

Blades Hopes Falter As Kings Sweep Two

Vernon Juniors Stumble As Kamloops Takes Breaks

Vernon Blades unfurled the disaster flags as they were set down in defeat twice more in Okanagan Valley Junior Hockey League play over the weekend.

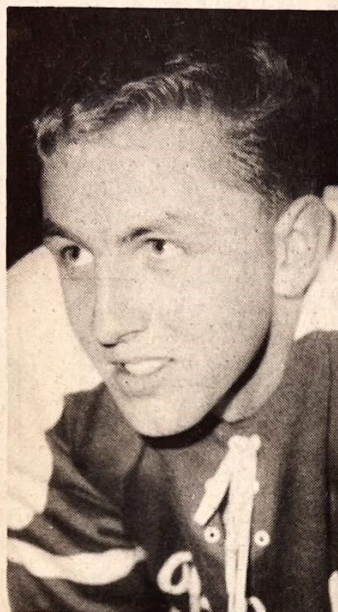
Vernon was humbled 5-4 and 8-5 in a home and home series with Kamloops Kraft Kings. In both games, particularly Saturday in the Hub City, Blades outplayed the Kings for most of the game.

In Friday's contest in the Vernon Civic Arena, Blades rushed into a 4-2 lead after the first period, only to see their margin dissolve over the next two frames as Kamloops clicked for three unanswered goals.

Saturday, the Blades were determined not to end up exhausted in the latter stages of the game. Kamloops obliged by sifting five goals into the Vernon net in the first period for an unbeatable 5-0 edge.

Undaunted, Blades fought back, to lose ultimately by an 8-5 tune which is much more respectable than the first period debacle.

Lack of personnel seems to be the main problem of the Vernon unit, Saturday they took to the ice with 11 men. There are apparently no replacements waiting in



VERN COLLEY

... three goal outburst

the wings to fill in for injured regulars.

Some fans have suggested this might be the reason Vernon is not usually too effective in the latter stages of the games.

The losses mired the Blades so far in the league cellar they will soon need

a periscope to locate the rest of the teams in the loop.

Dale Sorochnik and Vern Colley proved the top marksmen on the Vernon unit over the weekend. Both potted three goals during the two games.

In Friday's game in Vernon, Ivan Melanoski led off at 7:18 of the first period as he clicked with Dale Sorochnik for the first goal of the night.

Just eight seconds later Colley was in a position to hammer in a relay from Bob Stein and Marvin Maier to make the count 2-0.

Kamloops fought back to tie the game on goals by Rick McShane and Robby Jamieson, but Blades roared to the attack.

Dale Sorochnik blasted home a pass from Melanoski and Rick Reilley at 18:16 for a 3-2 lead, and Colley struck again from Stein and Maier at 19:08 and Vernon led 4-2 and were looking were every inch of their lead.

However, they couldn't seem to locate scoring territory for the rest of the evening. First McShane and then Eric Shishido counted in the second period for the visitors.

Roy Sakaki rapped in the winner at 9:45 of the third frame from Shishido and Eddie Begg.

Saturday the slow defensive game in the first frame cost Blades a bundle. They swarmed the Kamloops net

during the second two frames and managed to net five goals, and miss easily five times that number in golden chances.

Sorochnik hit for two goals, with Colley scoring once. Other goals went to Ted Palm with Gord Clark.

Blades next try for Kelowna in that city Friday night and host Penticton here Saturday.

CIVIC ARENA SCHEDULE

Mon., Nov. 22—1:30 to 3:00, Mother and Tots; 3:30 to 5:00, Public Skating; 5:00 to 6:30, Pups; 6:45 to 7:50, Junior; 8:10 to 10:00, Hit Parade Skating; 10:20 to 11:20, Jaycee Hockey Practice.

Tues., Nov. 23—2:30 to 3:30, Pre-School Skating; 3:30 to 5:30, Figure Skating; 5:50 to 7:50, Minor Hockey; 8:15 to 9:30, Local Midget House Game; 9:30 to 11:15, Juveniles Hockey Practice.

Wed., Nov. 24—3:30 to 7:15, Figure Skating; 7:30 to 9:00, Midget vs Kelowna; 9:00 to 11:00, Junior Hockey Practice.

Thurs., Nov. 25—3:00 to 7:45, Minor Hockey; 8:15 to 10:30, Juvenile game Kelowna vs Vernon; 10:45 to 11:45, Armstrong Practice.

Fri., Nov. 26—2:30 to 3:30, Pre-School Skating; 3:30 to 9:00, Figure Skating; 9:00 to 10:30, Minor Hockey; 10:30 to 11:30, Lumby Practice.

Sat., Nov. 27—7:00 to 11:50, Minor Hockey; 12:10 to 1:00, Tebo's Toddlers; 1:00 to 1:30, 5, 6 and 7 yr. old Tebo's Toddlers; 1:30 to 3:00, Public Skating; 3:20 to 8:00, Minor Hockey; 8:30, Jr. Hockey Game, Penticton vs Vernon.

Sun., Nov. 28—9:00 to 11:00, Local Men's Commercial League; 11:30 to 2:00, Figure Skating; 2:00 to 3:30, Public Skating; 3:45 to 6:30, Vernon Midget vs Penticton; 6:45 to 11:00, NOHL Hockey.

Soccer Games Put Off Until Spring Season