

# Juniors All Alone In Loop Cellar

Kamloops 9, 5; Vernon 5, 4

One clear item resulted from Okanagan Junior Hockey League play over the weekend. There are two divisions in the league — first and last.

The other three teams are first and the Vernon Blades are last.

Despite playing great hockey in two games this weekend, Vernon still was tagged with a pair of losses. In the two tilts with the Kamloops Kraft Kings, Blades looked good on many occasions.

The trouble came on the other occasions, when Kamloops took advantage of Vernon lapses to pound in enough goals for the winning margin.

In Saturday's game in Kamloops Vernon looked like world beaters for the first two periods as they headed off the ice at the second interval sporting a 3-2 lead.

Then Kamloops literally exploded into action and Vernon folded into inaction as play started in the third period.

Kraft Kings hammered in six goals during the final 20 minutes to off-set two more for Blades.

Before a sparse (89 paid) crowd Sunday, Blades looked like winners for the whole three periods. They grabbed off an early 2-0 lead and were only down 5-4 after two frames. But neither side could score in the third and Kamloops won by that margin—5-4.

The bright light to come out of the weekend's play was the inspired action provided by speed demon Ivan Malinoski, a recent arrival from Quesnel.

The talented Malinoski picked up four points in the two games on two goals and two assists.

Dale Sorochnik collected four goals for his efforts over the weekend to move up in the individual statistics race.

In the Saturday game Sorochnik gave Vernon an early 1-0 lead which Marv Maier soon made 2-0 on a relay from Gill Morrow and Rick Reilly. Ivan Malinoski took a Maier pass and made it 3-0.

Kamloops struck back for two goals in the second period to make it 3-2 and added two more as the third got underway to take a 4-3 lead.

Dale Sorochnik broke in on a Ted Palm pass and tied the game at 6:35 of the third but four more Kamloops goals within the next 10 minutes spelled Vernon disaster.

Melanoski caught Kamloops sleeping in the last minute of play as Bob Stein set him free and the speedster made no mistakes about scoring the fifth Vernon goal.

In the game Sunday goals by Scott Smith from Bob Stein and Dale Sorochnik from Maier and Melanoski gave Vernon an early lead.

After Kamloops tied the game before the first break, Sorochnik opened the

## Junior Hockey Standings

	W	L	P
Kelowna .....	3	0	6
Pent.-Summ. ....	3	1	6
Kamloops .....	3	3	6
Vernon .....	0	5	0

second frame by sending Vernon into a lead by scoring on a Melanoski pass.

Burly Charley Cook rifled a screened shot from the point to tie the game for Kamloops and Dale Sanddyke sent them ahead minutes later.

Melanoski tied the game on an unassisted burst of speed but Kamloops took the lead again before the end of the period.

Neither side could score in the final frame. Coach Hap Schaffer was loud in praise of goalie Norm Schiman who kicked 73 shots this weekend to go with the 95 he stopped last weekend.

Penalties were also a factor in both games and the minimum staff of the Blades worked overtime as several of their key players set out parts of the game in the sin bin.

## Midgets Trip Summerland At Hockey

Vernon Midgets bombed Summerland 11-4 in an intercity game played in the southern city on the weekend.

Larry Fisher paced the Vernon attack with a hat-trick while Ross MacDougall and Bruce Boyd each tallied a brace.

Vernon jumped into a 5-2 lead after the first period and never looked back.

Larry Fisher scored from Mike Perepolkin and Rick Munk for the first Vernon goal while Steve Thompson blinked the light six minutes later on a Geoff Wilson pass.

After Bullock scored for Summerland, Rick Munk banged home a Mike Perepolkin relay and Perepolkin slipped in a Larry Fisher pass and Vernon was off and running.

In the second, Geoff Wilson scored unassisted at 9:10 to get Vernon started again. Fisher swept in at 13:06 to convert a Don McGee pass. Bruce Boyd rapped home a pass from Pat Murphy at 13:56.

Then Ross MacDougall blinked the light on a pair of goals, the first on a two-way combination with Pat Murphy and Bob Mayer and the second on a set-up from Mayer.

Larry Fisher scored halfway through the third frame for this third goal, while Bruce Boyd counted his second minutes later from David Ansley.

The first loganberry was produced by a mistake of nature in the blackberry garden of Judge J. H. Logan of California in 1881.