

# Scoreboard

Friday—Hockey, (OJHL), New Westminster at Kelowna.

Saturday — Hockey, (OJHL), New Westminster at Penticton; Vernon at Kamloops; First Invitational Swim Meet (Community Centre) 1:30 p.m. (OMHL) North Kamloops at Salmon Arm.

Sunday — Hockey, commercial league (8-9:30); (OJHL), Kamloops at Vernon. Armstrong vs Head of the Lake (7 p.m.); Lumby vs Grindrod (8:45). (OMHL), Vernon at Revelstoke.



**Exciting!**

# **JUNIOR HOCKEY**

**SUNDAY,  
NOV. 20**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Vernon Civic Arena**



**VERNON BLADES**

**VS**

**KAMLOOPS  
KRAFT KINGS**

<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>
<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>50¢</b>	<b>25¢</b>

***15 Home Games Left***



# Blades hungry

Vernon Junior Blades coach Odie Lowe has promised two new players for his team's fixtures with the Kamloops Kraft Kings this weekend.

The Blades, who are presently suffering from three straight losses, could gain four points on second place Kelowna Buckaroos when they meet the Kraft Kings in a home and home series Saturday and Sunday.

Blades will travel to Kamloops for an 8:30 game Saturday night and host the Hubsters in a return engagement scheduled for Civic Arena Sunday afternoon.

Also slated in the valley for the weekend are the New Westminster Royals. They will be in Kelowna Friday night and in Penticton Saturday.

Lowe has not let out any indication of what kind of players the two new young-

sters will be except that one is a defenseman and the other is a forward. He is not sure whether they will arrive in town in time for the Saturday night game but he has assured that they definitely will be in the

line-up Sunday afternoon.

The two new men will be the second and third players to join Blades ranks within two weeks. Frankie Mark, who arrived here from Edmonton, created a sensation his first time out in the blue and white uniform.



ODIE LOWE

... two more on the way

## the dull edge

... by Denis Feser, Sports Editor

Today's word or, after all that work last week, somebody decided to go over your writer's learned head and install a new referee at the Junior game between the Blades and Buckaroos last Saturday night anyway.

### NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE

From where your reporter sat there appeared to be little visible difference between the two official-types. There was some difference, this corner will admit, and you can give Mike Durban seven points for it. He falls down better at centre ice and gets up and smiles better than the demoted Art Davison.

Seriously though, there has been too much emphasis on referees and refereeing in the past couple of years and it created a squabble two seasons ago that carried over into last year.

When a team loses, the natural instinct is to seek out a reason and blame it on that reason and who is a more likely target than a game official who is described by the CAHA bible as a "totally disinterested party" and, by said players, in many more and figurative words?

In the case of Blades, sometimes it isn't such a bad idea to blame some of the problems on the referee. It keeps the team together for one united stand against something. At least!

Which is not meant to say that referees and refereeing in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League are/is without fault. If you looked long and hard enough at anything you are certain to find fault with it.

Perhaps though, it is time players began to give a little credit where credit is due and play to that credit's weaknesses.

Last year the Vernon Junior Blades' record looked like a withdrawal slip at the bank — it was an all-owing season. Early this session, after promise of a much stronger contender and a by far better team, they rolled to three straight losses in their opening engagements. Then, surprise, surprise, they won three straight games and were being billed as the team to watch for, the team... and then almost as suddenly, they had plunged back into their old habits, losing three more in a row, the last, the worst beating they have taken this year.

"They never think of what a pitcher may be doing to beat them, only of what they must be doing wrong that makes them unable to hit him," is the way Jim Brosnan, ex-major (baseball) leaguer and sometimes author describes the torment professional ballplayers go through while they are in a hitting slump. He exhorts batters for not realizing the ability of an opponent and for instead, thinking "me."

What am I doing wrong, not what is he doing right to beat me?

The situation is a bleak one to say the least. The Blades are at what could easily be described as the most crucial crossroad they are to come upon all season. The best they can hope for this weekend is four points; a split in games with the Kamloops Kraft Kings isn't entirely out of the question either.

To coin a phrase, they will not fall united. Blades, like any other team, cannot afford to lose very many more games (as other Vernon clubs have found out) if they hope to keep their fans and, especially, themselves intact.

Coach Odie Lowe is in the process of bringing two more players into the Blueshirts' camp. "Win at all costs" is nothing new to the game. Winning isn't everything, it is the only thing.

One point further, however. Victory at all costs should be the objective of every player on the ice. When you fall short of that objective then there is no shame as long as you gave your best. The point this scribe would like to father is simply this; a number of the Blades do not give 100 per cent all of the time and this, dear people, is why they lost so badly. And it is also why they have come up with sudden two minute bursts and, after trailing through most of the game picking up points when they seem to score at will.

When somebody can get them all moving as fast as a half-cut cat on coals then, and only then, will the Vernon Blades be a winner or at least a reasonable facsimile. Perhaps the arrival of two more players and the threat of losing one's cushy spot on the ice may get the bulk of them rolling.

Also, if the two of them bear any resemblance to the last arrival, then it just might cause the odd referee to keep moving too.

The three new players will bring the number of outsiders to join Blades ranks this season to nine. Other new players to the club include defensemen Ken Polen and Glen Baron and forwards Keith Rolston, Wayne Latourneau and Lawrence Quechuck.

Of the six, Quechuck has proved the most productive to date. Teamed with Ivan Malinosky and Tom Williamson on the Production Line, he has had a hand in on over half of the Blueshirts goals.

Rolston has come along in the last couple of contests and heads Blades second trio, including King Cam and Pat Hembree, absent from Vernon's line-up the last time out.

Kamloops has inserted a couple of new faces into their line-up since the last meeting with Blades and are starving for victory having won only one game in nine starts thus far this season. They may have more surprises in store for Blades this Saturday night.

Game time at Vernon Civic Arena Sunday afternoon has been set for 2:30 p.m.

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P. S. DUNN,  
District Superintendent.

Dated at Vernon, B.C.  
10th November, 1966.