

Improved Blades Lose Twice By Slim Margin

Blades Nearly Hustle To Upset Over Buckaroos

Despite two losses on the weekend, Vernon Blades upgraded themselves in the eyes of local critics.

Blades showed great promise as they held unbeaten Penticton Broncos to a 7-5 decision Friday night and they were edged by also undefeated Kelowna Buckaroos 2-1 Saturday in



GIL MORROW

... new defenceman

Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League action.

Saturday, Vernon showed plenty of hustle and with a bit more finesse in front of the opposition's net could have won the game.

The addition of Ivan Malinoski, a youthful speed demon from Quesnel, sparked the Vernon attack. The hard checking Malinoski gave Kelowna defencemen a rough time as he exhibited great speed in forechecking.

Also from Quesnel, Gil Morrow, will give some much needed balance to the Vernon defensive squad. The hard checking Morrow knocked out a puck from the goal line in Saturday's contest.

In the Friday game with Penticton, a slow starting Vernon team gave the Broncos a 5-0 lead with a couple of minutes gone in the second period.

Vernon pulled up their socks and whacked in three counters by the end of the frame to be right back in contention at 5-3. Penticton added two more in the third to a lone Vernon tally.

Goalie Norm Schiman proved to be the backbone of a porous defence as he stopped 52 shots Friday and another 43 Saturday.

In Saturday's game the agile Schiman stopped no less than four break-away shots and was on the spot to knock out many point blank blasts from close in.

Kelowna scored a cheap goal with 10 seconds gone in the game as Meeham slapped viciously at a loose puck in front of the Vernon goal only to nearly miss the elusive rubber disc.

Schiman had moved to cover the expected drive only to have the puck weakly slither along the ice just inside the opposite post while he desperately did the splits in a lost cause.

Vernon tied the game on a sparkling play between Vern Colley and Dale Soro-chuk. Colley beat his man to the corner and laid a perfect pass in front of the goal to Soro-chuk who made no



IVAN MALINOSKI

... Quesnel speedster

satisfied with the performance of his charges. "With a bit of luck in front of the net we could have won Saturday," he said.

He mentioned that the three imports on the team have strengthened the squad considerably.

Centerman Patty Phillips from Williams Lake is fast adapting to the local style of play and has had several near misses on scoring thrusts.

The addition of the smooth skating Malinoski and hard checking Morrow can't help but give the Blades a boost in the right direction.

Pups Ice Times Are Announced

Tiny Pups, Big Pups and Tiny Little Pups are the three names given to the new divisions of the Pups bracket of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association.


The ice schedule for all three divisions of Pupshas been released by head coach John Zahara and parents are asked to note the times their youngsters are slated to practice.

Ice times are as follows:

Monday—Tiny Pups play every Monday at 5 p.m.; Big Pups play every Monday at 5:45 p.m.; Tiny Little Pups play every Monday at 5 p.m.

Thursday—Tiny Pups practice at 3:30 p.m.; Big Pups practice at 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6 and every Saturday after that Tiny Little Pups practice from 1 to 1:30 p.m.



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