



### Blades - Bucks face-off again tonight

The Kelowna Buckaroos and the Vernon Blades will meet in Civic Arena again tonight in a regular Okanagan Junior Hockey League fixture scheduled for 8:30 p.m. In this shot taken in Saturday night's game (which Blades won 5-2), referee Art Davison is caught dropping the puck between Blades Law-

rence Quechuck and Bucks Mike Darnbrough. Also with eyes on the play are Ivan Malinosky (far right), linesman Ernie Poggemiller (centre), Tom Serviss (with an eye over Quechuck's shoulder) and defenseman Ken Pollen at the far left hand corner.

# Blades-Bucks tangle tonight

The Kelowna Buckaroos and the Vernon Blades will tangle in Civic Arena tonight and an added feature to the game will be a new twist. There will be absolutely nothing at stake.

About the most contentious issue at stake will be the starting time of 8:30 p.m.

That is, unless you discount the fact that the Vernon Junior Blades have something to prove and the Kelowna Buckaroos have so much to lose.

The Blades will "only" be out to prove that the 5-2 beating they handed the Kelownas was more than a fluke and that they can and must catch the Bucks if they hope to make a go of it in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League schedule this season.

The Central City crew, on the other hand, will be out to put the Blueshirts, who they consider no more than mere upstarts, back into the place where they consider they belong.

The fact is, the Bucks still hold the odds because



Gord Clark  
... returns tonight



Pat Hembree  
... no longer with Blades

of a 7-4 surprise that they sprang on the league leading Penticton Broncos Sunday night. Their easy out is, "we had an off night

at Vernon Saturday," and they will be "up" for tonight's contest about as much as any team can hope to be.

Blades will have no trouble getting up for this one either. Aside from the fact that they can ice three favorable lines, they welcome back the return of defenseman Gord Clark, who sat out half a hockey season last year and every Blades game so far this year with a suspension following a stick swinging incident will give Blades the support where they need it most.

#### STANDINGS

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Pen..	14	3	0	98	69	28
Kel...	12	7	1	116	65	25
Ver..	6	10	1	81	87	13
Kam.	3	15	0	51	104	6

It will take Clark a few games to get into proper playing shape and to work his way into a Vernon lineup that has had a complete overhaul since his last action, December 12, 1965.

Blades coach Odie Lowe is quite high on Clark and that is one of the major reasons he has not attempted to bring in an extra man to fill out the rearguard corps. He knew Clark would be back and just how much back-up strength he could call on him for.

A teammate describes Gord as, "a hitter, a good defenseman." And that is exactly what the Blades need. If he is the defenseman they say he is, Blades, with Ken Pollen, Graham Elliott, Glen Baron and, if Lowe intends to continue the services of juvenile-age player Barry Mori, should have one of the best defensive corps in the circuit.

**BLUE CHIPS...** Pat Hembree, Blades' scrambling winger, returned to Lethbridge Monday for personal reasons. He saw his last game as a Blade Saturday night, leaving in the second period after re-injuring his knee. Coach Odie Lowe was pleased with his performance as a Blueshirt. He was a rough-tough hombre who added plenty of razzle dazzle to locals' line-up... a rebuttal to an accusation of spearing aimed at Blades centre Tom Williamson was aimed Monday night. Williamson, who speared Bucks Terry Strong on the chest during Saturday night's game (and went unsentenced), claims to have been highsticked just prior to the reported incident. And he's got a good-sized cut on his forehead to prove it too... The starting time for tonight's contest "is" 8:30 p.m.



## Pee Wee schedule released

The middle stage of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association Pee Wee League schedule, released this week, is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 22—5:30 to 6:15, Canadiens vs Bruins; 6:15 to 7:00, Rangers vs Maple Leafs; 7:00 to 7:45, Flyers vs Barons; 7:45 to 8:30, Black Hawks vs Red Wings.

Saturday, Dec. 24—9:00 to 9:45, Flyers vs Bruins; 9:45 to 10:30, Canadiens vs Barons; 10:30 to 11:10, Black Hawks vs Maple Leafs; 11:10 to 11:50, Red Wings vs Rangers; 3:20 to 20, All Star Time.

Thursday, Dec. 29—5:30 to 6:15, Maple Leafs vs Red Wings; 6:15 to 7:00, Rangers vs Black Hawks; 7:00 to 7:45, Bruins vs Barons; 7:45 to 8:30, Canadiens vs Flyers.

Saturday, Dec. 31—9:00 to 9:45, Red Wings vs Barons; 9:45 to 10:30, Maple Leafs vs Flyers; 10:30 to 11:10, Black Hawks vs Bruins; 11:10 to 11:50, Rangers vs Canadiens; 3:20 to 20, All Star Time.

Thursday, Jan. 5—5:30 to 6:30, Black Hawks vs Canadiens; 6:30 to 7:30, Maple Leafs vs Barons. Remainder of Pee Wee League cancelled due to Junior Hockey Game. Time will be used on Saturday, Jan. 7, to make up for missed games.

to 6:15, Black Hawks vs Flyers; 6:15 to 7:00, Barons vs Rangers; 7:00 to 7:45, Bruins vs Maple Leafs; 7:45 to 8:30, Red Wings vs Canadiens.

Saturday, Jan. 14—9:00 to 9:45, Black Hawks vs Red Wings; 9:45 to 10:30, Rangers vs Maple Leafs; 10:30 to 11:10, Canadiens vs Bruins; 11:10 to 11:50, Flyers vs Barons; 3:20 to 5:20, Summerland at Vernon, Pee-Wee.

Thursday, Jan. 19—5:30 to 6:15, Red Wings vs Rangers; 6:15 to 7:00, Black Hawks vs Maple Leafs; 7:00 to 7:45, Canadiens vs Barons; 7:45 to 8:30, Flyers vs Bruins.

Saturday, Jan. 21—9:00 to 9:45, Canadiens vs Flyers; 9:45 to 10:30, Bruins vs Barons; 10:30 to 11:10, Rangers vs Black Hawks; 11:10 to 11:50, Maple Leafs vs Red Wings; 3:20 to 5:20, All Star Time.

Thursday, Jan. 26—5:30 to 6:15, Maple Leafs vs Red Wings; 6:15 to 7:00, Rangers vs Black Hawks; 7:00 to 7:45, Bruins vs Barons; 7:45 to 8:30, Canadiens vs Flyers.

Saturday, Jan. 28—9:00 to 9:45, Red Wings vs Flyers;

7:45 to 8:30, Maple Leafs vs Canadiens.

Saturday, Feb. 4—9:00 to 9:45, Red Wings vs Canadiens; 9:45 to 10:30, Bruins vs Maple Leafs; 10:30 to 11:10, Rangers vs Barons; 11:10 to 11:50, Black Hawks vs Flyers; 3:20 to 5:20, All Star Time.

Thursday, Feb. 9—5:30 to 6:15, Canadiens vs Bruins; 6:15 to 7:00, Maple Leafs vs Rangers; 7:00 to 7:45, Flyers vs Barons; 7:45 to 8:30, Black Hawks vs Red Wings.

Saturday, Feb. 11—9:00 to 9:45, Flyers vs Bruins; 9:45 to 10:30, Canadiens vs Barons; 10:30 to 11:10, Red Wings vs Rangers; 11:10 to 11:50, Black Hawks vs Maple Leafs.

Thursday, Feb. 16—5:30 to 6:15, Rangers vs Canadiens; 6:15 to 7:00, Black Hawks vs Bruins; 7:00 to 7:45, Maple Leafs vs Flyers; 7:45 to 8:30, Red Wings vs Barons.

Saturday, Feb. 18—9:00 to 9:45, Red Wings vs Barons; 9:45 to 10:30, Maple Leafs vs Flyers; 10:30 to 11:10, Black Hawks vs Bruins; 11:10 to 11:50, Rangers vs Canadiens; 3:20 to 5:20, All Star Time.

Thursday, Feb. 23—5:30 to 6:15, Black Hawks vs Canadiens; 6:15 to 7:00, Rangers vs Bruins; 7:00 to

## the dull edge

... by Denis Feser, Sports Editor

Vernon will get a look at the best high school basketball in the province this weekend.

It will see eight different teams, three of which are rated one-two-three in B.C. and, what is even more interesting, two of the particular three are interior quintets.

The occasion for bringing the eight clubs together is the Vernon Panthers Christmas Tournament, easily one of the biggest and best affairs in the province. Not all eight of the teams will be worth watching but they all are necessary to provide a proving ground for "the" three teams, Vancouver College, Prince George Polars and the Kamloops Red Devils.

It is anybody's guess as to which of the three will grab the biggest share of the silverware but it is cut and dried certainly that one of them will.

This past weekend at Kamloops, the ninth annual Red Devils tournament was probably the biggest but it wasn't the best. The Devils, sharing upwards of 20 games in their own senior secondary gymnasium and

suddenly come into their own? It is more than something that suddenly happens overnight. Yes, Red Devils got a coach, a patient man, and Thorson migrated to Polars. But a coach and a player do not a team make. It helps, mind you, but it is something more than that.

Competition! There it is, in black and white. When Martino came to Kamloops he started his team travelling, hitting coastal points sometimes as many as three weekends in a row. And this year, after clobbering poor little Quesnel and Williams Lake in the Cariboo league last season and then getting shot down against tougher Vancouver and Island teams in March, Polars followed the suggestion of Red Devils and began travelling. They were in Vancouver two weeks ago, in Kamloops last weekend and now, of course, are scheduled here for this weekend.

Don't anybody ask who's picking up the tab for gas. Meals and rooms are provided in the form of billets. This weekend it just happens to be Vernon's turn to

## Five-pinner strike finals

With most of the trial games completed at Lincoln Lanes last Sunday, Vernon's 5-Pin Bowling Association team for the Western Canada Championships is almost complete. However, there are still 10 men and four women to finish their 24 games before final placings are released.

In last Sunday's action Marg Blatchford again topped the women with a 1363 and a 305 high single, while Harry Varcoe headed the men's unit with a fine series totalling 1483. Men's high single went to Dave Harding with a 308.

The games were played at Lincoln Lanes. Final rolling will take place at Vernon Lanes December 15 starting at 7 p.m. with leftover games slated for Lincoln Lanes Sunday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m.

A team meeting will be held December 18 following the final roll-off.

Top scores from last Sunday were:

Men—Shig Tabata, 254; Jim Davison, 245; John Tykalovich, 236; Ron Trask, 229.

Women—Sybil Tinkham, 219; Min Sykes, 207; Nancy Kawaguchi, 202; Marg Blatchford, 201.

#### Sicamous news items

Mrs. Lewis Hyam is the new president of the United Church Women. Her executive will include Mrs. Murray Sim, vice-president; Mrs. R. Wood, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Erikson, treasurer and corresponding secretary. A special program is being arranged for the January meeting.

O. B. (Barney) Peters of Salmon Arm celebrated his 100th birthday on Dec. 7. Fred Peters of Sicamous is a son. Other children include a daughter, Mrs. Lily Currie of Salmon Arm; Willard Peters of Vancouver; Howard Peters of Sicamous is a grandson.



**Exciting!**

# **JUNIOR HOCKEY**



**TONIGHT!**



**Vernon Civic Arena**



**VERNON BLADES**

**VS**

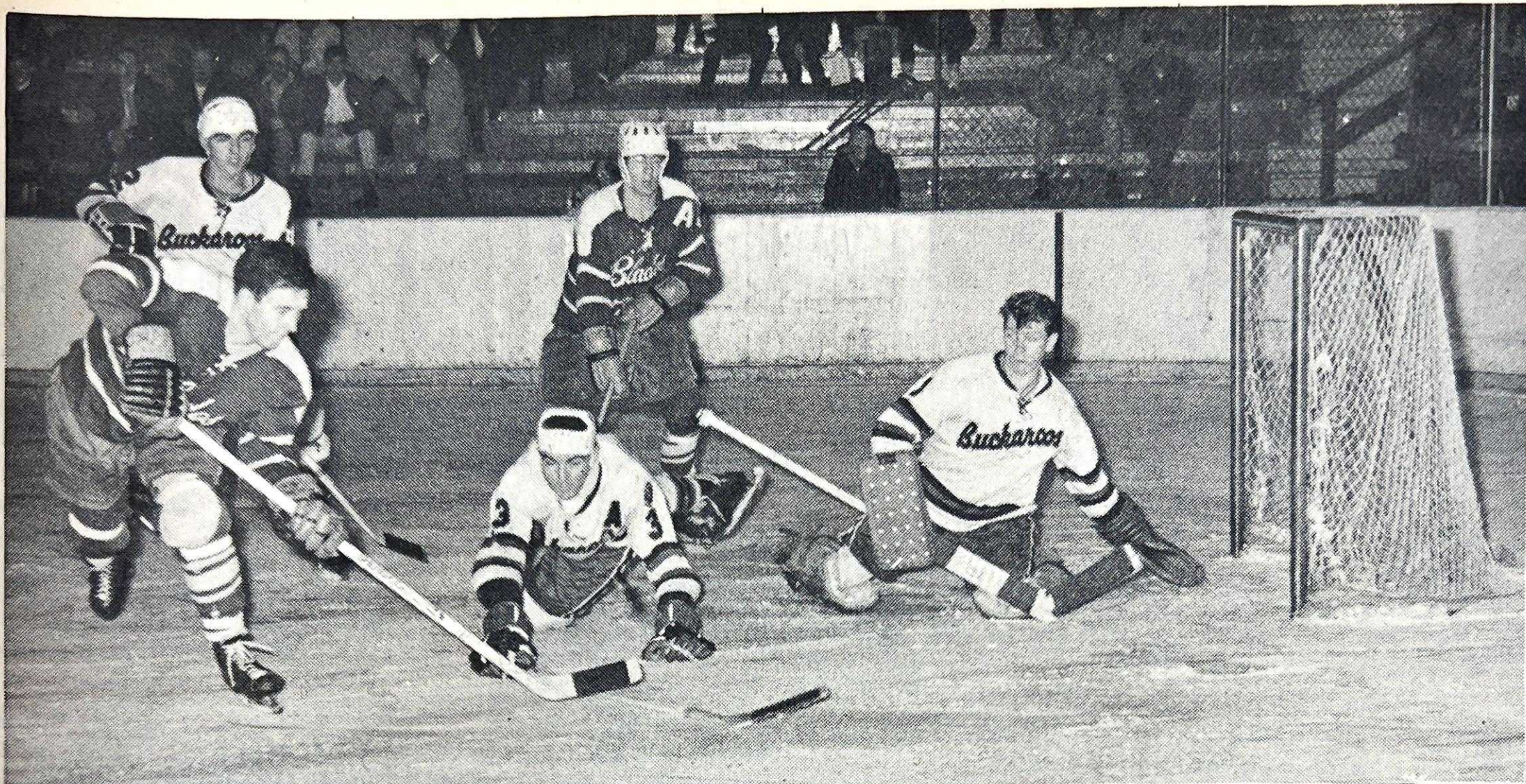
**KELOWNA  
BUCKAROOS**

**ADULTS  
\$1.00**

**STUDENTS  
50¢**

**CHILDREN  
25¢**





## Alright . . . where is it?

Everybody but Tom Williamson (right) seems to be wondering where the puck is in this picture taken during Saturday night's 5-2 Blades win over the visiting Kelowna Buckaroos. Williamson didn't score here. He had to wait

until the third period to beat goalie Rex Rideout with an insurance marker. Al Southward, (standing, centre) also foiled, was credited with an assist on the later goal.