

Blades Lock Horns With Calgary Buffaloes

One of the top Junior hockey teams in Canada will meet the Junior Blades in the Vernon Civic Arena Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Calgary Buffaloes are rated in the same category as the Edmonton Oil Kings, perennial Memorial Cup finalists. In last year's playdowns they pushed the Edmonton team to the limit of five games before bowing out of play.

Coach of the Blades, Hap Schaeffer reports his team is looking good after the first week of workouts.

"We've got a few areas that need a lot of work, but for the stage of the training program we're well away," Schaeffer reported.

Positions on the team are still open to any boy wishing to try out, team officials reported on the weekend, but the boys in camp are fast showing they will be tough to beat out of starting jobs.

Bob Stein will again head

the attacking squad along with Dale Sorochnik and Marvin Mayer. The three were the most consistent performers for the Vernon team last year.

Schaeffer admitted to having seven imports on his list but names of the new players were not forthcoming. "The fans won't be disappointed," he said.

With some 19 positions open on the team, play is fast and furious at workouts which continue each night. All the players are deadly earnest about winning starting assignments with the club.

The game will serve as an important warm-up for the Vernon team for the upcoming Okanagan Valley Junior Hockey League. The schedule for play hasn't been released as yet, but Vernon officials expect it daily.

We could open within a week or two, was the report from the Vernon camp.