

Buckaroos challenge Broncs

As Blueshirts and Kraft Kings lose

A two-goal outburst in the last five minutes of play and three more in the 10-minute overtime period Monday afternoon gave the Kelowna Buckaroos a 6-4 victory over the Vernon Blades and a clean three game weekend sweep.

The win also moved Bucks to within one point of the league leading Penticton Broncos who drubbed visiting Blades 14-2 Friday and took two of their three weekend matches.

Other action over the four-day period saw Bucks stop Kamloops Kraft Kings 6-3 (Friday), bounce the Broncos 6-4 (New Year's Day) and Broncs outlast the Kings 6-2 (Monday).

OJHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
Penticton.....	20	5	0	40
Kelowna.....	18	9	1	37
Vernon.....	10	13	1	21
Kamloops.....	3	21	0	6

The Blades lost both games.

Goalie Gerry Allen was the only real light in Blades dark weekend despite the 14 shots which eluded him against the Broncs. He stopped 66 others and was the determining factor in Blueshirts staying in the game with the hard pressing Buckaroos.

Friday night Broncs Gene Peacosh turned in a hat-trick plus one by scoring four goals while defenseman Jackie Taggart

and forward Ken Connors blasted a brace each. Singles came from Tom Madden, Russ Chernoff, Larry Palanio, Terry Luxton, Ray Picco and Pete O'Neil. Vernon marksmen were Tom Williamson and Bruce Allen.

Blades trailed 3-0 after the first period, shared four markers with Broncs in the second stanza and suffered a 9-0 shut-out in the finale.

King Cam, never on friendly terms with Penticton's Memorial Arena at the best of times, made an early exit from the game. At the 8:02 mark of the first period he digressed with the referee on a tripping charge, was given a 10-minute misconduct and before it was over was ejected from the contest.

Monday afternoon the Blades looked like a winner until 16:50 of the third period when they blew a 3-1 lead. Up until that time and due primarily to the staunch goaltending of Gerry Allen, Blades were well on their way to victory.

Allen stopped 53 shots including two breakaways to Brian Fisher and Keith Boquist and had a shut-out going for him until the early part of the third period.

Lawrence Quechuck, who opened the scoring in the game at 7:30 to the second session, finished the day with two goals and two assists, setting up linemate Tom Serviss for Blades other two goals.

Blades held their lead until 3:02 of the third period when Dave Cousins fired the equalizer. Then Quechuck fed Serviss with a breakaway pass which Serviss delivered from 30 feet out and made it 3-1 less than a minute later, at 10:40 by tipping in a Quechuck shot.

At 16:50 the Bucks came back to life. Butch Deadmarsh made it 3-2 on a Fisher-Dave Couves feed and Mike Meehan tied the game lifting the puck through Allen's arm at 18:03.

Quechuck got Blades going again in the overtime making the score 5-4 after only 1:51 by stealing the puck behind the Kelowna net and sticking it behind Rex Rideout. But it wasn't enough. At 3:17 Fisher tied the contest and at 3:59 and 8:08, Couves added tie-breaker and insurance markers.

Blueshirts meet the Edmonton Movers in Civic Arena tonight at 8:30 p.m. and will be on the road this weekend, playing a return match in Penticton Friday night and a contest in Kamloops Saturday evening.

Broncos 14 Blades 2
Summary

First period — 1. Pen. Peacosh (Mowat, Palanio) 1:36; 2. Pen. Luxton (Palanio, Chernoff) 8:31; 3. Pen. Peacosh (Mowat, Schaab) 19:51. Penalties — Cam, Cam (misconduct), Cam (game misconduct).

Second period — 4. Pen. Taggart (Schaab, Mowat) 00:42; 5. Ver. Williamson (Clarke, Reilly); 6. Ver. B. Allen (Malinosky, Rolston) 9:28; 7. Pen. Peacosh (Schaab, Palanio) 15:13; 8. Pen. Madden (Picco) 18:19. Penalties — Pollack, Clarke, Madden.

Third period — 9. Pen. Picco (Luxton) 2:27; 10. Pen. O'Neil (Connors, Evans) 5:13; 11. Pen. Palanio (unassisted) 9:11; 12. Pen. Chernoff (Picco, Luxton) 11:38; 13. Pen. Taggart (unassisted) 13:40; 14. Pen. Peacosh (Schaab) 14:37; 15. Pen. Connors (Evans) 18:43; 16. Pen. Connors (Evans) 19:55. Penalties — Pollock, Connors and Allen.

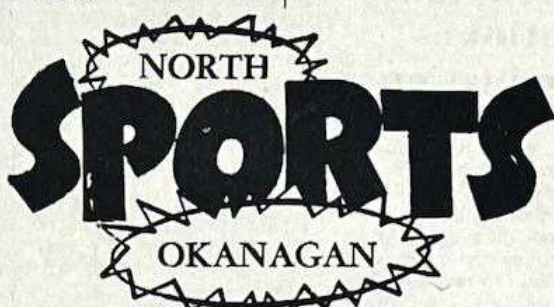
Kelowna 6 Vernon 4
Summary

First period — no scoring and no penalties.

Second period — 1. Ver. Quechuck (unassisted) 7:30. Penalties — Schmidt, Boquist and Clarke, Couves and Clarke, Allen, Quechuck and T. Strong (majors).

Third period — 2. Kel. Cousins (Meehan, Boquist) 3:02; 3. Ver. Serviss (Quechuck) 10:40; 5. Kel. Deadmarsh (Fisher, Couves) 16:50; 6. Kel. Meehan (Deadmarsh, Cousins) 18:03. Penalties — Bocquist, Haley, Couves and G. Allen, Meehan, Meehan (misconduct).

Overtime — 7. Ver. Quechuck (unassisted) 1:51; 8. Kel. Fisher (Couves) 3:17; 9. Kel. Couves (unassisted) 3:59; 10. Kel. Couves (Boquist, Fisher) 8:08. Penalties — Serviss (misconduct).



PIN POINTS

Name of Team: 1. Head Pinners — 237, 2. Geniers TV — 223, 3. Bookies — 218.

High Averages: (Mens) 1. S. Tabata — 243, 2. R. Isobe — 208, 3. G. Penning — 202. (Ladies) 1. S. Tinkham — 196, 2. F. Harding — 193, 3. M. Falconer — 189.

Ladies High Three: Babs McKay — 613, Marge Morphy — 594, Dot Hoggard — 585.

Ladies High Single: Babs McKay — 256, Dot Hoggard — 234, Marge Morphy — 233.

Team High Three: 1. Head Pinners — 3,653, 2. Hondas — 3,626, 3. Rolling Stones — 3,558.

Team High Single: 1. Rolling Stones — 1,349, 2. Hell Raisers — 1,304, 3. Head Pinners — 1,275.

Men's High Three: 1. Les York — 737, 2. George Penning — 721, 3. Shig Tabata — 666.

Men's High Single: 1. Norm Geistlinger — 296, 2. George Penning — 292, 3. Gordon Douglas — 287.

Vernon Lanes, Dec. 28. Wednesday Mixed. Women's High Single: Marion Sheare — 236.

Men's High Single: Ed Shanasyk — 286.

Women's High Triple: Marion Sheare — 625.

Men's High Triple: Darcy Clarke — 715.

Team High Single: Max Pax — 1,290.

Team High Triple: Kilts — 3,597.

Women's High Average: Nancy Kawaguichi — 205.

Men's High Average: Ed Chanasyk — 234.

"300" club — no new members this week.

TEAM STANDINGS

Max Pax.....	155
Hot Shots.....	149
Varcoe's TV.....	143
Pin Busters.....	136
Kilts.....	118
Kinfolk.....	118
Stripes.....	117
City Delivery.....	112

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NIGHT

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The ups and the downs of the Vernon Blades are preparing coach Odie Lowe as a prime candidate for psychiatric row. But the way the Blades mentor talked following Monday afternoon's give-away to the Kelowna Buckaroos in overtime, he is not as close to the door as some of his Blades are.

Now, he has paced the tunnel and expressed dissatisfaction over his Blueshirts play before. But it was usually a case of getting worked up over a number of things which led to a loss and he ultimately has a mild change of heart later on.

Monday afternoon, for the first time this year, he was more disturbed than he was angry.

"I thought we could keep up with Kelowna and Penticton," he said. "But I guess we just don't have the horses." He kicked a bit as was his custom and he tried to think for words to express his extreme grief. But they didn't score. He wasn't burned, he was just browned off.

"I can't see them giving up that first goal," he explained. "To blow one like that — two goals, that's something else again."

It is the second time in Civic Arena this season that the Blades have had the Bucks on the ropes, bleeding and battered and ready to go down and stay down. The first time Bucks fought back from a three goal deficit to earn a draw and settled for that. This time, a brace of goals down and looking like two cents to a millionaire, the Bucks responded to a loosely played Blades game and knotted the contest.

"As long as two or three guys are doing the work, they are happy. They think it is a joke. They really don't care."

He didn't specify any particular Blade but he did make it very clear that he was pleased with the play of very few of them.

"It was the same in Penticton," he commented, on the 14-2 drubbing (the worst yet this year) that Blades suffered at the hands of the Broncs.

It was a matter of getting off to a bad start.

"They (Penticton) scored on their first couple of shots. But how can you blame Gerry? He stopped over sixty shots during the whole game." He said as much too. The defense was not defending and the forward lines, not known for their scoring prowess anyway, were not coming back.

So don't blame Gerry Allen. He was Blades meal ticket in the afternoon contest until he quarrelled fistically with Bucks Dave Couves. He stopped 53 shots, 10 more than Kelowna's Rex Rideout.

You can't blame Lawrence Quechuck either. He scored two goals and set up the other two and proved a fierce competitor in not backing away from Bucks Terry Strong when the both of them got their sticks up.

King Cam played one of his better games and, Tom Serviss notched two goals and except for a 10-minute misconduct in the overtime session, it was plenty worth his while to buckle on the blades.

So, who's to blame?

Perhaps the answer is nobody. Perhaps, as Lowe hates to but has admitted, the Blades just aren't the horses. It is a drastic thing to say. But what else is there? Either they do or they don't. And you would think that their coach would be the last one to admit it. The last one, that is, but the Blades themselves.

And then again, perhaps each one of them is to blame.

Nobody finds fault in a good loser and this is not where the blame rests. It is in the way that they lose.

From the eyes of your reporter, the Blades are the horses. On any given day they can match either Penticton or Kelowna. There is a big "if" involved however. They must give out 100 per cent of the time, whether they trailed by 12 goals or lead by two.

Maybe they can't read or they are in too much of a hurry to get onto the ice that they don't see or perhaps they understand the sign which hangs inside their dressing room door. There is probably no other team in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League it better applies to than Blades.

The sign reads: "It isn't the size of the dog in the fight that counts, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Blades lost their fight a few weeks ago when they decided they were as good or better than either the Bucks or the Broncs. They thought they were no longer the underdogs and, of course, as the sign reads, the dog is bigger and the fight is smaller.

One good thing about it is that it is a long season and still far from over. Maybe by the time play-offs roll around, Odie Lowe's Blueshirts will have gotten some of their fight back.

Sports played a part

Summer and winter, indoors and out, teams and individual sports have played an important part of the Canadian way of life.

During Centennial Year Canadians will be participating in the largest and most exciting sports program ever held in the country. Every sport imaginable will be represented, from boxing to badminton, lacrosse to lawn bowling, weight lifting to water skiing, snowshoeing to softball. Athletes from all over the world will compete in 15 world championships and 59 invitational tournaments.

Special Centennial awards are planned for school children. Canada, France and Britain each will send some 60 track and field stars to Ottawa for the Tri-Country Schoolboy meet on August 26.

Edmonton and Calgary campus will feature the University Olympiad during Second Century Week, March 6 to 11, when Canadian and United States student teams will compete in a number of sports.

From July 22 to August 7, the Olympics of the Western Hemisphere — the Pan-Am Games — will be held in Winnipeg where more than 2,500 athletes from 33 countries will take part in some 400 events in 24 different sports.

Throughout the year there will be special programs not only in sports considered typically Canadian, such as hockey and lacrosse, but also in those better known abroad such as cricket and fencing.

EXHIBITION

JUNIOR HOCKEY

TONIGHT 8:30

Vernon Civic Arena

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In case after case, while gently relieving pain, actual reduction (shrinkage) took place.

Most important of all — results were so thorough that this improvement was maintained over a period of many months.

This was accomplished with a new healing substance (Bio-Dyne) which quickly helps heal injured cells and stimulates growth of new tissue.

Now Bio-Dyne is offered in ointment and suppository form called Preparation H. Ask for it at all drug stores. Satisfaction or your money refunded.

Movers move in western style

The Edmonton Western Movers, one of five teams from the Alberta Junior Hockey League, continues its sampling of Okanagan Junior Hockey League wares tonight when they invade Civic Arena.

Movers, on a four-game tour into the valley, compete with the Blades tonight and continue on to Kelowna and an engagement with the Buckaroos Friday evening. So far, two games have left the Movers with a split record. Tuesday they handed Penticton Broncos a 7-4 loss and Wednesday they were shut-out 3-0 by Kamloops Kraft Kings.

The Western Movers are presently leading the Alberta loop with 13 wins, one loss and two ties. The league includes two other

Edmonton teams, the Athletics and the Maple Leafs, a team from Calgary, the Cowboys, and the Lethbridge Sugar Kings.

More than a month long layoff from circuit competition has enabled Movers to make the trip. Game time tonight is for 8:30 p.m.

NEW

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