

Hubsters Blast Juniors

First Period Beats Blues

Inside the front cover of the Kamloops Kraft Kings official program a Hub City thurst shop advertises two complimentary tickets to be given away at each game towards its brand of root beer.

The sizeable number of die-hard puck fans who

loyally made the trek to that centre Tuesday night with an eleven man Vernon team, couldn't care less.

To the last man, they will tell you, "Make mine Stein!"

The program is not known for perfection.

Like it picks Kraft King forward Ken Rinaldi as the player of the week and he collects three penalties the next time out. And it lists a fellow by the name of John Saharia as the Vernon coach.

However, things of this nature are not limited to the game bulletin.

Like the Vernon Junior Blades get outshot 42-28 and outthrust their hosts for two periods but still lose the game in the only period that they outshoot Kamloops, the first.

The bigger Kraft Kings built up a 4-0 first period lead in triggering 14 shots at Blades' goalie Norm Schiman; fought from behind to gain a 3-2 split in the sandwich session; and scored their only goal in the third period with 59 seconds left in the game, coming out short on a 3-1 trade.

The Stein, of course, is Bob Stein. The Bob Stein who keeps the opposition honest, leads his team and scores goals, all at the same time. He set up the first, scored the second and third himself and gave way to another player, something special in his own rite, Ivan Malinoski, who dominated the final Vernon counters.

Blades had their moments in the 8-5 loss but the initial stanza proved their downfall when Kraft Kings dished up the first of four at the 4:30 mark.

Wayne LeVeay and Don Anthony arranged Rick McShane for the opening counter scored from a scramble in front of the Vernon net. Following that, at the 5:27 point, the biggest spear in Blades' this season, Eric Shishido, had only to keep his stick on the ice to guide home a combination pass from Rinaldi and Ken Rodgers.

McShane tallied his second counter, again from LeVeay, and Rinaldi completed the scoring with help from linemates Dale Sandyke and Shishido.

At 5:12 of the second stanza, while Rinaldi was out for hooking, Stein chopped a pass from the face-off circle back to Alan Southward, who took locals off the skunk sheet. Southward slapped a good shot that did not have to go off of three different skate blades to find a place behind goalie Harvey Budarick. But it did, Rinaldi had spent exactly 10 seconds in the sin bin. Marv Maier teamed with



BOB STEIN
... three point game

Stein for Vernon's second goal which came less than a minute later.

Stein outraced a Kamloops' defenseman for the puck and then decided to leave it in the corner for Maier who had cut in behind him. All he had to do then was skate out in front of the Kraft Kings' goal and, unguarded, wait for the return pass.

Schiman was beaten by Shishido at 9:44; Rinaldi at 11:58; and defenseman LeVeay at 18:40. And Kraft Kings took a five goal lead into the finale.

Vernon's captain led off the third period at 2:35, again being helped by wingmate Marv Maier. Between Stein's and Alan Southward's second goal, both teams hammered at each other in a rough but relatively clean contest.

Then Ivan Malinoski and rearguard Abby Gamble got together to shoot Southward to paydirt with Malinoski first stopping a shot on the chest.

On Blade's final goal, Malinoski snared another Gamble pass and broke free to beat Budarick. It wasn't until then that the large section of Vernon fans made themselves known with the familiar "Dig Vernon Dig" chant.

With five minutes remaining in the contest Blades tried desperately to draw within goalie-pulling-distance but could not narrow the two goal gap.

Shishido sprung Rodgers loose with an insurance marker with a minute to play and it was game over for Blades.

Blades Host Kings Tonight

A season of hockey is put on the line tonight for the Vernon Junior Blades when they host the powerful Kamloops Kraft Kings in the fourth game of the best of seven Okanagan Mainline Junior A Hockey Association series "B" semi-finals.

Kings, who proved as good as their name in the three matches prior to this evening's encounter at Civic Arena with 6-3, 8-6 and 8-5 victories, have to be picked as three goal favourites to repeat in the fourth game.

Blades, who have had first period problems in each of the three outings, have totalled one more goal than Kraft Kings over the last two periods in each game.

A total of the first periods shows that Blades have been outscored 11-2 while an overall bunching of second and third periods has Blades coming out on top of a 12 11 split.

VERNON TRIGGERMEN

	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Stein	2	4	6	7
Southward	4	1	5	—
Malinoski	3	2	5	—
Gamble	—	5	5	8
Maier	—	4	4	2
Williamson	2	1	3	2
Sorochuk	—	1	1	7
Wernicke	2	—	2	7
Biodeau	1	—	1	—
Frey	—	1	1	—
Cam	—	—	—	2
Morrow	—	—	—	—
Nixon	—	—	—	—
Smith	—	—	—	—
Schiman	—	—	—	7

Kings' Eric Shishido has been the chief antagonist when it comes to Blade killing. In the three game set he has rifled six goals and five assists including a third period break-away goal that completely broke Blades in the second game of the series.

Kamloops boasts a bigger team than the Blues but for the first time in the series Vernon will be going

with a full complement of players for their most crucial game of the season.

A few other tricks have been employed to help lure people out to the game tonight. All minor hockey players will be admitted free and five door prizes are offered to fans who show up to the game including an expensive pair of binoculars. Minor pucksters are welcomed in for nothing merely by appearing at the west entrance and the ticket on prize is the price of admission.

LL EDGE

by DENIS FESER
Sports Editor

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