

Bucks Outgunned Again By Blades

'Bullet' Bob Strikes Twice; Now Leads League In Goals

VERNON 4, KELOWNA 3

Those Buckaroo hombres rode into town spoiling for a showdown Tuesday night but got "outdrawn" again by Vernon's trigger-happy Men in Blue.

The Blades, led by their potent pistoleer Bobby Stein, gunned down the Kelowna Cowpokes 4-3 in a stirring "High Noon-type" drama before about 160 bystanders at Vernon Civic Arena.

"Bullet" Bob's smoking-hot stick spoke twice, once in the first period to open the shootin' match and again in the third with the death-dealing blow, to propel the upstart Blues to their seventh victory of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League season.

In addition, the stellar Mr. Stein established himself as the league's top gun, his two goals Tuesday going into the record books as his 27th and 28th of the season, pushing him ahead of two Kamloops Rocket riflemen, Larry Roberge and Brian Fourt, who each have 26 tallies to date.

Second in Row

Kelowna's loss was the second in a row for them on Civic Arena ice after months of prosperity. Just over a week ago they were edged out 5-4 by the brash Blades.

The game was similar, in

part, to last Saturday's clash between these same two rivals down in Kelowna but it had a happier ending.

In Kelowna the Blades scrapped their way to a 2-0 lead midway through the contest only to see the Bucks accelerate in the home stretch and take them by a nose at the wire. Tuesday the Blues again dug out strongly from the starting blocks to go out in front 3-0, then rewrote that part of the script calling for Kelowna to make a last-half comeback.

As it was the Buckaroos almost did do a repeat, scoring two unanswered goals in each of the second and third periods to force a tense 3-2 situation before Stein screamed home Vernon's winner. And even then the stubborn Kelownians weren't down and out as they edged back to within a goal again three minutes from full time to give the Blades cause for worrying.

With the playoffs only two weeks away and first, second and third place in the league unalterably the prop-

erty of Kamloops, Kelowna and Vernon in that order there was little at stake in the game.

However the Blades didn't look at it quite that way and played as if the Valley title itself hinged on the outcome of Tuesday's tilt.

Spirit Bodes Well

This spirit bodes well for the playoffs when they go at it for keeps with Kelowna and Kamloops in a 12-game round robin to determine a champion to represent the league in the B.C. semi-finals.

Stein, with his two goals and one assist, rated as the number one star Tuesday but there were others who gave their all to the cause who can't be ignored. Like Buck Sherk, on Stein's left wing, who scored a goal early in the second period and checked mercilessly all night; Ralph Litzenberger and Allan Rogan on the other wing, penalty-killers par excellence; the hard-working line of Corky Agar, Ike Coulter and Dale Sorochnik that produced the fourth Vernon goal (Sorochnik the marksman); the bone-shattering bodies on defence, Jim Stephen, Dave MacKay and Gordie Nuyens; Brian Woodward, steady as ever in the nets.

For Kelowna the principals were Gordie Schnepf, Richard Bulach and Roy Ueda who each scored once to keep the Blades honest. Richard Robinson did a creditable job in goal, stopping 37 Vernon drives.

Unlike Saturday's roughie in Kelowna Tuesday's game was a Sunday school picnic with only seven penalties being issued, four to Vernon. None figured in scoring.

The Blades led 1-0 at 1:20 of the first period when Stein rapped in Rogan's pass from the left side.

Play continued scoreless through the remainder of the period although both sides had numerous chances. Two minutes into the second stanza Sherk slammed a rebound through a gap between Robinson and the post and it was 2-0 Vernon. At 6:49 Sorochnik got a "gift" goal from Agar who laid the puck right on his stick with nobody to beat but Robinson.

Deflected In

Schnepf tallied unassisted shortly afterwards, his drive deflecting in off Nuyens' stick while the defenceman was trying to clear it away from the goal-mouth with Woodward sucked out to the side.

Bulach struck again for Kelowna at 1:59 of the third period and the Blades suddenly didn't feel too secure anymore.

They breathed a little easier at the 13-minute mark when Stein connected from Nuyens and Litzenberger with a 30-foot bullet that Robinson had no chance on because he never saw it.

Ueda edged the Bucks back at 17:10, flipping a loosely cleared puck over Woodward. But that turned out to be it, Blade forechecking disorganizing all attempts by Kelowna to rally again in the last three minutes.

Saturday night the Blades take on the Rockets in Kamloops and the following Tuesday they host them back here in their final home game of the regular season.

Game Summary

First period: 1. Vernon, Stein (Rogan) 1:20. Penalties: Agar (elbowing) 3:22; Bulach (high sticking) 7:57; Nuyens (charging) 17:08.

Second period: 2. Vernon, Sherk (Mackay, Stein) 2:34. 3. Vernon, Sorochnik (Agar, Stephen) 6:49. 4. Kelowna, Schnepf (unassisted) 8:54. Penalties: Chisholm (tripping), 2:45; Sorochnik (boarding), 12:21.

Third period: 5. Kelowna, Bulach (Wildeman), 1:59; 6. Vernon, Stein (Nuyens, Litzenberger), 13:06; 7. Kelowna, Ueda (Schnepf), 17:10. Penalties—Sorochnik (holding), 8:03; Stolz (hooking), 8:18.

Shots:

Woodward 10 7 8—25
Robinson 8 15 14—37

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Stein Top Goalgetter;
5th In Scoring Race

Vernon Blades' sharp-shooting centreman Bobby Stein has taken over the goal-scoring leadership in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League.

Statistics this week show Stein with 28 goals, two more than Larry Roberge and Brian Fourt of the Kamloops Rockets who each have 26. In addition, he has 17 assists, giving him a combined point total of 45, fifth in OJHL scoring.

Stein took the goal-scoring lead Tuesday night when he fired in a brace to lead the Blades to a 4-3 win over visiting Kelowna Buckaroos.

Kamloops' little centre Eric Shishido still holds on to first place in the scoring race. He has 53 points on 23 goals and 30 assists. Still right behind him in second is Larry Roberge, also of Kamloops, with 52 on 26 goals, 26 helpers. John Strong of Kelowna is next with 50 points based on 23 goals and 27 assists.

Lee Simpson of Kamloops remains the top goaltender in the league in terms of averages. In 17 games he has allowed 61 goals for a 3.58 average, just a few decimal points better than his stand-in Harvey Budarick with a 3.62 mark.

The league's bad man is still Vernon defenceman Gordie Nuyens by a good country mile. So far naughty Mr. Nuyens has spent 106 minutes in solitary meditation, considerably more than second-running Bill Steinke of Kamloops who has served 71.

League standings are now fixed firmly to the end of the regular season, Kamloops having nailed down first place, Kelowna second and Vernon last. Playoffs are set to start February 5.

League Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Kamloops	21	7	2	44
Kelowna	16	13	2	34
Vernon	7	24	0	14

League Scoring (Top Twenty)

	G	A	Pts
E. Shishido, Kam.	23	30	53
Roberge, Kam.	26	26	52
J. Strong, Kel.	23	27	50
Fourt, Kam.	26	23	49
Stein, Ver.	28	17	45
R. Bulach, Kel.	17	28	45
Richards, Kam.	16	29	45
Sandyke, Kam.	24	20	44
Stolz, Kel.	25	16	41
Agar, Ver.	20	19	39
Owen, Kam.	22	14	36
T. Strong, Kel.	12	23	35
Steinke, Kam.	7	28	35
Begg, Kam.	11	23	34
Kasubuchi, Kel.	16	16	32
Sherk, Ver.	14	16	30
Rinaldi, Kam.	5	25	30
McShane, Kam.	12	17	29
Schnepf, Kel.	19	8	27
Verna, Kel.	16	10	26

Goalkeepers' Averages

	GP	GA	Ave
Simpson, Kam.	17	61	3.58
Budarick, Kam.	14	41	3.62
Robinson, Kel.	27	128	4.74
Woodward, Ver.	27	156	5.77
Taylor, Ver.	6	44	7.33



BOBBY STEIN
... 28 goals

Sam Slams
High Scores
In Bowling

Sam Yakoweshen bowled respective scores of 291 and 715 to cop the Men's High Single and Men's High Triple in Sportsmen's Bowling League play at Del-Mar Lanes Monday night.

On the distaff side Lil Kaneda scored 263 for the Ladies' High Single while Muriel Andrews racked up a 642 mark for the Ladies' High Triple.

Ho-Bos toted up the Team High Single, a 1,021, and Vikings amassed a 2,688 for the Team High Triple.

Team standings saw Royalite Super Service firmly in first place again with 48 points. Second were Vikings and Del-Mar each with 43.

Team Standings: Royalite Super Service 48, Vikings 43, Del-Mar 43, Limbos 38, Noca 38, North-Enders 34, Woolworths 33, Robbers Roost 28, Ho-Bos 23.



Thursday, January 23:

7 p.m.—Men's League. 1, Shockey vs Wetherill; 2, Ogasawara vs Kinnard; 3, Foord vs Brown; 4, Henley vs Clark; 5, Copan vs Townsend.

9 p.m.—Business Girls.

Friday, January 24:

Afternoon Ladies: 1, Clark vs Forsythe; 2, Maynard vs Rehill; 3, Nolan vs Weir; 4, Fee vs Henschke; 5, LeBlond vs Little. Ryall, bye.

7 p.m.—Men's League. 1, Johnston vs French; 2, McWilliams vs Scott; 3, Siemans vs Brisco; 4, Schell vs Wadsworth; 5, Adams vs Ferguson.

9 p.m.—Open.

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GARY HOLLAND

Goaltender Garry Holland, a late-season star with Vernon Blades last year, was picked last week to the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League all-star team. In addition he just lost out in a close race with another goalie Wayne Doll of Estevan Bruins, for rookie of the year honors in voting by sportswriters, broadcasters, coaches and managers in the seven-team Saskatchewan loop. Holland, who was a standout for the Blades during his short playing stint here, went to Flin Flon Bombers of the SJHL last fall and was the central figure in an inter-provincial player transfer hassle that resulted in heavy fines and suspensions being levied on the Flin Flon team and Saskatchewan league commissioner Frank Boucher for allowing him to play while still ineligible.

Juveniles Hope To Sweep Series Tonight

Vernon Juvenile All-Stars are hoping to make it two straight over Kelowna tonight to advance to the semi-finals of the Okanagan Juvenile Hockey League playoffs.

Odie Lowe's crew presently holds a one-game edge over Kelowna, having beaten them 5-1 in the series opener here

Starting Feb. 5

12-Game Round Robin Set For Jr. Playoffs

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League drafted and ratified a playoff schedule at its meeting held Monday night here in Vernon.

The playoff, because of the three-team set-up in the OJHL this season, will be a round robin affair instead of the usual semi-final and final series.

Twelve games will be played altogether with each club playing eight, four home and four away. The team finishing with the best record, ie: point total, will be declared the league champion and will represent the Okanagan in ensuing B.C. playoffs.

All games must be played to a conclusion. This means there will be sudden death overtime after regulation time and a 10-minute overtime. A 10-minute rest period will be allowed before 20-minute sudden death periods commence.

In the event of two or all three teams ending in a tie after the conclusion of this series the winner will be declared by the total of goals scored against the opposition in the playoffs.

First game of the playoff gets underway February 5 with Vernon Blades visiting league winning Kamloops Rockets. On February 7 Vernon then travels to Kelowna. It should be noted that both these games were cut from the regular schedule and inserted into the playoff schedule.

The final game of the series is on February 25 with Vernon at Kelowna. On February 28 the first game of the Kootenay-Okanagan semi-final is set to start with the Kootenays the visitors.

Efforts will be made by Blair Peters, on behalf of the OJHL, to approach the three referees "on strike" in Kel-

owna to see whether they would consider returning.

One referee and two linesmen will be used throughout the series with a neutral referee, if possible, for each game.

The playoff schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 5—VERNON at Kamloops
- Feb. 7—VERNON at Kelowna
- Feb. 8—Kelowna at Kamloops
- Feb. 11—Kelowna at VERNON
- Feb. 12—Kamloops at Kelowna
- Feb. 15—Kelowna at Kamloops
- Feb. 16—Kamloops at VERNON, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 18—Kelowna at VERNON
- Feb. 19—VERNON at Kamloops
- Feb. 21—Kamloops at Kelowna
- Feb. 22—Kamloops at VERNON
- Feb. 25—VERNON at Kelowna

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