



Practice makes perfect... well, almost

Blades all cut up

Kelowna fixture a must game

The old saying that "practice makes perfect" is being put to use by the Vernon Junior Blades for perhaps the first time in a number of years. Blades, always infamous for attendance of players at practice, held an hour work-out Monday night and will skate again tonight. Blades have been averaging 100 per cent turn-out at practices this season.

And, as their record indicates, they are the team that needs it. Blades have registered four wins and seven losses in 11 games this year and are presently standing in the league's third spot.

Not an altogether impressive showing on Blues part, their record is however, better now than it was at this time last year. In the 1965-66 season it took Blades all year to accumulate four victories.

This year, with three Vernon players in contention for the circuit scoring title, more interest has developed among the players themselves, making them all try that much harder.

Leading the Vernon point getters are Tom Williamson, Ivan Malinosky and Lawrence Quechuck and, from the "production line" on down, points have been spread rather thin.

Coach Odie Lowe, who has as good a power line as any team in the league in his startling string, moved some of the players around Sunday afternoon to try and provide more goals and he may do the same this weekend against the Kelowna Buckaroos in an attempt to come up with two, perhaps three good scoring trios.

Sunday Lowe moved Lawrence Quechuck onto a line featuring Pat Hembree and Norrie Mills, the new youngster who has since returned to his home at Wainwright, Alberta for a better part of the game. Although it did not strike for any goals as a unit, it provided a hard skating and backchecking combination to keep Kraft Kings inline.

Keith Rolston, who moved up to Lowe's shock troops, provided a little more beef up front, the only drawback in the original "production line."

King Cam, either in coach Lowe's doghouse or being saved for special duty, seemingly broke out of his shell Sunday when he blasted what later proved to be



Quechuck

the Blueshirts winning goal after a long stay on the bench.

He could team with Bruce Allen and Rick Reilly when the two are not killing penalties. Alan Southward, who is tossed between the offense and defense, could also get the call for a wing spot at any time.

OJHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Broncs....	9	2	0	62	47	18
Bucks....	9	4	0	85	43	18
Blades....	4	7	0	56	56	8
Kings.....	2	10	0	30	65	4

BLUE CHIPS... "You played your best period of hockey Sunday," Odie Lowe told his players earlier this week. He claimed Blades, who drilled three unanswered goals in the third period of Sunday's game against Kamloops, were never like it all year. He further pointed out to them that they played their first period of penalty-less hockey this season (also the third) and asked them if there might be a connection between the two... It will be Grey Cup Day Saturday at Vernon Civic Arena when the Blades play host to the top spot Kelowna Buckaroos in a regular fixture for 8:30 p.m.... a football and other prizes have been put up... it will also be kids day. All children accompanied by their parents will be admitted to the contest free of charge.

Games skate-off set for Sunday