

Blades Exit In Old Style

The Vernon Junior Blades finished the 1965-66 hockey league season the same way they started it. By losing.

Blades were rocked by visiting Kamloops Kraft Kings in the fourth and final game of the semi-final playoffs of series "B" last Thursday night, 11-2. They had gone without a win in their first 11 starts this season and lost their last four just recently.

Kings' triggerman Eric Shishido ran his point total to 17 with a three goal-three assist night as he continued the Blades number two enemy.

Number one still had to be themselves.

Blades allowed themselves to fall behind as much as four goals in each previous playoff tilt before catching fire and rallying within two and even one goal at times before fading out of the winners' circle.

Thursday night was no exception. Kamloops took a

four goal lead into the dressingroom at the end of one period and led 9-2 after the middle-section.

Despite this they only outshot Vernon 61-46. Only!!

Nineteen penalties were called in the contest, nine to Vernon;

Ken Rinaldi socked home Kraft Kings' first goal at the 1:18 point in the first stanza guiding the toils of linemate Shishido and defenseman Eddie Begg.

Then, Robbie Osborne tallied two for the winners and the rout of the Blades was officially on. Jack Moores followed for Kamloops before speedster Ivan Malinoski scored his second goal of the series taking the offering of King Cam.

Shishido rounded out the first period with his unassisted goal at 19:17 of the frame.

Some of that Vernon comeback was evident early in the third period when Malinoski's line partner, Neil Bilodeau, chalked up an unassisted goal at 6:14.

But Kraft Kings were not to be had that night.

Osborne struck a third time and then was followed by Roy Sakaki from Shishido, Rick McShane from Shishido and then Shishido himself.

The Kamloops centre scored his hat-trick at 8:31 in the finale and Robbie Jamisen completed the rout at 10:31 of the period.

Kamloops started the game with a full crew but injuries and disputes with referees left them with the total bench strength of five players by the end of the game. Dale Sandyke left in the first period after taking a check Blues Maurice Wernike and Ray Sakaki called it a night late in the third stanza. Jack Moores and Wayne LeVeay left also in the finale as the result of match penalties.

Minor Ball Meet Sunday

The Vernon Minor Baseball Association will hold its organizational meeting at the Coldstream Motor Hotel next Sunday at 10 a.m.

All managers, sponsors, coaches and anybody interested in furthering the cause of boy's baseball in Vernon are asked to attend this important meeting.

Regular league schedule is not expected to start until early May however officials hope to get a good start by starting early.

CIVIC ARENA SCHEDULE

Mon., Feb. 14—10:50-11:45, Junior High School Skating; 1:30-3:00, Mother and Tots Skating; 3:30-5:00, Public Skating; 5:00-6:30, Pups; 6:45-7:50, Juvenile Practice; 8:00-10:00, Hit Parade Skating.

Tues., Feb. 15—7:00-8:30 a.m. Bantam A Practice; 2:30-3:30, Prep School Figure Skating; 3:30-5:30, Figure Skating; 5:45-6:45, Pee Wee Reps vs Bantam Bruins; 6:45-7:45, Bantam Wings vs Rangers; 8:00-10:00, Int. Hockey Practice.

Wed., Feb. 16—7:00-8:30 a.m. Bantam B Practice; 10:50, Junior High School Skating; 12:50, Junior High School Skating; 1:15, Junior High School Skating; 3:30-7:15, Figure Skating; 7:30-9:30, Midget House League Games; 9:45-11:00, Junior Hockey Practice.

Thurs., Feb. 17—7:00-8:30, Figure Skating; 3:30-5:00

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Kelowna-Kamloops In Omjaha Finale

The Kamloops Kraft Kings will face Kelowna Buckaroos when the Okanagan Mainline Junior Hockey Association playoff action resumes this week in Kelowna.

Kraft Kings, who have been idle since last Thursday night when they trimmed Vernon Blades 11-2 and won their best of seven semi-final series four games to none, go into the finals after patiently waiting for Buckaroos to dispose of Penticton-Summerland El Rancho Broncs, four games to one, with a 3-0 victory in Kelowna Saturday.

Penticton's only win came on Kelowna ice in the first game of the series while Vernon was no match for the powerful Kamloops team at any time.

Buckaroos lost 4-3 and won 7-5, 4-1, 6-1 and 3-0.

Kraft Kings won four straight by scores of 6-3, 8-6, 8-5 and 11-2.

A quick evaluation of each team shows Kelowna relying heavily on a goaltender and a forward corps gifted with three well balanced lines while Kamloops will go with a beefy defense alignment and the top assist and goal-getting men in regulation league play.

Kelowna, although not copping any scoring titles, have a four man punch in John Strong, Marcella Verna, Lyn Swanson and Billy Bell going for them while Kamloops will be relying chiefly on Eric Shishido and Dale Sandyke, if the latter is fit enough. He

never returned for the second period of the Vernon-Kamloops final encounter.

Shishido sports a 67 point total on 20 goals and 47 assists during the regular league schedule while Sandyke tops goal-getters with 31. He had 26 assists for 37 points.

Strong was 45 for 21 and 24; Verna 42 for 21 and 21; Swanson 41 for 24 and 17; and Bell 40 for 19 and 21.

On top of that the Buckaroos have going for them Terry Lawrenson who allowed goals against average of 2.59 during the regular season and was just as tough to beat in the series with Penticton, doing the duties at a 2.20 clip.

Shishido could be the man to beat him, however, as the speedy Kraft King forward netted nine goals and seven assists in the five game series with Blades which is about a 50 per cent increase compared to his regular session performance.

Kelowna, of course, are favoured to take the series, but could very easily fall victim to overconfidence by taking the Kamloops' win over Vernon very lightly.

Kamloops is a team that moves in for kill quickly and, although they are not expected to get the jump on Kelowna that they did on the Blades they will have to go some to find a team with as much desire to win as Vernon.