

Blueshirts earn split—at least

Penticton-Kelowna clashes for weekend

The Penticton Broncos took a firmer hold on the Okanagan Junior Hockey League's first place at the weekend by winning two games.

Other than that, nothing out of the ordinary happened. The Kelowna Buckaroos split in two games, beating the Vernon Blades 5-2 but being nosed out by the Broncos 3-2 and Kamloops lost two contests, 9-7 (in overtime) at Vernon and to Penticton, 6-4.

Games on tap this weekend see Blades pouring into Penticton tomorrow night while the Kraft Kings visit Kelowna. Sunday, New Year's Day, Kelowna will be at Penticton and all four teams will be engaged Monday afternoon. Penticton will be at Kamloops and Kelowna will play in Vernon.

Game time here Monday has been set at 2:30 p.m. Blades 9 Kings 7

It was billed as a Boxing Day special and it turned out to be just that. Playing without the services of six of their big guns, the Blades pressed that many more Juveniles into the line-up, struggled through three periods to a 7-7 tie and then scored two unanswered counters in the 10-minute overtime period.

It was a game marred by 18 penalties including four fighting majors. The only players it helped were Blades Al Southward and Tom Williamson, who padded their scoring totals. Southward, who has not hit the scoresheet that often this year, exploded for three goals and two assists for a five-point afternoon while Williamson, also earning the hat-trick, figured in five of Blades other goals to move into a two-

way tie with Ivan Malinosky for the Blueshirts individual point lead. Each player now has 29 points in 22 games.

The Vernon's other markers were stuck by King Cam, serving point duty on the power play, Jeff Wilson and Larry Hackman. Kamloops replies came from Roy Sakaki, with two, and Dennis Daws, Bob Law, Jerry Janicki, Joe Bedard and Don Clovechok, with one each.

The Blades took a 4-1

Movers

Prairie crew to play here

Edmonton Movers, a top flight prairie junior team, will make an Okanagan Valley tour early in the new year.

Movers, currently in first place in their respective league, will hit Vernon next Thursday, January 5. They start the four game set in Penticton January 3, go to Kamloops January

lead out of the first period but Kraft Kings used extra life to draw within a goal, 5-4, by the end of the second session. Kamloops outscored Blades 3-2 in the final regular frame but could not cope with Blueshirts in the overtime round.

Missing for the afternoon contest were Tom Serviss, Ivan Malinosky, Lawrence Quechuck, Keith Rolston and Gord Clarke. Uniformed to take their place were Juveniles Chris Nelson, Barry Mori and Ross McDougal, on defense, and forwards Larry Hackman, Jeff Wilson, Brian Kakoske and Mike Perepolkin.

All six players are expected back later this week for the Friday night game at Penticton against the league-leaders and for the afternoon tilt here Monday with the Kelowna Buckaroos.

Summary

Blades 9 Kings 7

First period — 1. Kam, Daws (Clovechok) 2:00; 2. Ver, Southward (Williamson) 4:24; 3. Ver, Williamson (Southward, McDougal) 14:19; 4. Ver, Southward (Williamson, Cam) 16:30; 5. Ver, Cam (Williamson) 19:08. Penalties — Steinke, Elliott, Williamson, Smith, Daws, Budarick (misconduct), Cam.

Second period — 6. Ver, Wilson (unassisted) 9:41; 7. Kam, Law (Morrey) 16:05; 8. Kam, Sakaki (Osborne) 18:17; 9. Kam, Sakaki (Begg). Penalties — Kakoske and Steinke, Allen and Daws, Budarick, Allen, Southward and Bedard (minors and majors).

Third period — 10. Kam, Janicki (Scrifer) 2:28; 11. Ver, Williamson (unassisted)

OJHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Pen..	17	4	0	125	84	34
Kel...	15	9	1	146	79	31
Ver..	10	11	1	104	106	21
Kam.	3	19	0	66	126	6

ed) 4:48; 12. Kam, Bedard (Smith, Begg) 14:14; 13. Ver, Hackman (Southward, Williamson) 14:32; 14. Kam, Clovechok (unassisted) 19:22. Penalties — Mori, Steinke, Mori and Budarick (majors), Williamson, Steinke, Cam.

Overtime — 15. Ver, Southward (Williamson, Mori) 1:57; 16. Ver, Williamson (unassisted) 7:28. Penalties — Daws.

Bucks 5 Blades 2

The Vernons jumped to an early 2-0 lead but could not match Buckaroos over the last two periods. Blades finished the first period with a 2-1 lead but could not garner a reply to two goals fired by Buckaroos in each of the last two sessions.

League-leading point man Brian Fisher paced the Kelowna return to the win column by dumping in two goals. Central City singles came from Butch Deadmarsh, Mike Darnbrough and Garnett Howard.

Larry Hackman was welcomed back to the line-up by notching Blades first goal at 2:47 of the initial stanza and it was Ivan Malinosky who blasted number two before the Bucks got rolling.

Summary

Kelowna 5 Vernon 2
First period — 1. Ver, Hackman (Mori) 2:47; 2. Ver, Malinosky (Elliott) 10:43; 3. Kel, Howard (J. Strong, Boquist) 10:59.

Penalties — Wilson, Haley, Elliott, Southward, Mori and Cousins, T. Strong, Cousins.

Second period — 4. Kel, Darnbrough (T. Strong, Kitsch) 3:28; 5. Kel, Fisher (J. Strong, T. Strong) 6:31. Penalties — Reilly, Rantucci, Allen, Deadmarsh. Third period — 6. Kel, Fisher (Haley, Deadmarsh)

6:55; 7. Kel, Deadmarsh (Cousins) 13:42. Penalties — Deadmarsh, Reilly, Rolston, Clarke, Allen and Haley.

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