Four Players Miss Lineup, Blades Miss Fourth Time

Player famine struck the Vernon Blades' bench again and helped send them to their fourth straight defeat Saturday night.

The Blades, playing without four of their regular line bowed to the Kamloops Rockets 10 to 2 in a valiantly fought Okanagan Junior Hockey game in the Hub City.

The win extended Kamloops' unbeaten streak to 10 games and kept them ahead of the pursuing Kelowna Buckeroos who swept two from Penticton.

Not making the trip for



CORKY AGAR
... plays best game

Vernon were Buck Sherck and Bobby Stein, two powerhouses on Bill Brown's front line. Also conspicuous by their absence were Jim Stephen and Gary Roland, two more valuable forwards.

Despite this big chunk out of the team, the locals showed well disregarding the one-side score. Kamloops only outshot the Blades 37 to 28 and with a little luck Vernon might have had more goals.

In the second period the Blues had the Rockets completely pinned down, outshooting them 14 to 5. Five of these shots hit the goal post and one went in thanks to Corky Agar who played his best game this season.

Agar was all over the ice Saturday night and had numerous chances to score but through hesitation or unluckiness he couldn't fatten Vernon's goal total.

Dave MacKay notched the other marker for Vernon at the three-minute mark of the first period to lead off the game's scoring.

The Rockets wasted no time coming back, blasting in six unanswered goals in the first period. They collected the other four in the third.

For Kamloops it was rookies' Eric Shishido and Dale Sandyke who mastered the goalscoring, collecting two apiece. Shishido also got an assist for the night.

Compared to last Tuesday's game which caused the referee ruckus, the Saturday contest was as clean as a Sunday school primer and just as boring according to the Blades' manager-coach Brown.

Only three penalties were handed out, two to Vernon and one to Kamloops. Manager-coach Brown said his Blades, by the way they played, appeared to be afraid of getting penalties.

In action this week the Blades play the revamped Penticton Junior Vees twice. They visit the Peach City Friday, returning here for a game Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

Pee Wees Switch First Place Spot

With four Pee Wee games played last week, the Maple Leafs again find themselves tied for first place in the standing. This time the Redwings share the top spot with the Leafs with the latter having a game in hand.

Blackhawks are in third place followed by the Canadians, Warriors and Totems.

Two games were played Thursday night. The Leafs edged the Hawks 2 to 1 and the Redwings squeezed past the Canadians 4 to 3.

Larry Fisher was the lone scorer for the Hawks, while the Leaf markers were accounted for by Colin Moss and Bruce Johnson.

In the Canadian Redwing game, Ken Tarnow came up with a hat-trick to lead the scorers with Steve White scoring the other Wing goal. Dennis Klim assisted on Tarnow's second goal.

For the Canadians it was Scott Shirley, Gary MacFar-

Boyd once. Brian Postill assisted on Boyd's goal.

The lone Hawk's goal was scored by Wayne Dye with Larry Fisher assisting.

Game of the week was the scoreless draw between the Totems and the Warriors.

Keith Corrigan of the Totems and Dave Ogasawara were unbeatable in the nets and stopped many a fast and furious shot to keep all players off the score sheet.

Games this week: Thursday, November 22, 5 p.m.: Wariors vs Canadians; 6 p.m. Maple Leafs vs Totems.

Saturday, November 24, 8 a.m.: Warriors vs Maple Leafs; 9 a.m. Totems vs Redwings.

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Follows Protest

Lowe, Kashuba Suspended From Refereeing Chores

Vernon referee Odie Lowe and Alex Kashuba have been suspended from their duties in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League pending an investigation into charges of "rotten refereeing."

Don White of Kelowna, president of the OJHL, called for the suspension after receiving an official protest from Kamloops Rockets manager Don Brown about their handling of last Tuesday night's game here in Vernon.

Brown had stated after the game that Lowe and Kashuba had completely mishandled two fights that broke out and had neglected to call a number of delayed penalties. He had also claimed it was "The poorest game this season."

In a wire to Vernon coach-manager Bill Brown, league president White revealed he was "unhappy at this type of sportsmanship in our league and would suggest you take all steps within your power to control it."

The president's action met with an angry response from Lowe and Kashuba.

"He should be protecting referees, not playing nursemaid to complaining managers," said Kashuba.

Stated Lowe: "If the OJHL president followed the example set by the National Hockey League, the Kamloops manager would be heavily fined for criticizing the refereeing."

"If this is the policy in the Okanagan league, they'll run out of referees before they run out of managers," Lowe added.

Both referees strongly defended their handling of the disputed Tuesday night game, a close, exciting contest which Kamloops won 5 to 4. "It was rough at times on both sides, and we called them as we saw them."

Meanwhile, Kamloops manager Brown has retracted some of the statements attributed to him in a story published in the Kamloops paper. He stated he was misquoted, and had in fact described the game as "rotten" and the refereeing as "inadequate."

Blades' manager Bill Brown has said he expects difficulty in hiring competent referees for future OJHL games here in Vernon.

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Nomination

Viel expire, and the resignation of Dave Hett has been received.

Municipal Clerk Roy Blackwood said Councillor Pritch-

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Kelowna Mayor

their job.

In urging OVMA support, Mayor Parkinson said the Kelowna move was "a start" to see if something could be done to prevent the Okan-