

Deck Aces

Future Blades Earn Win

The bodies that hope to fill the blue and white uniforms of the Vernon Junior Blades next season won a hockey game Thursday night. The question is, who did they beat?

The game was billed as a post season match between the Intermediate Salmon Arm Aces and the Blades. What it really turned out to be was Blades versus: 1. One Ace; 2. A host of spunky type graduating Salmon Arm Juveniles; 3. A handful of ex-Vernon Juniors.

Blades picked up the 5-3 win but their come from behind victory was not the main factor in the match. The fact that no love is lost between either group and the local Blades was.

Blades battled from behind to overcome a 3-0 deficit built up by the four local Intermediates who traded their blue for the red and white of Aces for a night.

Ike Coulter slammed the initial marker behind Dave Ingram in the Vernon nets and was followed by Al Rogan and Ralph Litzenberger. Ernie Poggemiller, the fourth member of the group assisted on Rogan's counter.

"Aces" took a 3-1 lead into the second period when Sandy Stevenson stuck his first of two goals. In the sandwich session Ivan Malinoski dumped in Blades' second goal and Stevenson completed his night with the one that knotted the game.

And the rest was up to Tom Williamson. He camped on the goal crease at 0:40 of the finale to tip home the winning goal on a Rick Reilly-Barry Mori pass combination. And in a similar situation he slid the puck underneath Gord-

an Barz for the clincher.

Six penalties were called in the contest, four to Vernon.

Summary

Salmon-Arm 3 Vernon 5
1st period — 1. SA, Coulter (Rogan, Litzenberger) 7:01; 2. SA, Rogan (Poggemiller) 12:27; 3. SA, Litzenberger (Rogan) 17:50; 4. Ver, Stevenson (Mori) 18:16. Penalties — Wernike, Morrow.

2nd period — 5. Ver, Malinoski (Watson) 2:30; 6. Stevenson (Kakoske, Wernicke) 13:55. Penalties—Mori.

3rd period — 7. Ver, Williamson (Mori, Reilly) 0:40; 8. Ver, Williamson (Mori). Penalties — Malinoski, Nyland.

Ice Chips...Aces' coach Spence Tatchell pointed out a number of reasons why Salmon Arm did not ice a full team Thursday night. They had just taken on too much of late. Home and home series with a coast Intermediate club, battles with North Kamloops just a few nights before and the involvement of most of the players in commercial hockey at Salmon Arm... Ralph Litzenberger claims he tossed the best body check of his career Thursday night while in Aces' uniform...he decked teammate Ernie Poggemiller... the appearance of Odie Lowe behind the Blades' bench could mean something for the future although the announcement is not official yet...

Tracksters Ready For Big Schedule

The Okanagan Track and Field Club is fast gathering support in all areas boasting a branch of the organization.

At a meeting of the club held in Vernon Sunday, some 30 delegates from the six member branch clubs told of projects undertaken

memberships or booster tickets.

Each branch is now well organized with a local executive. Locally John Quirk will head the club as president with Howie Sugden as treasurer, Peter Fralick as secretary and Tom Prentice and Bruce Town-