

Spring Session Sharpens Blades

Spring exhibition hockey seems agreeable to both Penticton and Vernon as the result of two back to back games played over the weekend.

Friday night in Penticton the home - town El Rancho Broncs pleased home fans by dumping visiting Blades 5-4 and Saturday night Blades turned the tables by rising for the occasion for their fans. They too eeked out a 5-4 win.

Ivan Malinoski and Tom Williamson of Blades both boast good weekends with three goals each in two games while Al Watson claimed two. Both came in Saturday night's win at Civic Arena.

At Penticton Blades took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Rick Reilly twined a Malinoski pass but Broncs came back with two in the same frame to take the lead for good; neither team scored in the second period; and Broncs pressed early in the finale to lead 3-1 before Blades could again become untracked.

Malinoski scored his first of the weekend on a Tom Williamson pass but Penticton would not be overshadowed. They claimed two more quick ones before Williamson rounded out the scoring with a brace of net - bitters the first at 15:08 and the second at 18:13.

Both goalies figured in the scoring as Williamson's second goal came on a feeding by goalie Gerry Allen and Bob Belbin in the nets for Broncs was cred-

ited with an assist on a Penticton goal scored by Malkin.

Scoring for Penticton were McInnes, Chernoff, Laughlin, Malkin and Schaab.

Saturday at Civic Arena Ivan Malinoski popped in goal one at 2:34 of the initial frame and when the period was over Vernon had a 3-2 lead. Williamson and Watson used the opportunity offered them later in the period. Wayne Schabb and McInnes replied for Penticton.

George Brent scored the only goal of the middle period with an unassisted effort to bring the teams onto the ice for the final frame all tied up.

Malinoski and Al Watson blasted counters in the third stanza and Rebbalato replied for Broncs.

Both teams proved they carried a few grudges from regular league play as 20 penalties were called in the home and home series, nine to Blades.

Blades expect to continue practicing until ice is taken from the arena in early April. This week they expect to host an airforce team from the coast.

Cancer caused one out of 25 deaths in 1900. Today it accounts for one out of six.