

And Here They Are ..The Vernon Blades For 1964-65!



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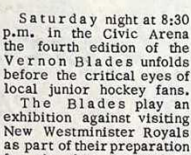
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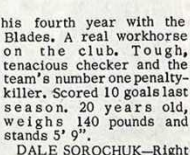
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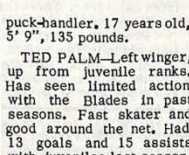
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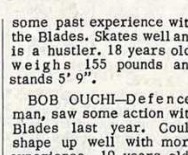
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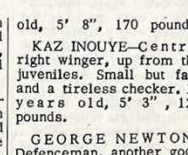
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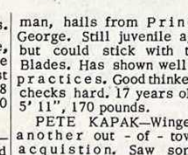
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Intermediates Practising Tonight At 9:00

The Vernon intermediate hockey club has scheduled a general practice for tonight at 9 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

Any local hockey players wishing to try out for the intermediates this season are urged to turn out for this practice. Further practices will be announced at a later date.

Vern Dyke, manager-coach of the new club, is currently seeking a sponsor and is quite optimistic of obtaining one.

The intermediate team, when formed, will play the season to qualify for Coy Cup playoff competition. A weekend tour of the Cariboo is tentatively on the agenda.

There appears to be quite a number of players eager to play intermediate hockey this season. About ten ex-seniors and ex-juniors were out to a practice Tuesday night.

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his fourth year with the Blades. A real workhorse on the club. Tough, tenacious checker and the team's number one penalty killer. Scored 10 goals last season. 20 years old, weighs 140 pounds and stands 5' 9".

DALE SOROCHUK—Right winger, in his fourth season with the Blades. Good skater, hard shooter. Fifth in team scoring last year with 10 goals and 10 assists. 19 years old, 5' 11", 160 pounds.

IKE COULTER—Centre, also in his fourth season. Shifty skater, good playmaker. Checks well and usually sees action with Litzenberger as a penalty killer. 19 years old, 5' 7", 142 pounds.

ALLAN ROGAN—Right winger, in his second season with the Blades. Hardworking, conscientious player. Good skater, stick-handler and an accurate shot. Fourth in club scoring last season with 10 goals, 12 assists. 19 years old, weighs 150 pounds and stands 5' 8".

MORRIS WERNICKE—Defenceman, playing his first season with the Blades. Hustler, hard checker. With more experience, should do very well. Scored 10 goals for the Vernon juveniles last season. Weighs 150 pounds and measures 5' 9".

NORM SCHIMAN—Goal-tender, first year with the Blades. Was regular net-minder for the Vernon juveniles the past two seasons. Strong player with good reactions. Stands 5' 8" and weighs 155 pounds.

GARY KOSKI—Centre, newcomer to the Blades. Hails from Munster, Saskatchewan where he played juvenile "B" hockey. Smooth skater, good stick-handler. Should help the club a lot. 19 years old, measures 5' 11" and weighs 173 pounds.

HERC KOBERINSKI—Defenceman, winger, another new addition to the club. Comes from Humboldt, Saskatchewan where he played Junior "B" hockey. 19 years old, checks hard. 19 years old, 5' 11" and 172 pounds.

RON PENNO—Winger, new to the Blade lineup. Calls Golden, B.C. his home. Played last year for Revelstoke senior team. Biggest player on club but smooth, easy skater and good play-maker. 19 years old, 5' 11", 190 pounds.

HENRI RICARD—Right winger, another new face. Comes from Revelstoke. Played for Revelstoke senior team last year. Fast skater, makes good moves. 20 years old, 5' 7", 157 pounds.

GILLES LEVESQUE—Left winger, also new to the Blades. Another Revelstoke boy. Still juvenile age but shows ability to play junior. Good skater,

pick-handler, 17 years old, 5' 9", 135 pounds.

TED PALM—Left winger, up from juvenile ranks. Has seen limited action with the Blades in past seasons. Fast skater and good around the net. Had 13 goals and 15 assists with juveniles last season. 18 years old, 5' 8", 150 pounds.

LEN LANAWAY—Left winger, another juvenile graduate. Like Palm he has

some past experience with the Blades. Skates well and is a hustler. 18 years old, weighs 155 pounds and stands 5' 9".

BOB OUCHI—Defenceman, saw some action with Blades last year. Could shape up well with more experience. 19 years old, 155 pounds, 5' 7".

ED SPELAY—Right winger, played a bit for Blades last year. Skates well, hits hard. 19 years

old, 5' 8", 170 pounds. KAZ INOUE—Centre, right winger, up from the juveniles. Small but fast and a tireless checker. 18 years old, 5' 3", 120 pounds.

GEORGE NEWTON—Defenceman, another good juvenile prospect. Likes the hard-hitting contact, could do well. 18 years old, 6', 180 pounds.

SCOTT SMITH—Defence-

man, hails from Prince George. Still juvenile age but could stick with the Blades. Has shown well in practices. Good thinker, checks hard. 17 years old, 5' 11", 170 pounds.

PETE KAPAK—Winger, another out-of-town acquisition. Saw some action with the Blades during the 1962-63 season. Frackster, heady player. Hails from Revelstoke. 17 years old, 5' 6", 175 pounds.

Blades Wrestle Royals In Junior Hockey Debut

Twenty Tryouts Facing Fiery Baptism Saturday

Will the Vernon Blades come alive—or take another dive—in 1964-65?

An interesting question and one very much in the minds of local hockey fans as the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League season draws closer.

The fans, as well as the coaches, may get a partial answer to this query Saturday night when the hometown Blades take on New Westminster Royals in an exhibition game at Vernon Civic Arena.

Although the Blades have nothing vitally at stake in this game their performance in it could throw much light on the path they take in league play.

Over the past three seasons the Blades have been anything but smash successes. In the 1961-62 season they finished last in a league of four teams, third in 1962-63 and last in a league of three teams in 1963-64.

This season they are once again faced with stiff opposition from three OJHL clubs including defending champion Kamloops Rockets, Kelowna Buckaroos and a revitalized entry from the South Okanagan, the Penticton-Summerland El Rancho Broncos.

The Blades opened training camp last weekend and have been holding daily workouts ever since in preparation for league play.

About 20 tryouts, seven of them regulars from last year's squad, have been out to the practices, under the direction of coaches Jim Moro and Hap Schaefer. "It's hard to say yet just what we'll have this season," said Moro Wednesday. "The club appears to be shaping up well but we won't know for sure until the boys start playing."

"The two games with New Westminster should give the team a good test," Moro

added. "We'll be doing lots of experimenting."

The Blades host the Royals Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. and the following day they visit New Westminster for a return engagement in the afternoon.

They open the OJHL season Friday, Oct. 16 in Kelowna against the Buckaroos while the Kamloops Rockets tangle with the Broncos down South. The complete season schedule is expected to be issued shortly.

All the tryouts will dress for both the Saturday and Sunday games, according to the coaches, as they want to get a good look at everybody.

Three forward lines are pretty well set for Saturday. Club scoring king Bobby Stein will centre one threesome with veteran Buck Sherker on the left and sophomore Allan Rogan on the right. Saskatchewan import Gary Koski will pivot between Herc Koberinski, also from Saskatchewan, and Blade returnee Dale Sorochuk and Ike Coulter

is slated to key a line with Golden recruit Ron Penno and Ralph Litzenberger.

Other forwards who can expect to see action on the weekend include juvenile graduates Ted Palm, Len Lanaway, Kaz Inouye, returning junior Ed Speley and two Revelstoke tryouts,



BILL HAUTALA
Sports Editor

Henri Ricard and Gilles Levesque.

On defence Moro and Schaefer will have 1963-64 all-star Jim Stein along with ex-juveniles Morris Wernicke, George Newton and Bob Ouchi. Also figured for active use is a promising juvenile from Prince George, Scott Smith.

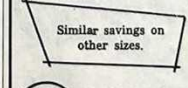
In goal the Blades will have Norm Shiman, another player up from juvenile ranks.

What the Royals have to offer in the way of competition won't be known until game time but it is rumored they have a solid aggregation of talent this season including a number of players from their 1963 B.C. champion midget hockey team.

Last season, under the coaching of Bob Fenton, New Westminster made it

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Volleyballers Meet Tonight

The Vernon Commercial Volleyball League is calling for a general meeting and practice tonight at 8 p.m. in the Vernon Senior High School gym.

All those wishing to play volleyball this season plus any representatives of prospective teams are asked to attend this meeting.

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