

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

Blades bow again; those Bucs tough

The Vernon Junior Blades lost their second game of the season Tuesday night in Kelowna but coach Odie Lowe, although he gives the 7-3 loss much thought, isn't going to worry about it too much.

"Kelowna has a strong club," says Lowe. "But the boys played better than they did Saturday night." Last Saturday night Blades lost their first Okanagan Junior Hockey League fixture to the Penticton Broncos.

Kelowna took a 1-0 lead after one period and stretched it to 5-2 after the second stanza. Brian Fisher, who paced the Bucs' attack with two goals and three assists, scored the tiebreaker at the 6:23 mark of the initial period.

Jim Broadhurst and John Strong gave Kelowna a 3-0 margin early in the middle frame but Blades pounced back with two goals to come within one of winners. Wayne Latourneau scored Blue's first goal at 12:47 in an unassisted effort and he was followed less than a minute later by Pat Hembree on an assist from centre Tom Williamson. It was Hembree's third goal in two games for Blades.

and with Wayne Morris, to make up a starting string. Bob Ouichi, Al Rogan and Ernie Poggemiller swell out the rest of Luckies' line-up.

At Salmon Arm, the Aces were to hold their first practice of the season last night in preparation for their inaugural Saturday. Game time Saturday night is set for 8:30 p.m.

But Dave Couves and Fisher each twined counters and the game was once again out of reach of locals.

In the third period Dave Haley of Bucs and Ivan Malenosky traded goals and defenseman Dave Cousins wrapped it up at 9:22 on a pass from Fisher.

	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Bucs....	4	1	0	44	16	8
Broncs..	2	1	0	17	19	4
Blades..	0	2	0	6	15	0
Kings...	0	2	0	4	11	0

Lowe singled out the line of Bruce Allen, Rick Reilly and Latourneau for their efforts, saying he was quite pleased with their performance. The line has not had a goal scored against it in the 15 scored in the first two games.

A total of 18 penalties were handed out, 10 to Blades. Buckaroos outshot Blades 33-30.

This weekend Junior Blades play host to the

Swim exams for pool at weekend

Swimming examinations at all levels will be held at the Community Centre pool this weekend.

Lessons will begin Friday afternoon and wind-up Saturday morning. All children who have passed their screening tests are asked to take part.

Senior exams will be held Friday at 4 p.m.; Juniors, Saturday at 8:30 a.m.; and Intermediates, Saturday at 9:30 a.m.



PAT HEMBREE
... Blades sparkplug

Vancouver Junior Canucks. Game time Sunday is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Canucks will play in Kamloops Saturday night in the first game of eight interschedule contests to be played in the valley this season. It will be just as important a fixture as that which will see Blades in Penticton Friday night for their third game of the session.

Midgets start hockey season

The Vernon Midget Rep team will play Penticton this Saturday at 3:15 p.m. to start the inter-city Minor Hockey schedule for the 1966-67 season.

Coached by Don Jakes, the team will return a number of the players which helped themselves to a top spot among the four city Okanagan branch of the Okanagan - Mainline area last season.

Play for Pee Wees and Juveniles will start exactly a week later when the Penticton Pee Wees host Vernon at 5:30 p.m. and Penticton Juveniles are at Civic Arena for an engagement at 8 p.m.



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