo, president of the BC Amateur Hockey Association.

His decision was based on a referee's report on a match penalty issued to Kitsch after a fracas between him and Blade forward Gordie Kineshanko.

According to the report Kitsch swung his stick around and struck Kineshanko after being cross-checked in the corner.

The year's suspension has drawn strong protests from Buckaroo manager Bob Gior-dano who termed it "ridiculous."

Rifle Club Will Open Season Sunday

The B.C. Amateur Rifle Association (Vernon Club) will open its winter shooting program on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Regular shooting nights will be Sundays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. The indoor range is located on 15th Ave. east of the Army Camp Guard House.

Anyone interested in either outdoor rifle or handgun shooting is invited to attend. Further information can be obtained by contacting the club secretary at 542-7517.