

Broncs still tops

Bucks dump Blades

Blueshirts lose third game in row

The sweet smell of success that turned into a fountain of failure for the Vernon Blades less than two weeks ago, continued on that low note at the weekend as the Blueshirts were trounced 9-2 by the visiting Kelowna Buckaroos.

Meanwhile, the Penticton Broncos maintained their hold on first place in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League by edging the Bucks 5-4 in overtime before a crowd of 1,750 Friday and blasting Kamloops Kraft Kings 9-0 at the Hub City Saturday night.

The loss was the third in a row for the Blades. They started the season by losing three consecutive matches, put together three straight good games for wins and then opened the latest three-session losing streak with back-to-back losses at the hands of the fired-up Broncos last weekend. If all holds true, Blades should win the brace coming up this coming weekend which sees them in Kamloops Saturday night and then back in Vernon to host the Kraft Kings Sunday afternoon.

Never in it

The Blades were never in the game Saturday night. Buckaroos fought to an easy 3-0 first period front and were leading 7-1 after two frames.

Goalie Gerry Allen, who has played better games this year, choose the start of the third period to call it a night at which time standby Dave Ingram got the call.



KEN POLON
... a steady game.

Kelowna outshot the Vernons 29-21.

Smoothie Brian Fisher led the Bucks attack by popping in a goal each period and assisting on another.

Defenseman Dave (Hawkeye) Haley connected for a brace while Kelowna singles came from Keith Boquist, Gord MacCrimman, Dave Couves and Terry Strong.

Blues Centreman Keith Rolston, connected with rearguard Ken Polon to score locals' first counter while Polon added the second himself in the final stanza with help from King Cam.

Frankie Mark, an Edmonton defenseman, in his debut with Blades, mixed it with three different Kelowna players, added little offensive punch to locals and collected a total of 50 minutes in penalties including a game misconduct.

Fisher first

Bucks' Fisher opened the scoring at 1:55 of the first period in a cool unassisted effort. At 7:21, Boquist, who left the game early in the third session with an injury, made the score 2-0 with help from Fisher and captain John Strong and MacCrimman, aided by McClelland and Boquist, shoved Buckaroos further into the lead at 14:36 with what proved later to be the winning tally.

Terry Strong wasted no time in the middle period. He blasted Bucks' fourth goal after only a minute of play and at 3:09, Fisher got his second and the score stood 5-0 before Rolston exploded.

With Blues Graham Elliott and Bucks Dave Couves off the ice for trading punches, Polon set up Rolston with a picture pass and the sturdy centreman made no mistake in his second home-free situation. Less than two minutes before Rolston had shot wide of the open corner after Quechuck had fed him with a behind-the-net pass.

The first Vernon goal came at 6:32 of the sandwich session.

But the Kelowna club added two more at eight minutes even and at 10:22, with Haley getting his first with help from Dave Cousins and Couves converting a Terry Strong pass respectively, to lead 7-1 after two periods.

Ingram to nets

The change in goalkeepers did little to spark Blades either. The Vernons were guilty of listless play at times while the excitement that spilled out of the stands and the mean ways of some of the players was all that made the game interesting in the finale.

At 3:29 of the third ses-

sion, Haley picked the corner behind Ingram while both teams were short two men. At the time, John Strong and Mark and Ivan Malinosky and Couves were all incarcerated for fighting.

At 7:01, with all four players still cooling their heels, Polon teamed with Cam to score Blades second goal and at 10:02 Fisher got the last goal with help from the brothers Strong.

Penticton 9 Vernon 2 SUMMARY

First period — 1. Kel., Fisher (unassisted) 1:55; 2. Kel., Boquist (Fisher, J. Strong) 7:21; 3. Kel., MacCrimman (McClelland, Boquist) 14:36. Penalties — T. Strong, Mark, B. Allen, Fisher, Mark.

Second period — 4. Kel., T. Strong (Boquist, J. Strong) 1:01; 5. Kel., Fisher (J. Strong, Haley) 3:09; 6. Ver., Rolston (Polon) 6:32; 7. Kel., Haley (Cousins) 8:00; 8. Kel., Couves (T. Strong) 10:22. Penalties — Polon, Elliott and Couves (majors), Mark, B. Allen

and Haley, Malinosky and McClelland, Mark.

Third period — 9. Kel., Haley (unassisted) 3:29; 10. Ver., Polon (Cam) 7:01; 11. Kel., Fisher (T. Strong, J. Strong) 10:02. Penalties — J. Strong and Mark (majors), Malinosky and Couves (majors), Couves (misconduct) Cam, Haley, Mark, Mark (misconduct),

Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Broncs....	9	1	0	57	41	18
Bucks....	8	4	0	80	40	16
Blades....	3	6	0	48	49	6
Kings.....	1	9	0	23	57	2

Mark (major), Mark (misconduct), Mark (game misconduct), Williamson, MacCrimman.

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Panthers plan arduous schedule

Head coach Doug Weeks' Vernon (basketball) Panthers, who started the season with a fun-fixture against the touring Harlem Clowns, have an arduous schedule starting them in the face for the next few months.

A November 22 engagement with a different touring group, the Harlem Stars, concludes the pleasure and from then on it's all serious business.

Weeks will bring in White Rock's Semt Amo five (Nov. 25) in the first of a group of exhibition contests including matches with Penticton and Salmon Arm and no less than three major tournaments, the biggest of which will be staged by Panthers themselves.

Panthers will again sponsor their annual Christmas Tournament.

Teams expected for the two day affair (Dec. 16-17) are Mennonite Educational Institute and Vancouver

teams' poor showing, regained their status after the Kamloops Red Devils proved that the valley has once again become a basketball centre to be reckoned with.

"It will be good basketball," says Weeks, who started practices in earnest over a week ago and is presently stressing fundamentals of shooting, dribbling and all defensive phases of the game.

"It's a smaller team this year and the accent will be on defense as a result. It will be new and different. We intend to win."

Schedule will be in next week's paper.

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Weekend scoreboard

—Hockey (OJHL) Pen-
ticton 5, Kelowna 4 (over-
time).

Saturday—Hockey (OJHL)
—Kelowna 9, Vernon 2; Pen-
ticton 9, Kamloops 0.
(OMHL)—Vernon 4, Salmon
Arm 4.

Sunday—Hockey (OMHL)
—Kelowna 13, Revelstoke
2. (NOHL)—Head of the
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(Juvenile)—Vernon 6, Kel-
owna 3.

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