

Broncos wouldn't be corralled

Vernon loses two times at weekend

The Okanagan Junior Hockey League pace-setting Penticton Broncos opened up an eight point gap between themselves and second place Kelowna by winning three games while Buckaroos were victors once, Kelowna has played one more game.

Elsewhere the Vernon Blades dropped two and the Kamloops Kraft Kings split a brace.

Friday the Buckaroos turned back Kraft Kings 8-3 while Broncos were shutting out Blades 10-0. Saturday Broncos blasted Vancouver Haidas 9-4 while the Kings were stopping Blades 7-6 in sudden death overtime and, Sunday, the Pentictons squeezed by New Westminster Royals 4-3.

Broncos well in front

For Broncos it was the weekend that was. It got Kelowna off of their back, a team that has been plaguing them all season and has threatened to win back the top spot which they held earlier in the year. The win also gave the Peach City bunch 46 points in

first place. They have won 23 games and lost five.

OJHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
Penticton.....	23	5	0	46
Kelowna.....	19	9	1	38
Vernon.....	10	15	1	21
Kamloops.....	4	21	0	8

Sorry story for locals

It was a sorry story for the Blades Saturday night. Playing with a skeleton crew of 11 men they stood by and watched as the Kraft Kings, who with success extended their winstreak to two games, the highest it has been all season, built up a 4-1 first period lead.

The Kamloopsians notched the only marker in the second stanza and that left it for Blades to score four unanswered goals in the third period, the tie-maker by speedy Lawrence Quechuck at the 19:20 mark.

Keith Rolston was top man in the Blades camp scoring four goals, two of

them during the necessary drive in the third period. Singletons were stuck by Rick Reilly and Quechuck. Kamloops top goal scorer was Gerry Janicki, who capitalized three times, Robbie Osborne, with two, and Don Clovechok and Bob Pike, with one each.

Rolston gave the Vernons their first lead at 2:20 of the first overtime period by putting a Tom Serviss feed to use. But Janicki came right back at 7:42 to knot the score and send the game into sudden death.

And, after only seven seconds in the fifth period, Osborne scored the winner.

Shut-out in Peach City

PENTICTON — As the Blades stepped onto the ice to start their warm-up prior to the game, King Cam, the second Vernon player to reach the ice, slapped the puck the length of the rink where it bulged the twine.

The Penticton fan element, made up of less

bubble-gummers than usual because of a high school basketball tournament taking place across town, eagerly forced a low chorus of boos. They screamed "we want Cam" later in the game but the Blades big forward's shot had still another connotation. It was the only Blade puck on target all night.

They had their chances

The Vernons had their share of chances. Early in the first session rugged Keith Rolston displayed some of the form which he lost somewhere between Christmas and turkey by waltzing around two defensemen and goalie Doug Thompson before watching in vain as the black disc rolled off the end of his stick wide of the Penticton cage.

In the second period the Blueshirts defensive corps, which performed inadequately, caused the only excitement when one of the four deflected a Penticton shot which smashed an exit sign.

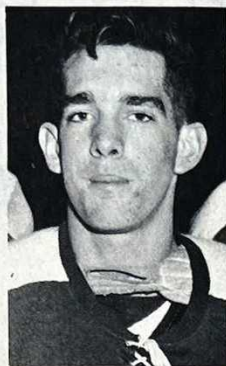
With Cam and Southward patrolling the point on the

power play, it looked better, but still came up a zero when Penticton played shorthanded five times.

The makeshift line of Mike Perepolkin, Wayne Dye and Rick Reilly was as impressive as any coach Odie Lowe formed to combat the Broncos. Perepolkin, seeing his second action with Blades, and Dye in his first game, are both Midget age players. Reilly, usually called on along with Bruce Allen to kill penalties, gave a little more skating strength with the two youngsters.

That left Cam to move up with Rolston and Southward. Tom Williamson, who usually centres Blues second trio, did not play.

The Broncos opened the scoring at 5:13 of the first period when Larry Palanio, Penticton's nominee as the league's most valuable



player, was beaten by goalie Gerry Allen, once more the hardest working Blade in the arena. Brian Evans, skating in behind, chopped at the rebound sliding it under the Vernon cageman.

Before it was over Schaab had scored three times, Ray Picco and Gene Peacosh twice each, and Palanio, Evans and Bob Mowat, once.

Penticton took a first period lead of 2-0 following Picco's first marker at 19:12 when he stole the puck from Graham Elliott at the Peach City blueline, raced in alone to only be outfoxed by Allen on the initial shot.

Set back swimming lessons

Due to a shortage in pupils, Vernon Community Centre swimming pool lessons were set back to Tuesday, January 10. That way any more interested youngsters can still register with the Centre today and start lessons tomorrow.

Swimming lessons for Tadpoles and Beginners will commence at 5 p.m. tomorrow afternoon and run until 5:30. Juniors and Intermediates take to the pool between 5:30-6:00, and Seniors will be in the water for the full hour. All classes will also practice on Thursday.

Six more pupils are also needed in the Bronze Medal classification for the Royal Lifesaving Certificate. Youngsters are warned that they must have the Bronze Medallion before they can qualify as life guards at pools or beaches. Price of the 12 lessons (or six week period) are

In the second session, Peacosh slapped in the rebound on his own shot; Schaab grabbed a shot blocked by Vernon defensemen Ken Pollen; Picco outfoxed Gord Clarke, who was slow coming back to pick up a puck sliding out to the Vernon blueline; Schaab backhanded the puck

into the net while Tom Serviss was sitting out an elbowing penalty; and Peacosh stuck one over Allen's arm.

Penticton led 7-0 at the end of the sandwich session.

And in the finale, Schaab tipped in a Peacosh rebound; Palanio converted on a Wayne McInnes drive from

the left point; and Mowat breezed in alone while Clarke, who finally got around to hitting a Penticton player, was caught up the ice.

Thompson, in the Broncos nets, had to stop only 25 shots for his second shut-out of the year, while Allen was called on to handle 55.

Movers issue lesson and Blueshirts learn

A lesson in positional play, backchecking and a 7-4 defeat, all at the hands at the Edmonton Western Movers, were the lessons given the Vernon Blades in Civic Arena Thursday evening.

The Movers, one of five teams in the Alberta Junior Hockey League, were on the third lap of a four-game barnstorming tour. Earlier in the week they had dumped the OJHL leading Penticton Broncos 7-4 and lost to Kamloops Kraft Kings 3-0. Saturday at Kelowna they lost to the Buckaroos 8-3.

With a team whose average age is 17 years old and who pack an average weight of 183 pounds, Movers skated to a relatively easy 4-1 first period lead and traded periods of one and two goals each in the final sessions.

Movers outshot the Blades 38-22 on the night and although not looking like that rugged a team in the first couple of periods, they displayed a knack of dishing it out as well as taking it in the third.

Kevin Cadger, Movers young defenseman, issued lesson in hitting when he stopped Blades speedster Ivan Malinosky in full flight

and then decked husky Keith Rolston in another rush moments later.

Also impressive were Wayne Zuk, a shifty 16-year old winger, who figured in two of the Edmonton goals; Tom (Swede) Knox, the ex-Oil Kings stick boy, who tallied once and assisted on two other markers; and Rusty Stevens, who slammed in two goals for visitors. Zuk, a Saskatchewan youngster, one of only two Movers not products of the Edmonton system, with defenseman Hal Willis, is highly regarded in the Detroit Red Wings organization.

Juvenile Larry Hackman opened the scoring for the Vernons at 2:25 of the first period. It was the third straight goal he has scored in Blades last three games.

Movers then showered goalie Gerry Allen with shots and came out of the first session with their 4-1 lead. Goals came from Clint Coulman, Knox, Stevens and Ray Melnyk.

In the second, Malinosky traded goals with Willis and, in the third, Rolston converted a Barry Mori pass before fans really got their money's worth.

Then, Malinosky and Quechuck teamed in a passing

display to beat three men, including goalie Wilf Kettle, with Quechuck's goal that drew Blades into a 5-4 situation. Movers struck right back when Ron Williams found the mark and then set up their picture play of 19:15 to put the game completely out of Blades reach. At that time Stevens dropped a pass into the middle to Zuk as both of them crossed the Vernon blueline, circled the Vernon defense, received the puck a second time to beat Allen cleanly.

Movers 7 Blades 4 Summary

First period — 1. Ver. Hackman (Southward, Rolston) 2:25; 2. Ed. Coulman (Knox, Williams) 4:24; 3. Ed. Knox (Coulman) 10:59; 4. Ed. Stevens (Zuk) 14:34; 5. Ed. Melnyk (Le-lacheur). Penalties — Le-lacheur, Cam.

Second period — 6. Ver. Malinosky (unassisted) 5:31; 7. Ed. Willis (Liebel) 12:24. Penalties — Carlyle, Kakoske.

Third period — 8. Ver. Rolston (Mori) 4:48; 9. Ver. Quechuck (Malinosky) 7:34; 10. Ed. Williams (Hohl, Knox) 8:05; 11. Ed. Stevens (Zuk) 19:15. Penalties — Southward, Southward (misconduct), Hackman.

Top and bottom teams get all of "bad news"

Selkirks lose twice Luckies-Aces win

The two ends of the Okanagan Mainline Hockey League never met at the weekend but in the two games that were played, each produced bad news for both teams, the league-

of the Vernon Luckies yesterday afternoon.

The double loss moved the Revelstoke entry a full three points behind the Aces and shoved Luckies back within striking distance of the Nor Kammer powerhouse, seven points off of the pace.

Yesterday three players shared in the Vernon attack which forced Selkirks netminder George Beck to get in front of 76 shots. Firing a brace of goals each were Don Jakes, playing-coach Jim Moro and Martin Schaefer,

of the first period and it took until 17:51 before Jakes zoomed in with the equalizer.

Luckies never trailed after that. They took the 1-1 tie out of the initial stanza, scored four unanswered markers in the middle period and then traded two goals with their hosts in the last session.

Eight penalties were called in the match, three against the Vernons.

Next action for the Luckies sees them hooking up in a return match with Selkirks tomorrow evening starting at 8:30 p.m.

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