

Bucked By Broncs

Blades Carve Kelowna

Vernon goalie Norm Schiman proved the hottest item on ice Saturday night turning out 49 shots as Junior Blades turned in their third victory of the season cooling off visiting Kelowna Buckaroos 5-3.

In other games over the weekend Kamloops out-hustled Penticton 7-5; Kelowna blasted Kraft Kings 9-5 and Broncs buried Blades 6-1. Each team earned a split.

Blades 5 Bucks 1

It was the second win for Blades this season over the league leaders. And when you take into consideration the fact that Buckaroos have been beaten only six times, a finalist berth for Vernon in the upcoming playoffs becomes less of a dream.

Standings

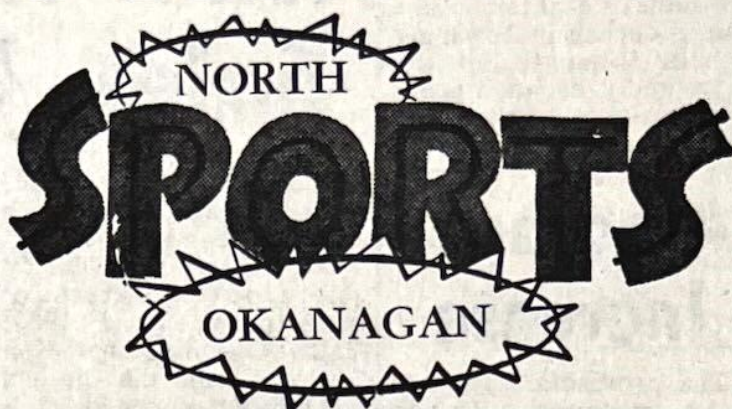
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Kelowna	26	20	6	0
Penticton	27	15	11	0
Kamloops	27	14	13	1
Vernon	26	3	22	1

Norm Schiman had some help. A four man defensive alignment made up of Wayne Blackburn, Abie

Gamble, Grey Frey and Scott Smith, did their share of hitting and hurting. The only place the foursome did falter was in clearing the puck effectively as two of the three Kelowna goals came from scrambles in front of the Vernon net.

Local-lites took a 3-0 lead after a frame, traded goals with Buckaroos in the second period and allowed themselves to be outgunned 2-1 in the final sojourn.

Neil Bilodeau grasped the advantage for Vernon shortly after the half-way mark of the initial session getting his stick on a Scott Smith slap shot after Ivan Malinoski had toiled in the



corner to free the rubber disc and feed it to his point man.

Gil Morrow, the third man of the Malinoski-Bilodeau-Morrow trio that brings crowds to their feet and opposition players to their knees every time it sets skate on the ice surface, tapped home Blades' second tally on his third shot after being thwarted twice by Kamaninga guarding Bucks' pipes. It came at 14:59 exactly a minute after the first goal.

Maurice Wernike, improving each time out, claimed locals' third goal, this time from a heated few seconds around the Kelowna crease. Tom Williamson literally bowled his way in front of the cage and after repeated unsuccessful attempts gave way to Wernike.

Kelowna scored first in the sandwich session.

Lyn Swanson took advantage of a Vernon mental lapse in clearing the puck and rifled a head-high shot that Schiman never had a chance on. Grey Frey swung back for Blades with almost the same play as he trapped a Buck pass at their blueline, swing around one man and out-maneuvered Kamaninga in the one on one situation.

Early in the final frame, Swanson, who proved unkind to Blades in more than one way, notched his second score, this time on a deflection off of a Vernon skate. Visitors' third counter came after much jamming at Schiman. In between the two was Bilodeau's second of a pair. He teamed up with Morrow to do it.

Fifteen penalties were called in the contest, seven to Blades.

Broncs 6 Blades 1

Four goals by Penticton-Summerland in a period of one minute and 12 seconds in the opening stanza—three of them by left winger Russ Chernoff within 34 seconds for a loop record—was just too much for Blades to believe let alone overcome.

But the Sunday travellers were game and after the festivities in the first period they allowed but one more goal.

Palanio parked Penticton's first point and Marv Maier hit the score-sheet soon thereafter. But 11 minutes elapsed before Broncs officially trotted out their stuff.

At 17:44 Ken Lawson found the mark. Then Chernoff struck for his three in a row at 18:22, 18:34 and 18:56. He got assistance each time from Moe Hays.

The effect must have carried over into the next period as Broncs deposited their final goal of the game at 2:25 of the middle-session.

Malinoski saw little service in the game as he was decked early by a cross-check and sat out the duration.

Each team checked the other into the ice but the early display had taken the thunder out of the sticks.

Doug Rogers Here

B.C. Judo Tourney For Vernon

Vernon Judo Club will stage the British Columbia Judo Championships during the Winter Carnival but they face the danger of their show being stolen out from underneath them by a performer they have enlisted to make an appearance.

He is Doug Rogers, Judo Silver Medalist at the 1964 Summer Olympics and an active student and participant of the pastime.

The only thing that could balance the attraction they recently acquired is a show of the magnitude and calibre that they have arranged for. Curtain will raise on February 12 at 10 a.m. and the show will last until 11 o'clock in the evening. The Vernon club has mailed invitations to all 26 clubs in British Columbia and can count on at least 22 of them to send a contingent to compete and claim some of the laurels.

Local club members have also cast covetous glances at the trophy case. And, as one member put it, "We are a young club but we're a pretty rough bunch. We don't give up too easily."

Approximately 40 practitioners of jujitsu are expected to enter from this city.

A number of the younger members of the local organization who fared well at the latest interior tourney held in Kamloops, could be Vernon's best bet for honors in the one day affair.

City Junior team copped top spot in mat battles and individual honors went to Cecil Merrill (first in the 75 pounds and under bracket); Kigi Low first in the 76 to 100 pounder group; and Mike Allen (a first in the over 100 pounds placing). Senior David Mori placed second in the under 160 pound bunch as the combined efforts of the boys helped cart home

some 14 trophies from the competition.

Of the juniors a club spokesman said, "We have a good chance of getting a share of the silverware." Of the seniors he says, "They are potential winners."

Listed among the "potentials" are Cliff Loring and Bill Sharpe, both of this city, and George Scott of Salmon Arm, affiliated with the Vernon group.

There will be six different categories in which somewhere in the neighbourhood of 300 members throughout B.C. will be participating: Junior—under 75 pounds, over 75 to 100 pounds; Senior—under 150 pounds, under 177 pounds and over 177 pounds.

The tournament, held in Kamloops last year, will be staged in the high school gymnasium.

Mat Moments—Although the B.C. competition should prove to be a gala spectator sport, judo has definitely blossomed as an enjoyable activity in Vernon in the past year. Junior members of the club put in two hours a week, an hour each Monday and Thursday night, while senior club men follow each junior lesson with an hour and a half of their own.

The prime purpose of judo is self defense but mental and physical development are stressed as attributes. From the judo handbook comes these lines about the pastime. "Judo is never mystic, neither dangerous nor painful. It is a sport that can be enjoyed fully even by women, old men and boys and girls."

Doug Rogers—He was born and raised in Toronto and received his college education at the University of Takushoku in Japan where he was the captain of the judo team. Rogers

is presently furthering his studies in Vancouver and it was through coincidence that his participation in the championships was confirmed. Upon an idea that Rogers might be attending school in Vancouver, the Vernon Judo Club secretary called the president of the B.C. Black Belt Organization in the hope that the Olympic medalists' services could be acquired. Two or three long distance telephone calls later and the idea became realism.

Midgets Bomb Summerland

Local Midgets ran wild last week as they swamped Summerland 17-2 in the first game of a best of three semi-final series to take a one game to nothing lead towards the South Okanagan finals.

Jeff Wilson, locals captain, paced the attack with seven goals and two assists, many of these goals coming out of the work of Rolf Dykstra who claimed six assists.

Vernon got six goals in the first period, ten in the second and one in the third. Summerland answers came in the final 20 minutes.

Alan Alexander, considered the best midget age goalkeeper in British Columbia on his recent success in Quesnel at the Midget Hockey Tournament there, turned aside 22 shots while the Summerland goalie was able to get in front of 34.

Eight penalties were called in the contest, three to Vernon.

Other local marksmen were Ross McDougal, Bob Mayer and Mike Perepolkin, with two each and one from Dykstra, Novakowski, Don McGee and Dave Jones.

Shishido A Shoe-in For OMJAHA Title

Barring injury and a late season stretch drive by teammate Dale Sandyke or Kelowna's John Strong, Kamloops "Kings" craftiest, Eric Shishido, is a shoo-in for the Okanagan Junior Hockey League scoring title.

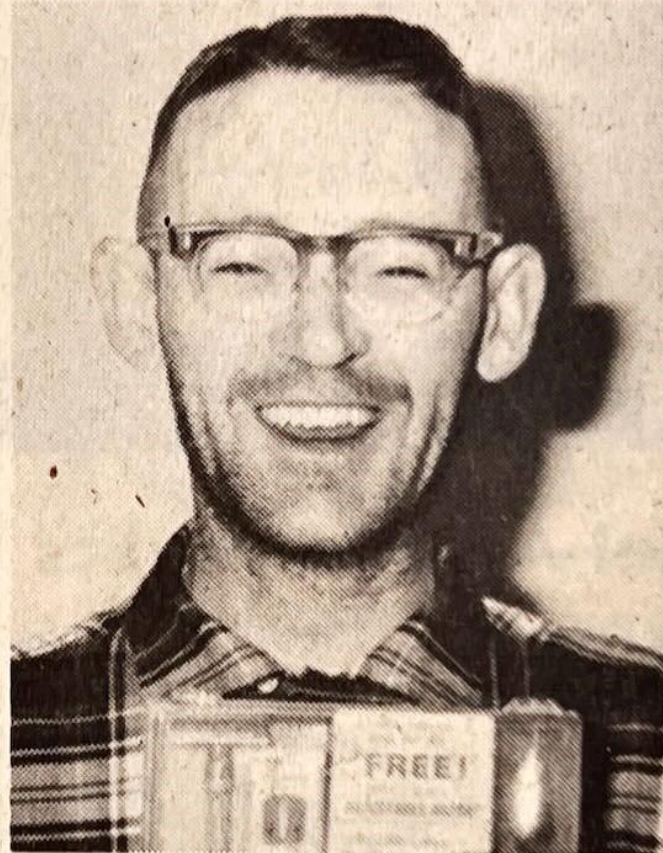
Shishido is currently balanced on top of the junior league with a five point cushion separating him from Sandyke. Shishido has 52 points in 25 games on 17 goals and 35 assists. Sandyke has the most goals in the four team fight with 26. Twenty-one assists give him his 47 total.

A Penticton player, Ray Picco, has 25 counters, but he is well back in the playmaker department with only 12 helpfals.

Dale SoroChuck still tops Vernon point getters. When he left just after the New Year he had 32 points. Some scoring in the last few Blade outings has moved Bob Stein within a point of his former linemate and a four way tie for eighth in junior standings.

Lawrenson of Kelowna continues as the top pipe-guarder in the circuit based on goals against average. He records a 2.69. Closest to him is Lawrenson, the other goalie of the rotating

system employed by the Buckaroos. He checks in with a 3.36 goals against average.



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