Agar Incredible, Scores 5 More

Softens 12-6 Crushing Handed Blades By High-Flying Rockets

KAMLOOPS 12, VERNON 6

Another spectacular goal-scoring display by Vernon Blades' centre Corky Agar overshadowed and softened what was otherwise another crushing defeat by Kamloops Rockets in Kamloops Wednesday night.

The Blades were pasted 12-6 by the high flying Rockets and Agar fired in five of those six goals to continue what has to be one of the hottest scoring streaks ever seen in the infant Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League.

In three consecutive games, all against Kamloops, Agar has collected 15 points on 11 goals and four assists and as a result finds himself right up in the top five in league scoring with 30 points, double the total he had a week ago.

Bobby Stein scored the remaining Vernon goal and assisted once to boost his point total up two notches.

Scoring Spread Around

Kamloops scoring was more evenly spread around but most of the top league marksmen were involved. Winger Dale Sandyke led the way with three goals and an assist, Brian Fourt upped his league-leading goal total to 20 with a brace and two assists, Larry Roberge scored and assisted twice, Eric Shishido kept ahead of the pack with a goal and two assists to run his mark to 35.

Defenceman Bill Steinke added two more markers and Ken Rinaldi one. Rick Mcshane notched another.

The Rockets took a 4-1 lead in the first period and extended their margin to 8-3 into the third period when they bagged another four. Agar scored twice in the second period for Vernon and three times in the final 20 minutes.

Actually the Blades played a whale of a game despite the lop-sided score. With just 12 players and only one regular defenceman, their battle agains the high-scoring Rockets was nothing short of fantastic. Jim Stephen was the club's "iron man," going almost the full 60 minutes for the third game in a row.

Dennis Taylor held off the goal-hungry Rockets as brilliantly as he did here in Vernon the night before, stopping 43 of 55 shots.

Missing Wednesday were defenceman Dave MacKay and Ike Coulter along with four more players who have indicated they have quit the team. They include defencemen Gordie Nuyens, and Wilf Tantrum, forwards Gordie Kineshanko and Wayne Wutzke.

Only seven penalties were called by referee Dale Cassell, five to the Rockets.

The Blades' next action is Saturday night when they face the Kelowna Buckaroos in the Orchard City. The following Tuesday they host the Bucks back here at the Civic Arena.

R. W. Thompson Was Active Church Man

Funeral services for Robert William Thompson were conducted by Rev. Dan Goldsmith at the Vernon Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, followed by interment in Lakeview Memorial Garden, Kelowna.

Mr. Thompson died in Jubilee Hospital at the age of 77 years on December 2. He came to Canada 45 years ago from London, Eng., where he was born on March 16, 1886.

He resided in the Wabamun district, west of Edmonton, where he assisted his father in the bakery business, and later enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. He served overseas, returning to Canada in 1918 and settling at Lloydminster Alta. He engaged in farming until 1944, and four years later, came to British Columbia. For the past ten years he lived in Vernon.

Mr. Thompson was a great reader, especially of English history, and enjoyed discussing such history with his friends. He had been an active member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Vernon since its inception, and was fond of singing the old hymns.

Surviving are Mr. Thompson, two daughters, Miss Marian Thompson of Calgary and Miss Kathleen Thompson, RN, of Mali, West Africa; two brothers, Mont in Australia, and Roy in England; two sisters, Dr. Muriel Yates, also in England, and Mrs. Tom Davenport of White Rock, B.C.

The total number of vehicles in use in Canada at the end of 1961 was 5.5 million.