



**GORDIE NUYENS**  
... coveted honor



**BOBBY STEIN**  
... runner-up for MVP



**JIM STEPHEN**  
... makes 2nd squad

## All-Star Pick Too

# Nuyens Named OJHL's Most Valuable Player

Vernon Blades salvaged some glory from a colorless season this week with the announcement that Gordie Nuyens, their hard-hitting, hustling defenceman, had been named the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League's Most Valuable Player.

Nuyens, the Blades' assistant captain, nosed out teammate centre Bobby Stein and Kamloops Rocket pivot Murray Owen for the coveted

honor.

In addition Nuyens was a unanimous pick for one of two defence spots on the OJHL's first all-star team. This was the second season in a row he had been chosen as an all-star defenceman. He also won a more dubious honor as the league's bad-man, collecting 112 minutes in penalties over the season.

The Most Valuable Player Award has been up for com-

petition for three years. Last season league-scoring champion Bob Gruber of Kelowna Buckaroos won the title and the year before that Buck Crawford, defenceman of the Kamloops Rockets.

### Stephen Picked

Jim Stephen, Nuyens' fellow blueliner and Blade team captain, was the only other Vernon junior picked to an all-star slot. He tied with Kamloops' gentlemanly Terry Shishido for a defence position on the second team.

Filling the other rearguard post on the first all-star squad with Nuyens is Rocket slap-shot artist Ken Rinaldi. Another Rocket, Lee Simpson, who tied with stand-in Harvey Budarick for the top goals-against average over the season, got the nod as goaltender.

On the forward line two more Kamloops juniors won elite spots. Eric Shishido, who just missed the league scoring title by two points to teammate Larry Roberge, was picked to centre a line with smooth-skating Glen Richards on left wing and Kelowna's steady Richard Bullock on right.

Kenny Stewart, the old "Grey Ghost," had no trouble nailing down a job as coach of this choice collection of puck stars, his achievement in guiding the Kamloops Rockets to their third straight OJHL championship, speaking for itself.

On the second all-star team Kelowna's Richard Robinson was named in goal, Stephen and Shishido to one defence slot and Kamloops' Bill Steinke to the other.

Murray Owen, another Rocket, won out at centre with comrade-in-arms Dale Sandyke at right wing and Buckaroo captain Harvey Stolz on the left side. Don Culley of Kelowna was picked as coach.

The all-star selections were made by the various coaches and managers of the three OJHL teams.

## Night For Nostalgia

# Those Creaky Canucks Face Chiefs Saturday

Vernon Canadians break out the moth-eaten old blue and white Saturday night at Vernon Civic Arena and set their creaky knees in motion against the Kamloops Chiefs.

All you fans who remember the Canadians in their hey day should make a special note of turning out for this puck clash which promises to be a doozer.

The Canucks, eliminated from the Coy Cup playoffs

last year by these self-same Chiefs, will be out after a little revenge. Other than that the game will be strictly a fun affair with nothing riding on the outcome except maybe a few pints of foamy.

Names like Odie Lowe, Tom Stecyk, Don Jakes, Art Davison, Merv Bidoski and Jim Moro should ring a bell of reminiscence somewhere.

They'll be out there along with a few other stalwarts like Alex Kashuba, Ernie Poggemiller, Don Bock-Phillips and Stan Mills.

Juniors Corky Agar and Dave MacKay will try their luck with the senior game as well and don't be surprised if a few more bodies not mentioned here turn up by game time.

Appearing with Nick Pyevach's Chiefs will be scoring terrors like Bobby Gannon and Freddy Gaber, old staggers like Buddy Evans plus a few former Kamloops Rocket junior stars like Buck Crawford, Bill Donaldson, Glen Madsen and Larry Bedard.

Altogether an aggregation that should give the Canadians plenty of work and provide some good puck action to boot.

So, if you're hungering for some of that old hockey of yesteryear why not drop down to the Civic Arena Saturday night and wallow in a little nostalgia. The fun starts at 8:30 p.m.

## Luckies Change Date; Meet Tonight

A meeting of the Vernon Luckies' senior baseball club, originally set for this Sunday at 2 p.m., will be held tonight instead at 8 p.m. in the Allison Hotel.

The change was made because the Sunday date would have conflicted with another meeting in Kelowna of the Okanagan - Mainline Baseball League. The Luckies intend to send a representative to this meeting.

All ball buffs wishing to play for the Luckies this season are urged to turn out for the meeting tonight. Anyone else interested in helping the Luckies in some other capacity are also welcome.

An election of a new executive will be the main item on the agenda as both president Buck Davis and vice-president Carl Sorensen have expressed

Plumbers' 'Spiel

Pre-Inventor



## Budarick Top Goaler

# Shishido By A Length In Playoff Scorefest

Kamloops Rockets' slick centre Eric Shishido has won an abbreviated version of the scoring race he lost by two points to teammate Larry Roberge this season.

According to final statistics on the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League round robin playoffs just completed Shishido topped the scoring parade with eight goals and 11 assists for 19 points.

Five points back in second with 14 apiece were fellow Rockets Murray Owen and Paul Levens and in third Dale Sandyke with 13.

The Rockets won the OJHL championship for a third successive season, winning six and losing two, the latter pair to Vernon Blades.

The Blades and Kelowna Buckaroos had one game remaining in the round robin schedule but cancelled it. Kamloops played their full eight.

The Blades' big gun in the playoffs was centre Bobby Stein who put together five goals and four assists for nine points and a tie for fifth place with four others. Allan Rogan produced the biggest surprise in the playoffs for the Blades, potting five goals and setting up three more for eight points.

Harvey Budarick of Kamloops emerged over alternate Lee Simpson as the top goaltender in the playoffs, allowing 13 goals in four games for a 3.25 average. Simpson had a 4.75.

### Playoff Scoring (Top 22)

	G	A	Pts
E. Shishido, Kam. ....	8	11	19
Owen, Kam. ....	7	7	14
Levens, Kam. ....	5	9	14
Sandyke, Kam. ....	6	7	13
Richards, Kam. ....	8	4	12
J. Strong, Kel. ....	8	4	12
Begg, Kam. ....	6	6	12
Fourt, Kam. ....	6	6	12

McShane, Kam. ....	5	4	9
Stein, Ver. ....	5	4	9
Verna, Kel. ....	4	5	9
Roberge, Kam. ....	2	7	9
R. Bullock, Kel. ....	5	3	8
Rogan, Ver. ....	5	3	8
Steinke, Kam. ....	7	7	8
Stolz, Kel. ....	0	8	8
Agar, Ver. ....	4	3	7
Chisholm, Kel. ....	4	3	7
Kasubuchi, Kel. ....	3	4	7
Sherk, Ver. ....	3	4	7
T. Strong, Kel. ....	2	5	7
Ueda, Kel. ....	2	5	7

### Goalkeeper Averages

	GP	GA	Ave
Budarick, Kam. ....	4	13	3.25

Simpson, Kam. ....	4	19	4.75
Taylor, Ver. ....	2	10	5.00
Robinson, Kel. ....	7	39	5.57
Woodward, Ver. ....	5	35	7.00

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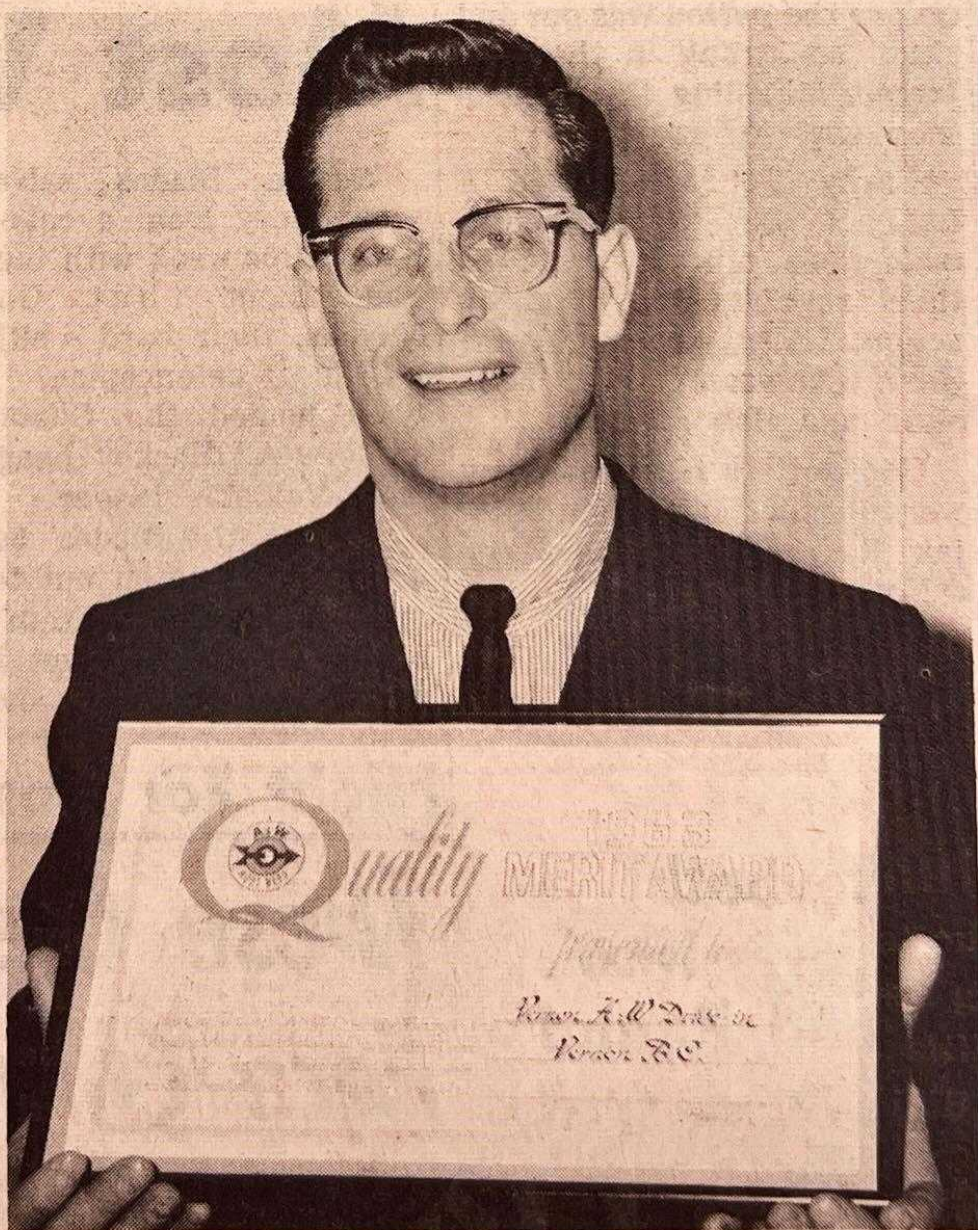
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