

Blades' Hour At Hand

'We Have To Win On The Road'—Zahara

Armchair coaches and sometime prophets have wrapped it up for another OMJAHA season.

They will tell you that the all-powerful Kelowna Buckaroos, who won the league flag going away, cannot be beaten out of a valley title; the second place finishing Kamloops Kraft Kings will give the Bucks the better of their two series because of their size; and the Penticton-Summerland El Rancho Broncs will fill their arena because of their intense rivalry.

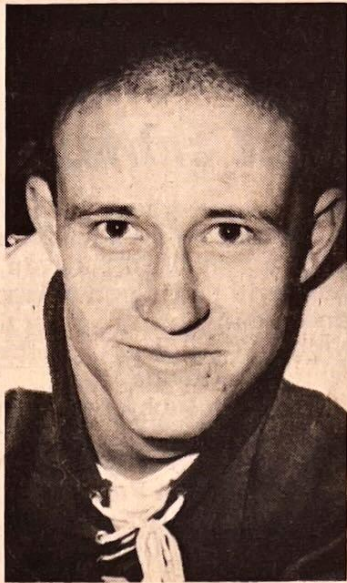
The Vernon Blades simply do not rate. Nobody but nobody puts any stock in the Blades' chances. The Vernon crew is named as the lowliest of the lowly, the underdog to top all underdogs and the dark horse to break all dark horses.

Nobody, that is, except the Blades themselves.

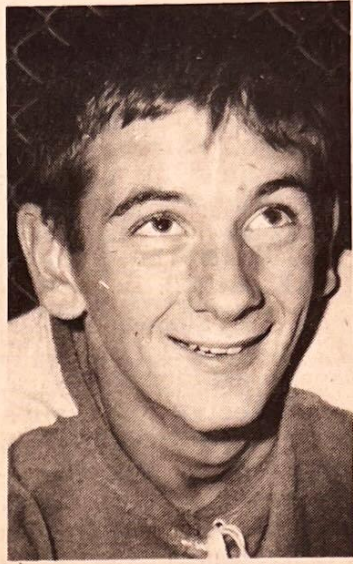
Local juniors, who overflow with optimism, rate their chances as excellent in the semi-final series that commences for them this Saturday night in Kamloops and then swings back here for the second game Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Game three will move the series to Kamloops Tuesday night with play resum-

ing in Vernon on Thursday. Games five, six and seven, if necessary, will be staged in Kamloops next Saturday, Vernon on Sunday and Kamloops the following Tuesday, respectively.

What it all adds up to, if the Blades hope to win the war, is that they must win the battles away from the sheltered walls of Civic Arena.



WILLIAMSON . . .
heads checking trio



SOROCHUK . . .
to centre "provincial line"

"We have to win on the road," states Blades' boss John Zahara. And without getting too overconfident he feels the task of besting Kraft Kings, however arduous it might be, can be accomplished.

"If each player can think to win 60 minutes of the game we can do it." He points out, that while Blades have not done any better than come close to winning away from home this season, that it has been a matter of them losing the game in one to two minute lapses in their last few outings.

Returning Dale Sorochnik will centre Blades' "provincial line." The line of Prince George right winger Neil Bilodeau, Quesnel left winger Ivan Malinoski, formerly of Vernon and now of Simon Fraser University, Vancouverite Sorochnik.

Bob Stein will fill the spot between Maurice Wernicke and Marv Maier while Tom Williamson is slated to head the Juvenile line composing Alan Southward and King Cam, scheduled to keep the Shishido-Sandyke scoring punch in check.

Defenseman Wayne Blackburn will team up with Greg Frey, and Abby Gamble will take a point alongside of Scott Smith as the fearsome foursome separating opposition triggermen from the man on the spot, goalie Norm Schiman.



SCHIMAN . . .
his finest hour?

Reps Rapped In Weekend Play

Vernon Rep teams came out on the short end of two scores over the weekend that finalized their play-off hopes for this season.

Midget Reps fell heavily to Penticton 10-4 to finish out of future play losing the best of three Okanagan series two games to one. They had previously lost 4-3 and tied the series up with a 3-1 win.

At home Bantams were bumped by Penticton 5-3 and had earlier came out second best on a 5-2 score.

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