

Friday and Saturday

Blades meet Broncos

The Vernon Junior Blades, who are faced with their toughest weekend test since opening night, can be in second place in the four Team Okanagan Junior Hockey League by Monday.

Blades, sporting a three game win streak (also the total number of wins) which is one shy of the four it took them all last season to accumulate, meet the Penticton Broncos in the Peach City tomorrow and then swing back home against the same squad Saturday night. Penticton is in second place in the OJHL, just four points ahead of the upstart Blueshirts.

A double coup would put Blades in second place by virtue of a better goals-for and goals-against average and leave them sitting more than ready for the Kelowna Buckaroos the following Saturday.

Saturday

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Bucks.....	6	3	0	64	27	12
Broncs...	5	1	0	29	27	10
Blades....	3	3	0	35	26	6
Kings.....	0	7	0	17	45	0

Production-wise, Blades are second only to the Buckaroos and, the Bucks have played three more games.



KING CAM
... in line-up at weekend

Blades, having exactly the same number of games as the Broncos, have produced 35 goals to their arch-opponents' 29 and have had one goal less scored upon them over the same number of contests.

Blades should have no lack of confidence after their latest outings. To top that, they have not been beaten in a period of hockey since the second period of their last engagement with the Peach City six.

Penticton will send a good crew against Blades, if not the toughest locals will have faced so far this season, which is headed by Gene Peacosh, who shunned the Edmonton camp to return to his native city. He was the chief reason Blades were beaten last time out (getting a hat-trick) and he will be in the line-up both nights, also for the first time in Vernon this year.

The line of Williamson-Malinosky-Quechuck is due to break out again at any time. It controlled the point-getting in the last Blues' start at home but was outscored on the road by Blades other two lines.

Game time here Saturday night is set for 8:30 p.m.

the dull edge

I've got two bucks in my pocket and at the present time it's a toss-up as to whether I pay a three-day old traffic ticket, support the United Appeal, enrich the coffers of the fine Molson family or, pay off a bet.

Except for these few things, I'd pay the bet. Mr. C. can take his blue piece of paper and... (but the law is, after all, still the law); I enjoy supporting the United Appeal (it would come out to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per group — I always said I had a big heart); and I could tolerate just a wee nip 'o these November evenings).

It's not that I'm a welcher or anything like that. It's just that I can toss the bad money after some good by backing the Vernon Junior Blades who will be pitched into combat with the Penticton Broncos no less than two times this weekend. In other words, the possibility exists that I just might be able to turn the two-dollar deficit into an even two dollar credit, ergo, four greens richer come Monday morning.

The debt, outstanding since the Kelowna Buckaroos lost their first game of the season to the Penticton Broncos over a month ago, is owed a Bronco hockey player who, took it upon himself to act as chief Moose Jaw cheerleader in the pre-season Canucks-Buckaroos battle at Kelowna.

During the second period of the match he was so dissolusioned with the play of the home town team he was willing to put up two dollars which said the Broncos would beat the Bucks and your reporter, being of mind and body (presumably both sound) leapt to the challenge feeling secure in his head after examining the Bucks' players bench, that here was a chance to pick up an easy deuce.

I swear, it looked like a sure thing. I had not seen the Broncos in action before that time and anyway, the Bucks looked too good to be true.

So, I'll call the two lost bills bad money.

The good money, co-better interested, could come this weekend. I placed my money on a sure thing last time and this weekend, in backing the Blades, it might not be such a sure thing.

Blades, of course, have the scoring punch in the likes of Ivan Malinosky, Lawrence Quechuck and playmaker Tom Williamson, and nobody knows it better than themselves. Proof of this is found only in watching them. They toss the puck around more often in one sequence than most

lines are likely to in a whole game. It's solid confidence in each other is what it is, and it makes sense.

And this is what I will back my bet on. That the Blues trio can score at least three goals a game between them and each of the other two lines can claim one. That would give locals a five goal output each game and with the goaltending they have been getting from Gerry Allen, he turned aside 46 shots last time out and has decreased his goals against average to a little over three, five goals should certainly be enough to win.

True, Broncos have guys such as Gene Peacosh, and Ray Picco and Wayne Schaab and they're a good bunch of skates. But Blades are up, and for my money, if they try hard enough, they can be in second place Monday morning.

THE SPORT SEEN... a short vacation was perhaps the reason a number of the Blades were not at practice last night? Word has it that some of the local Juniors took a couple of days off to induce a former teammate of another team and another time, into joining the Blues' camp... word also has it that local footballer Tom Serviss may suit up with Blades... now there's a fellow that would get even King Cam hustling... Cam goes after his second goal of the season tomorrow night... Harlem Clowns, easily one of the best touring basketball teams to come to Vernon, from all indications pleased Panther basketball coach Doug Weeks, who also doubles as Vernon Senior Secondary's Athletic Director and soundly thumped his Cats... Weeks was somewhat apprehensive about bringing them in at first after other teams to come here, as many as three times last year, were having trouble filling their gymnasium... an Okanagan Basketball Referees meeting has been scheduled for the Vernon high school gymnasium for Sunday, November 13, at which time it is hoped differences between the branches can be ironed out... the North Okanagan Hockey League gets serious Sunday night when Grindrod Elks meet Grandview Warriors at 7 p.m. and Head of the Lake goes against Lumby Flying Frenchmen at 8:45...

Exciting!
JUNIOR HOCKEY

SATURDAY

NOV. 5

8:30 p.m.



Vernon Civic Arena

VERNON BLADES

VS

PENTICTON BRONCS

ADULTS	STUDENTS	CHILDREN
\$1.00	50¢	25¢

17 Home Games Left