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That's the Blades

Sometimes good and then so bad

Broncos clinch share of OJHL pennant

The Vernon Blades continued their patented role of "little boy" at the weekend by splitting two games. Friday evening they played the part of "so good" to the letter by turning on the Kelowna Buckaroos 8-5 and Saturday they became "oh, so bad" by stepping aside and letting the visiting Penticton Broncos trample them 9-1.

At the same time Broncos clinched a share of their first Okanagan Junior Hockey League pennant. The Vernon win, coupled with the 5-2 loss they handed Kamloops Kraft Kings, gives them 58 points, 10 more than second place Kelowna with only five games left to play in the regular schedule. The Bucks defeated Kraft Kings 11-2 in their second weekend contest.

It was no contest in Vernon Saturday night.

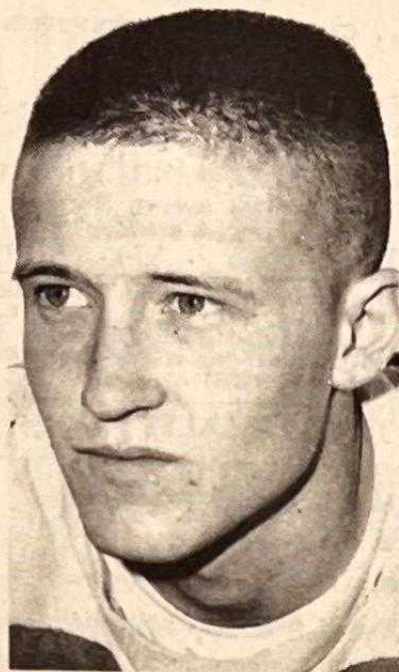
The Broncos hit the cords behind goalkeeper Gerry Allen on their first shot. From that point on it was all Penticton. They outscored Blades 3-0 in the first period, 3-1 in the second and 3-0 in the third session.

Gene Peacosh, who sits just five points back of the circuit's top point getter, Brian Fisher of Penticton, figured in four of visitors nine goals scoring three and assisting on one other.

Bob Mowat fired two while singles were stuck by Larry Palanio, the Broncos Mr. Wonderful, who is used on both defense and forward, Wayne Schaab, Brian Evans, and Jackie Taggart.

The Blades' only goal came from Keith Rolston.

Blades could not find the clink in visitors armor at all. Penticton controlled the play, even while they played shorthanded for five minutes when goalie Jim



TOM WILLIAMSON
...patched-up.

Thompson was whistled down for taking a vicious swipe at Tom Williamson.

Despite the fact Williamson notched two goals in Kelowna Friday to run his

season total to 32, or almost a goal per game, it was just not his weekend. He came out of Saturday evening's match with a pair of shakey legs where the goalie nailed him and Friday, looking like a patchwork quilt where he had been speared by a Buckaroo.

Blades were scored on first in the Friday night encounter but hustled back to score four times before the end of the initial period. Coach Odie Lowe went from the "Dirty Dozen" to the "Terrible Ten" and they responded by sharing eight goals between seven of them. Singles came from Ken Pollen, Gord Clarke, Lawrence Quechuck, Rick Reilly, Keith Rolston and Ivan Malinosky.

Kelowna goal scorers were Keith Boquist, with two, and John Strong, Butch Deadmarsh and Bruce Cousins.

Summary

Broncos 9 — Blades 1

First period: 1. Pen. Palanio (Picco) 1:00; 2. Pen. Evans (Palanio) 9:35; 3. Pen. Mowat (Peacosh) 12:40. Penalties — Elliott, Evans, Schaab, O'Neil.

Second period: 4. Pen. Luston (Picco) 1:08; 5. Pen. Peacosh (Taggart) 10:54; 6. Ver. Rolston (Malinosky) 12:38; 7. Pen. Peacosh (McInnes, Mowat) 19:16. Penalties — Taggart, Southward, Clarke and Mowat, Elliott, McInnes, Thompson (major), Quechuck.

Third period — 8. Pen. Peacosh (Madden) 7:04; 9. Pen. Mowat (Peacosh, Schaab) 14:34; 10. Pen. Taggart (Schaab, Mowat) 15:27. Penalties — Elliott, Elliott.

Summary

First period — 1. Kel. J. Strong (Deadmarsh, Thompson) 1:08; 2. Ver. Rolston (Clarke, Malinosky) 3:37; 3. Ver. Williamson (Serviss) 4:31; 4. Ver.

Clarke (Rolston) 16:35; 5. Quechuck (Malinosky, Rolston) 18:46. Penalties — Fisher, Elliott, Meehan.

Second period — 6. Kel. Boquist (Cousins) 1:46; 7. Kel. Deadmarsh (J. Strong, T. Strong) 3:45; 8. Ver. Malinosky (Serviss) 10:20; 9. Kel. Cousins (Boquist, J. Strong) 13:55; 10. Ver. Reilly (Serviss) 16:37.

Penalties — Williamson, Deadmarsh, Malinosky, J. Strong, Pollen, Serviss.

Third period — 11. Kel. Boquist (Cousins, Meehan) 12:28; 12. Ver. Williamson (Clarke) 5:48; 5:48; 13. Ver. Pollen (Williamson, Serviss) 15:19. Penalties — Quechuck and Deadmarsh (majors), Boquist, Olifson, Deadmarsh, Clarke.

OJHL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	Pts.
Broncos 34	29	5		58
Bucks... 35	24	11		48
Blades.. 34	12	22		24
Kings.... 34	6	28		12