

Sagebrush Tourney Kicks Off '64 Cage Campaign

With school in session again after a two-week Christmas layoff it's back to basketball at the Vernon Senior High School gym this week. And to get the 1964 cage campaign off to a dribbling good start, Jim Webster's Panthers are holding another large, economy size tournament Friday and Saturday.

Actually it's two tournaments in one with the Panthers hosting Kamloops Red Angels and Salmon Arm Jewels in a senior girls' set to and the Panthers holding "court" with Kelowna Immaculata Dons, Salmon Arm Golds and teams from Kamloops including the Red Devils, the Kamloops Jayve Totems, and the St. Ann's Sabres.

Both tournaments, lumped together under the fancy title, Sagebrush Basketball Tournament, are round-robin affairs, the team finishing with the best won-lost record cashing in on the top honors.

The tournament with the most at stake is the senior girls' competition because it will go towards deciding who will represent the North Okanagan in the B.C. finals in March.

And as it stands now Mel Briggeman's Panthers have a bit of a job facing them if they want to remain in contention. Their record, to date is no wins, two losses, while rival Salmon Arm sports a one win, one loss mark and Kamloops a two win, no loss advantage.

The Panthers' main objective on the weekend will be upsetting the top-rated Red Devils, their masters so far this season. They won't have to wait long to get a crack at them as they have drawn the first round against Bill

Martino's matchless men. The complete tournament schedule reads like this: Friday, January 10 7 p.m. — Salmon Arm Jewels vs Vernon Panthers.

8:15 p.m. — Salmon Arm Golds vs Kamloops Totems. 9:30 p.m. — Kamloops Red Devils vs Vernon Panthers. Saturday, January 11 9:00 a.m. — Salmon Arm Jewels vs Kamloops Red Angels.

10:15 a.m. — Immaculata Dons vs St. Ann's Sabres. 11:15 a.m. — Salmon Arm Golds vs Vernon Panthers. 12:30 p.m. — Kamloops Red Angels vs Vernon Panthers.

1:40 p.m. — Kamloops Red Devils vs Ann's Sabres. 3:00 p.m. — Immaculata Dons vs Kamloops Totems. 4:00 p.m. — Vernon Panthers vs St. Ann's Sabres.

5:15 p.m. — Kamloops Red Devils vs Kamloops Totems. 6:30 p.m. — Salmon Arm Golds vs Immaculata Dons. 7:30 p.m. — Kamloops Totems vs St. Ann's Sabres.

8:30 p.m. — Kamloops Red Devils vs Salmon Arm Golds. 9:30 p.m. — Vernon Panthers vs Immaculata Dons.

Here are the Ladies' Afternoon Curling League draws for Friday, January 10: 1, Rehli vs Ryal; 2, Clark vs Nolan; 3, Fee vs Forsythe; 4, Henschke vs LeBlond; 5, Weir vs Maynard. Little, bye.

The earliest golf balls were known as "featheries" and were made of stitched leather covers packed with boiled feathers.

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

Blues Lose To Rockets In Surprising 'Closie'

Kamloops 4, Vernon 1. Vernon Blades, who always seem to give Kamloops Rockets a good game at the Civic Arena, turned around and did it on the wide open spaces of Kamloops Memorial Arena Wednesday night.

The Blades lost again at Kamloops as both they and Kelowna Buckaroos have done all season but it wasn't by one of those football-sized scores like 10-1 or 12-6.

No, it was by the legitimate hockey score of 4-1, probably the lowest racked up on Kamloops ice so far this season.

And the Blades accomplished this somewhat surprising feat with only 10 players.

However, the few they had came up with creditable performances, a far cry from Tuesday night when the Blues put on a dull exhibition in losing 5-1 to Kelowna.

They skated with the Rockets all night, checked them closely and constantly, and matched Kamloops' highly efficient puck-passing with some fancy stickwork of their own.

Combine all this with some outstanding goaltending by Brian Woodward and you have the makings of a good hockey game, albeit another losing hockey game.

Midgets Cinch Title With 5-4 Victory

Vernon 5—Sumnerland 4. Tom Steyk's Midget All-Stars clinched first place in the Okanagan Midget Hockey League Wednesday night when they edged Sumnerland 5-4 in a thriller played in the Apple Town.

Winger Vern Munk scored the winning goal at 16:55 of an all-action third period to crack a 4-4 deadlock.

Other Vernon marksmen included centre Tom Williamson, defenceman-winger Allan Southward, and wingers Sandy Stevenson and Larry Hackman.

Game Peacock was the big gun for Sumnerland, scoring three goals while Garry Bulach fired the remaining single.

It was 1-1 at the end of the first period and Vernon enjoyed a tight 2-1 edge going into the concluding canto when most of the action and scoring took place.

Vernon All-Stars close out the regular season Saturday morning when they play host to lowly, winless Salmon Arm. Game time is 10 a.m.

Sunday morning at 9 a.m. the All-Stars take on Odie Lowe's Juveniles in what promises to be an interesting exhibition of puckery.

Juveniles Go At It In Kelowna

Vernon Juvenile All-Stars set their sights on winning number five when they hit the road tonight for a game at Kelowna.

Determined to finish a strong third in the Okanagan Juvenile Hockey League what with first and second now nailed down tight by Sumnerland and Penticton, respectively, Odie Lowe's All-Stars will be out to dump the Kelowna boys who just happen to be their strongest rivals for this choice, if not choicest, playoff berth.

The juvenile squad held a spirited, fully attended practice last night and should be in fine fettle for tonight's action. The All-Stars have already bested Kelowna once this season, 4-2 at the Civic Arena.

On the weekend the Juveniles have no regularly scheduled games so an exhibition contest with Tom Steyk's Midget All-Stars has been drummed up for Sunday morning at the arena.

Okanagan Centre News

Miss Susan Kobayashi has been visiting her father D. Kobayashi at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sax Koyama.

Mr. and Mrs. Black have returned to their former residence here over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Swanson are leaving here on Wednesday for Thornbury where they will be living in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Henzie and family of the Winfield Pharmacy, have taken the Swanson home and will reside here.

Miss Ruth Nuysens has been vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nuysens for awhile.

A party was given by Miss Sykes and Miss Richardson on December 28 and they have now motored off on business to Alberta.

Miss Elizabeth Land is home from the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, for a vacation.

Patrick O'Hara is vacationing with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family have visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gable have had their four daughters and son home for the holiday.

The Westworld Women's Institute started a series of which drives last Saturday in the activity room.

Miss Hilda Wright visited with friends in Vancouver for a few days.

Mrs. Rod Jones spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Denmon in McClure.

Civic Arena Ice Still Agrees With Buckaroos

Lustreless Blades Prove Easy Marks For High Flying Visitors

KELOWNA 5, VERNON 1. Kelowna Buckaroos cast their spell of seeming invincibility over Vernon Blades again Tuesday night and, as expected, the Blades performed according to Hoyle.

This time around they were heaved 5-1 by the high flying Buckaroos who make a point of kicking up a sizeable storm every time they make the scene at Vernon Civic Arena.

Or maybe it's the Blades who make a point of coming on like "deaders" every time they face the Buckaroos. Whatever the case the result is always the same and Tuesday night was no exception: Kelowna won, Vernon lost.

By winning the Buckaroos kept their sinking hopes of finishing first atop the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League alive. They edged back to within three games and six points of front running Kamloops Rockets who had an idle night of it Tuesday.

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Only Bobby Stein came through with the consistency he has shown all along this season. The hard-shooting centre rifled in a pass from defenceman Dave MacKay in the second period to shatter any hopes Kelowna goalie Richard Robinson may have cherished of claiming his second shutout of the season.

It was his 23rd goal to date and, with 15 assists, gives him 38 points in league standings, right up in the Top Ten.

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But Race Is Close

Shishido Continues To Pace OJHL Scorers

Another week of hockey action has failed to ease the traffic tie-up at the top of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League scoring race. Centre Eric Shishido of Kamloops Rockets, named to the mid-season all-star team last week, still has sole possession of first place with 48 points on 18 goals and 30 assists but he continues to be hotly pursued by a pack of fellow Rockets and one Kelowna Buckaroo.

Right on his tail in second place is alternate Rocket centre Larry Roberge with 23 goals and 24 assists for 47 points and behind him in third is his wingmate Brian Fourt (24 goals, 22 assists) and Kelowna winger John Strong (22 goals, 24 assists), each with 46 points. Glen Richards is next with a 16-29 record for 45 points.

Vernon centre Bobby Stein continues to hold his own in the Top Ten with 38 points on 23 goals and 15 helpers.

Lee Simpson of Kamloops, another named to the all-star squad, remains the league's ace goaltender with a nifty 3.82 average on 58 goals given up in 16 games.

In league standings the Rockets are still riding on the front bumper with the Buckaroos holding down a solid second. The Kelowna squad now leads the penalty parade with a total of 417 minutes to Vernon's 403.

League Standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Kam	18	7	1	180	103	37
Kel	15	10	1	131	128	31
Vern	5	21	0	99	179	10

Shishido (K) 18 30 48
Roberge (K) 23 24 47
Fourt (K) 22 24 46
Richards (K) 22 24 46
Sandyke (K) 22 18 41
Stolz (Kel) 23 18 39
Stein (V) 23 15 38
Bulach (Kel) 13 22 35
Strong (Kel) 10 23 33
Ager (V) 17 15 32
Steinke (K) 7 24 31
Owen (K) 19 11 30
Begg (K) 11 18 29
Rinaldi (K) 6 23 28
McShane (K) 12 15 27
Verna (Kel) 9 25 25
Sherk (Ver) 11 14 25
Kasubuchi (Kel) 11 13 24
Schnepp (Kel) 16 7 23



BOBBY STEIN

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Goalkeepers' Averages

	GP	GA	AV.
Simpson (K)	16	58	3.62
Budardick (K)	11	44	4.00
Robinson (Kel)	24	114	4.75
Woodward (V)	23	140	6.08
Taylor (V)	5	39	7.80

Shots: Woodward 5 9 8-22
Robinson 5 6 7-18

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