

# Eric Shishido Still OJHL Scoring Sharpie

Kamloops Rockets' classy centre Eric Shishido still continues to set the pace in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League scoring derby.

Statistics released this week show Shishido in front by a comfortable 15-point margin. He has 32 points on 11 goals and 21 assists, far ahead of Kelowna Buckaroos' Marcello Verna who has 17 on seven goals and 10 helpers.

## Lumby 'Spiel Successful

LUMBY — The annual Lumby mixed curling bonspiel ended here on Sunday evening with the following results:

In the "A" event, the winning rink was the George Morrison rink, with Mrs. Joe Schwartz, Mrs. John Dyck and Jim Foord. In second place was the Greg Dickson rink, with Mrs. Larry Wejr, Mrs. T. Nakai and Cliff Wenger.

In the "B" event, top honors went to the Murray Howlett rink, with Allan Wejr, Mrs. W. Shumka and Bill McLennen. Second place was the Larry Wejr rink with Gerry Moyes, Ole Ostenson and Mrs. J. D. Pierce.

In the "C" event, Mrs. Maurice LeFrancois rink came first, with Pat Duke, Dale Dickson, and Mrs. O. Ostenson. In second place was the George McIntosh rink with Barry Rothenberger, Leo Headington and Mrs. Bill Schunter.

Trophies were awarded to the winners of each event. It was one of the

Kelowna's John Strong is right on Verna's tail in third spot with 16 points, George Meridew of Kamloops is fourth with 15 and close behind him in fifth is fellow Rocket Dale Sandyke with 14. Breaking the Kamloops - Kelowna monopoly of the top ten is Penticton-Summerland's Larry Palanio who holds down sixth place with 13 points.

In the goaltending department Mike Gaal of Kelowna is still tops with a 2.50 average based on 25 goals allowed in 10 games.

Kamloops defenceman Ken Rinaldi is currently the league "bad man" with 64 minutes in penalties.

### League Standings:

	W	L	F	A	P
Kamloops ..	9	1	61	40	18
Kelowna ....	7	3	44	25	14
Pent.-Sum. .	2	8	32	44	4
Vernon .....	2	8	29	57	4

### League Scoring:

	G	A	P
E. Shishido (Kam)	11	21	32
Verna (Kel) .....	7	10	17
J. Strong (Kel) ..	9	7	16
Meridew (Kam) .	8	7	15
Sandyke (Kam) ..	11	3	14
Palanio (P-S) ....	10	3	13
E. Begg (Kam) .	7	3	10
Jamieson (Kam)	4	6	10
K. Begg (Kam) ..	2	8	10
Evans (Kel) .....	6	3	9
Sorochuck (Ver)	5	4	9
Bedard (Kam) ...	4	5	9
Rinaldi (Kam) ...	4	5	9
Stein (Ver) .....	4	5	9
Rodgers (Kam) .	2	7	9

### Goalkeeper Averages:

	GP	GA	Ave
Gaal (Kel) .	10	25	2.50
Budarick (Kam) ...	9 1/3	37	3.98
Pushkarenko (P-S) .....	9	39	4.33
Schiman (Ver) ....	9	50	5.55



# Broncs Next In Sight For Giant-Killing Jrs.

## Special 'Buck Sherk Night' Planned For Saturday Game

Vernon Blades, still starry eyed after that exhilarating 8-2 victory over Kamloops Rockets last Saturday, hope they have generated enough winning momentum to carry them out of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League cellar this weekend.

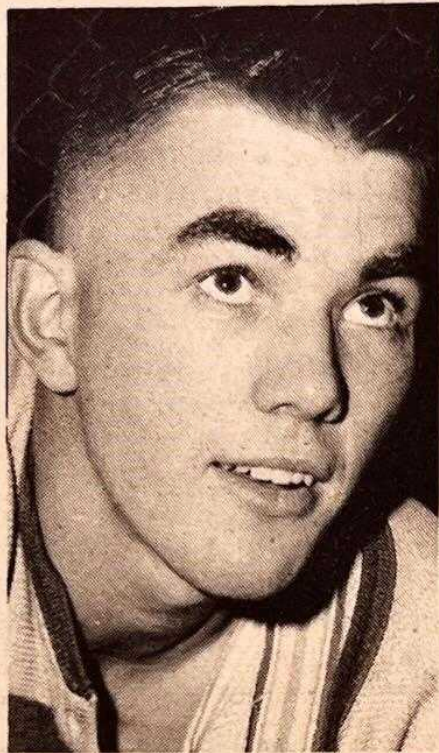
The giant-killing Blades are scheduled to meet their room mates in the OJHL basement suite, Penticton-Summerland Broncos, in a back-to-back home and away set Friday and Saturday night and if they continue to play the kind of hockey they displayed against the Rockets last week chances are excellent they will effect their hoped-for escape.

Of course the Blades are notorious for falling flatter than a flapjack after rising to the heady heights of victory but it appears this won't be the case this time.

The boys have looked very lively and spirited in workouts this week. And hungry, we might add.

So, unless the Broncos can muster up an equal amount of fuss and fire, they could be in for a long, hard and painful weekend.

The first game of the



**BUCK SHERK**  
... to be honored.

key series goes Friday night in Penticton with the second bout fixed for Vernon Civic Arena Saturday. Both are scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

In games to date this season the Blades have been more successful against the Broncos down in Penticton than they have at home. Last month they scored a 4-2 decision in the Peach City only to get waxed 6-0 the following night here in Vernon.

Whatever the outcome, there's bound to be one solid winner — Joe Fan. Both clubs are capable of good, fast, exciting hockey and should come up with some crowd-pleasing performances.

Fans are particularly urged to turn out for Saturday night's game at the Civic Arena because something out of the ordinary has been planned — "Buck Sherk Night."

The Blades, and their supporters, are honoring Sherk with a special "night," in recognition and

in appreciation of his service to the Vernon junior hockey club.

During the game there will be presentations of gifts to Sherk who, besides being one of the most popular players on the Blades, has the distinction of being the only married member of the team.

All in all it will be a fitting tribute to Sherk who is now in his last season of junior hockey. A four-year veteran with the Blades the big winger has been a pillar of strength on the squad. He's very rarely missed a game since he started playing and in every game he has given his utmost.

Fans attending Saturday can expect bargains at the box office in keeping with the game's special significance. All children 12 and under accompanied by a parent will be admitted free.

So, if you're a bonafide hockey supporter or a Buck Sherk Booster the Civic Arena's the place to be Saturday night.

While the Blades and Broncos are hot at it Friday and Saturday another important series will be taking place between the front-running Kamloops Rockets and the second place Kelowna Buckaroos.

The Buckaroos currently trail the Rockets by only four points so a pair of victories would put them right back into contention.

The Rockets, on the other hand, could open up an eight-point gap if they happened to knock off the Kelownians twice more.

## Midgets Meet Merritt Saturday

Vernon Midget All-Stars will be trying to get back on the victory trail when they play host to Merritt at the Civic Arena Saturday morning.

With only one win so far in three Okanagan Midget Hockey League outings the All-Stars need a victory Saturday to stay in contention for first place.

## OJHL Drops Overtime

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League has decided to dispense with overtime periods in tie games for the remainder of the regular season.

At a league meeting held Tuesday here in Vernon the OJHL voted to stop all games after regulation time regardless of ties because of the lateness entailed in playing overtime.

The league, on the suggestion of referee-in-chief Arnold Smith, also switched from the two-referee system of officiating back to the more widely used system of one referee and two linesmen. This system will be in use for ten games on a comparative basis.