Blades Buckle To Bucks

It was give - away day at Civic Arena Monday as Vernon Junior Blades dished out numerous free gifts to people who ventured out to watch locals perform.

Somebody forgot to tell the visiting Kelowna Buckaroos that they were not to be included.

Children and adults alike shared in prizes ranging from hockey sticks to free passes. Buckaroos made the trip worthwhile, also, carting home a 5-2 win.

Bolstered by a new threesome, Blades took heart and clung with the regatta club for two periods, even enjoyed a one goal lead at one point, and then they gave - away to the higher powered Buckaroos in the third.

Bantams Win Two Games

Vernon Bantam Reps took advantage of weekend festivities and picked up two wins, one an exhibition tilt.

On Sunday they edged out host North Kamloops, 3-2 and Monday they stopped Salmon Arm 8-0.

In Kamloops, local Bantams fought back from a Referee Alex Kashuba was in a giving mood to match that of Blades as he handed out a total of 29 penalties, 12 to locals.

Ivan Malinoski paced what attack Blades could muster with an unassisted effort early in the opening stanza and by lending a hand in locals' go-ahead goal in the sandwich session.

Pipeguarder Norm Schiman continued to brave the opposition onslaught coming out second best on only five of 51 attempts. Kamaninga of Kelowm was forced to turn aside 18 shots.

Malinoski found the mark early in the game and it was Junior Blades' meal ticket until the final three minutes in the first period when Buckaroos knotted the count at a goal apiece as Ken Boquist converted the works of Mike Darnbrough and Marcella Verna into paydirt.

Blades struggled back with goal number two near the midway mark of the middle section as Bucs' penalties began to tell. With visitor Marcella Verna incarcerated for interference, Vernon's Dale Sorochuck slapped home a power play point as the result of efforts by Malinoski and Grey Trey.

Locals left the ice at the end of two periods, one-up.

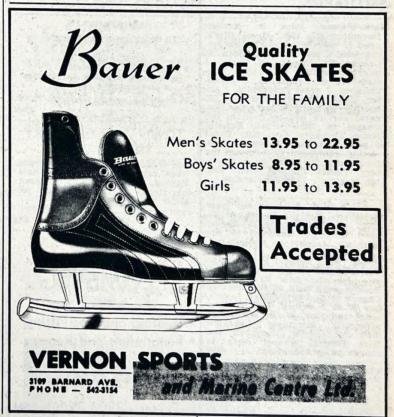
The give - away between periods proved fatal. Bucs kicked out of their traces with four unanswered goals and, by the 9:47 mark, the game was over. Forward Bruce Cousins twined the spoiler and Bell claimed the winner for the Buckaroos. Insurance markers came from the blades of Darnbrough and Verna.

SUMMARY

First Period: 1. Ver., Malinoski (unassisted) 1:04; 2. Kel., Boquist (Darnbrough, Verna) 17:49. Penalties: Scriver, Sorochuck, Strong, Cam, Verna, Kitsch, Bell, Hebert.

Second period: 3. Ver., Sorochuck (Malinoski, Trey) 11:26. Penalties: Cam, Boquist, Boquist, Cam, Verna, Kitsch, Stein, Boquist, Sorochuck.

Third Period: 4. Kel., Cousins (couves):54; 5. Kel., Bell (Strong) 3:45; 6. Kel., Darnbrough (Haley, Boquist) 7:18; 7, Kel., Verna (Strong) 9:47. Penalties: Verna, Haley, Stein, Trey, Wernicke, Scriver, Cousins, Cam, Scriver, Strong.



Blades Host Broncs On New Year's Day

Out with the old and in with the new is the way Vernon Junior Blades will be treating the game with visiting Penticton - Summerland when the Broncs invade the local forum this

case. Dale Sorochuck, who leaves for Simon Fraser University January 1, will be in Blade uniform for the last time for quite a while. New additions to the club

It will not be the whole

Saturday, January 1.

with a different look will include three men in their second game with locals, Gary Fry, Wayne Blackburn, and Neil Belideaun. Two more Prince George

products will also join the lineup.

Sorochuck, who is one of the league's top point getters, will be sorely missed by the local sextet but the five boys new to the lineup are expected to fill the gap — and more. Returning after Christ-

mas vacation will be high flying forward Marv Maier.

Door prizes and heated comfort will be just minor parts of the contest that will feature the third place

Broncs.

Prior to 1863, Lamalchi Bay, Kuper Island, was the lair of Indian pirates who