

# NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

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## Blade Gets MVP Award

The highlight of last Thursday's post-season banquet of the Vernon Blades junior hockey club was the presentation to defenceman Gordie Nuyens of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League's Most Valuable Player Award. Its presentation Thursday represented three years of waiting for Blade president Bill Brown who had the trophy put up for competition while president of the OJHL during its first year of operation. In addition to the trophy, which Gordie can keep for one year, he received a minute replica as a lasting memento.

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## Blades Hold Banquet Thursday

The Vernon Blades junior hockey club held its annual post-season banquet Thursday night in the Coldstream Hotel.

Attending were members of the 1963-64 team as well as team officials, league officials and special guests.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation to defenceman Gordie Nuyens of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League's Most Valuable Player Award which he won at the end of the season in a poll of league coaches and managers. Bill Brown, president of the Blades and former OJHL president, made the presentation.

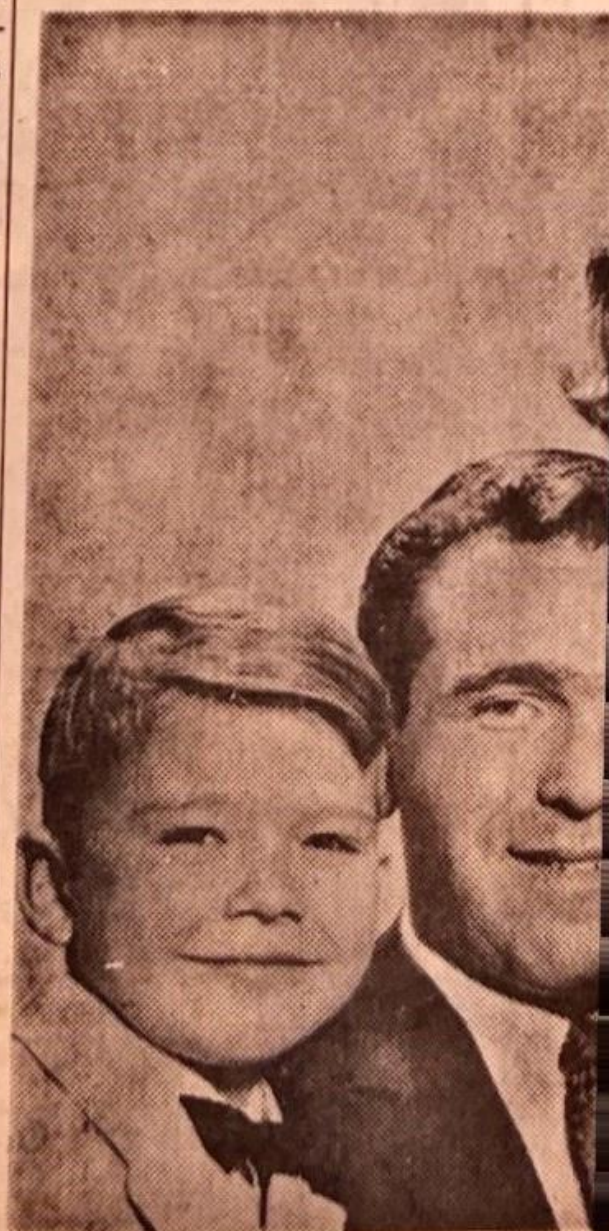
Members of the Blades were also presented with their new club sweaters Thursday night with Mrs. Charlie Hutton of Char-Betts doing the honors.

Among the guests at the banquet were OJHL president Len Miller, league referee in chief Arnold Smith, Bank of Nova Scotia manager Bill Tait, CJIB sportscaster Don Warner, and Jack Harris, Pete Humphreys and Ken Ashworth who voluntarily transported the club's equipment all season.

Last but not least was

a surprise guest, Jim McLeod, former goalie with the Vernon Senior Canadians now playing for Los Angeles Blades of the Western Hockey League.

## Family Find More Fun



Mr. and Mrs. R. Young and the from Toronto where they visited "We discovered that travelling v