

# Broncs Spoil Blades' 1965 League Opener

## Blades Go Down Fighting To Smooth Pentiction Unit

Pentiction Broncs came on strongly in the second half of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League game in Vernon Saturday night to defeat the Vernon Blades 7-4.

Blades gave the game all they had but the seemingly better conditioned Broncs had the jump over the late stages of the game.

Larry Palanio turned into a one man wrecking crew for the high flying Pentiction squad as he slammed in three goals and sparked on defence.

The smooth skating Palanio was a vital cog in the playmaking for the Pentiction attack and besides his regular turn on the ice led the Pentiction power play, and worked on the penalty killing unit.

For Blades newcomer Patty Phillips powered in two goals while smooth skating Bob Stein and defenceman Gord Clark added singles.

Vernon took advantage of Pentiction laxity in the opening minutes of the first period to storm into a 2-0 lead and the some 300 fans on hand could hardly believe their eyes.

Stein swept in at 1:14 of the opening frame to blink the red light unassisted for the first goal. Phillips blasted the puck into the rigging for the second counter at the 2:15 mark.

Then Pentiction started to gain momentum as they roared to the attack. Moe Hayes got them started by knocking in a relay from Dwayne Biagioni at the 4:13 mark. Ray Price knotted the count at 11 minutes into the first period and Biagioni sent the visitors ahead to stay at 11:58 of the first frame.

From then on Vernon did little to aid their own cause except for a brief flurry when they surged back to tie the count in the second period.

Near the end of the first period, a scuffle in front of the Vernon nets left Blades with two men in the penalty box. They played for a four minute span extending into the second period with three men

defending against five. The referees assessed 18 penalties — 11 to Vernon and most of these in the second and third periods.

The constant shortage of manpower left the hard working Blades on the penalty killing unit a bit overworked and took the steam out of the Vernon offence.

Pentiction moved ahead 4-2 when Larry Palanio hammered in a double setup from George Brant and Ron Robelato at 5:10 of the second period. Vernon had enough left for a final effort as they settled down to work on the Pentiction lead.

Gord Clark took a Bob Stein pass out to the blue line and blazed a low whistler just inside the post to make the tally 4-3.

Then Patty Phillips was Johnny on the spot to slip in a loose puck after a tenacious Maurice Wernicke had struggled and fought his way through a maze of players to spring the puck at the side of the net.

With the score standing at 4-4 at the 11:22 mark of the second Pentiction seemed to gather themselves for a major effort. At 18:54 Moe Hays swept in to beat Norm Shiman in the Vernon nets with a well placed blazer from the right side. Broncs took their 5-4 lead into the third and final stanza.

Palanio proved the spoiler as he slipped insurance markers past Shiman at the 1:59 and 4:18 marks of the final period.

Vernon tried hard and at one time held a two man advantage but penalties at the wrong time cut their attack down.

Blades will now prepare themselves to face Moose Jaw Canucks tonight in the Civic Arena.

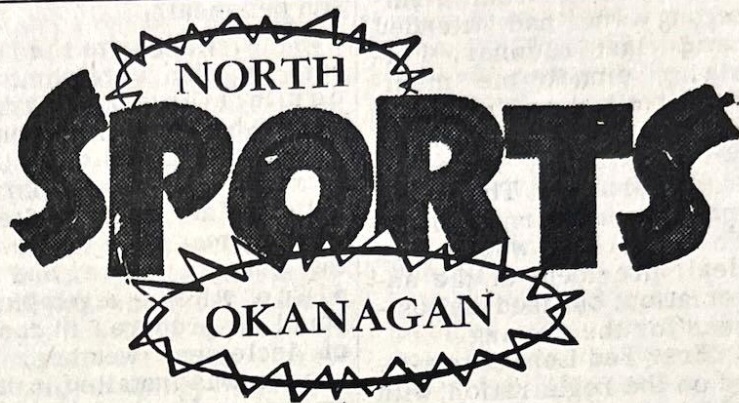
With the win over Vernon, Pentiction vaults into an early lead in the Okan-

agan Junior "A" Hockey League.

Friday they hosted the annual league champs, Kamloops Kraft Kings, and humbled the Hub City Squad

8-1 before a stunned Pentiction crowd.

Palanio took the individual scoring lead by peppering in five goals in two games.



## Zany Stars Hit Town With Bagful Of Tricks

Harlem Stars are coming to town.

This is a signal to all basketball fans to head for the Vernon Senior High Gym Thursday night to watch the zany hardcourt antics of the much heralded Stars.

Vernon Panthers will also be on the floor to provide what competition they can in the basketball lines but you can count on the touring clowns to re-write the book with their interpretation of how the game should be played.

Headed by "Loud Mouth" Billingsley, who only has to be heard once to show how he got his nickname the visitors are noted for their ability to ham up the action to the point of hilarity on a basketball floor.

Not that they are lacking in ability to play the game seriously. They have a solid backbone of talent that was highly rated in U.S. colleges. Also Stars don't have too many losses on the books.

Admission will be adults one dollar, students 85 cents and children under 12 fifty cents.

## Desperate Nats Lose

Vernon National Royalites turned in their best performance of the year but couldn't best Pentiction in an Okanagan Valley Soccer League game played in Pentiction Sunday.

Nats, trying desperately to shake the doldrums and get out of the lower levels of the OVSL, nearly pulled off an upset win over the much improved Pentiction eleven.

Vernon drew first blood when Stan Godell blasted home a pass from Ewan McInnes.

However Arie Levering

equalized for Pentiction and in the second half John Wood pounded home the winner.

Joe Bell in the Vernon nets turned in an outstanding performance making some tremendous saves.

Halfbacks Ron Bilinski and Doug Hackman came in for special mention from head coach Bill Woods for their performance during the game.

The game was played in less than ideal conditions — namely a 25 mile an hour wind blowing up the pitch — which caused both sides no end of trouble.



**Play Blades Tonight:**

# Canucks Tackle Vernon Teams In Exhibitions

Moose Jaw Canucks will ice some of the top rated Junior Hockey players in Canada when they play two exhibition games in Vernon this week.

Moose Jaw currently leads the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League with impressive victories over such well known teams as Regina Pats, Brandon Wheat Kings, Estevan Bruins, Saskatoon Quakers and the Flin Flon Bombers.

Vernon Junior Blades will strengthen for tonight's tilt at 8:30 in the Civic Arena with the top rated Moose Jaw team. Several new faces will be in the lineup tonight and will remain on in Vernon after the game.

Moose Jaw, rated four goals better than the touring Calgary Buffaloes, who shocked Vernon fans with their "exhibition" last week against the Blades is expected to show just how good Junior Hockey on the Prairies really is.

Tuesday night Vernon Intermediate Luckies will attempt to show that Intermediate Hockey is better than Junior Hockey. There is considerable argument over this point in local hockey circles.

Here is an ideal chance

to get out and watch one of the top junior teams in Canada play the B.C. Intermediate Champions.

Leading the Moose Jaw attack will be Jeff Powis who has just returned from pro trials with the St. Louis Braves.

On the blue line Sonny Perkinson is rated as one of the best defencemen in the league despite a 150 pound tilt to the scales when he steps on dripping wet.

Rated highly by pro scouts are Gary Longman the team captain, Mike Chernoff and Ivan Robertson.

Hard hitting Ken Hodge is well respected by opposing forwards in his home league for his ability to throw crushing body checks.

Only a rookie with a junior club, Barry Long has had scouts from every club in the NHL hanging on his every move until Canucks, the top farm club in the west for the Chicago Blackhawks, managed to get his name on a contract.

At 6' 3", Long can move his 217 pounds with deceptive speed and thump in along the boards with authority.

From Vancouver, Jim Curry a smooth skating left winger will see action. An American from San Fernando State College, Wayne Gamble, is also on the squad.

Canucks will start their highly rated rookie, Alje Kamminga in goal.

This is a good chance to see hockey at its best so mark off the two nights on your calendar and head for the arena, says the prospectus for the games and one can't help but agree.

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