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Orbiting Rocket

Shishido Setting Hot Pace In Point Race

Kamloops Rockets' classy centre Eric Shishido is threatening to run away and hide with the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League scoring title.

In his first six games the fast skating little pivot has racked up six goals and 13 assists for 19 points, seven ahead of his nearest rival, Kelowna Buckaroos' Marcello Verna who has 12 on six goals and six helpers.

Larry Palanio, winger for Penticton-Summerland Broncos, leads the league in goals scored with seven. He also has two assists to his credit, giving him a tie for third place in points with Kelowna's John Strong.

Husky Buckaroo goaltender Mike Gaal still has the best record in league play although it took somewhat of a beating from the Rockets last weekend. Gaal has a 3.16 average based on 19 goals allowed in six games followed by Kamloops' Harvey Budarick with a 3.33 mark.

No members of the cellar dwelling Vernon Blades are

making much of a noise in the scoring race. Dale Sorochnik leads the club with three goals and two assists.

League Standings:

	W	L	F	A	P
Kamloops ..	6	0	37	20	12
Kelowna	3	3	28	19	6
Pent.-Sum. .	2	4	20	23	4
Vernon	1	5	15	38	2

League Scoring:

	G	A	P
E. Shishido, Kam	6	13	19
Verna, Kel.	6	6	12
Palanio, P-S.	7	2	9
J. Strong, Kel. ...	4	5	9
E. Begg, Kam. ...	6	2	8
Sandyke, Kam. ...	6	2	8
Bedard, Kam.	3	5	8
K. Begg, Kam. ...	2	6	8
Evans, Kel.	4	3	7
Jamieson, Kam. .	1	5	6
Rodgers, Kam. ...	1	5	6
Kasubuchi, Kel. ..	3	2	5
Meridew, Kam. ..	3	2	5
Sorochnik, Vern. .	3	2	5
Swanson, Kel.	3	2	5
MacInnes, P-S. ..	1	4	5

Goalkeeper Averages:

	GP	FA	Ave
Gaal, Kel.	6	19	3.16
Budarick, Kam.	6	20	3.33
Pushkarenko,			
P-S.	5	18	3.60
Schiman, Vern.	6	38	6.33

Versus Bucks

Crucial Series Awaits Blades

The cellar is deep and the cellar is dark and the cellar could be the permanent prison of the Vernon Blades this season unless they start looking lively right pronto.

And pronto means this weekend when the Blades face Kelowna Buckaroos in a pair of crucial home and away Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League encounters.

The Blades, in case you have lost touch recently, are nicely ensconced in the aforesaid cellar with only one win in six starts this season.

They trail league leading and so far undefeated, Kamloops Rockets by 10 points, second place Kelowna by four and third place Penticton-Summerland Broncos by two.

And they could be a little farther behind after this weekend unless they do a radical about-face.

Coach Hap Schaefer knows this full well so he is aiming for a possible two-game sweep or, failing that, at least a split to keep the Blades above water level.

Friday night the Blades invade the territory of the Buckaroos in the first phase of Operation About-Face with the second round being set for Vernon Civic Arena Saturday night. Faceoff times are 8:30 p.m. for both games.

Hauling down the high riding Buckaroos won't be

child's play. They weren't easy marks the last time the Blades played them and they figure to be even less co-operative this time around because they've strengthened their lineup considerably in the interim.

Among the promising newcomers the Blades can expect to see in Buckaroo livery are Lynton Swanson, a 170-pound left winger late of the Edmonton Oil Kings camp and Ward Dayle, a towering six-foot, four-inch forward from Ladner.

Both boys have made their respective presences felt since joining the Bucks a week ago, particularly Swanson who notched three goals and two assists in his first two OJHL outings.

Naturally the Buckaroos will be steaming after suffering double defeat at the hands of the Rockets last weekend so the Blades will have their work cut out for them.

No lineup changes are contemplated although coach Schaefer may just go with new and, as yet, untried goalie Jerry Maier this weekend.

The Blades are hoping to acquire one or two more players from out of town to fill some weak holes in the roster.