Mrs. Ray Buswell, of the BX, was the lucky angler.

Blades Clobbered 11-2 In Jr. Playoff Opener

KAMLOOPS 11, VERNON 2

Vernon Blades weren't quite ready for the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League playoffs Wednesday night. Kamloops Rockets were. And you know the story from there.

The Rockets, 15 strong and well up for their opening game of the OJHL round robin, took advantage of a second period let-down by the Blades to rap in six unanswered goals and skate to a decisive 11-2 victory.

The Blues only had 11 regulars on the trip to Kamloops with centre Ike Coulter ailing. Not that one more player could have made much difference in stopping the Rocket avalanche which, when once it got rolling, swept all resistance before it.

The Blades' best period was the first when they held the high-scoring missilemen to a scoreless tie.

Different Story

Came the second stanza and it was a different kettle of carp as the Blades, who checked and skated well in that first 20 minutes(came apart at every stitch and seam, allowing six goals.

The third period was about as disastrous as the rambunctious Rocketeers found the range five times.

Sharp - shooting winger Brian Fourt, who won the goal - scoring championship this season, was the Blades' principal nemesis, blasting in three goals and assisting on a fourth.

Others who found the Blades their special cup of tea were Glen "Cowboy" Richards (two goals, one assist), Rick McShane (two goals, one assist), Murray Owen (one goal, one assist), Eric Shishido (one goal, one assist), Ken Rodgers (one goal, one assist) and Dale Sandyke (one goal).

For the shell - shocked Blades Bobby Stein and Corky Agar made feeble reply late in the second period and early in the third. Gordie Nuyens picked up two assists.

A total of 16 penalties were called in the rough-edged clash by neutral referee Johnny Culos of Kelowna, eight to each club. Buck Sherk of Vernon collected 14 minutes on a 10-minute misconduct and two minors and Corky Agar also picked up three penalties, all minors.

Served 14 Minutes

Ken Rinaldi was Kamloops' prime bad man, serving 14 minutes including a 10-minute misconduct.

In the shooting department the Rockets were notably preponderant as they blitzed Brian Woodward 51-25.

After the first period had run its course the game looked as if it was going to turn into a half decent playoff battle but starting at 2:35 the missilemen commenced to douse such hopes, McShane, Owen, Shishido, Fourt (twice) and McShane again exploding forth in typical Rocket style.

Agar momentarily stemmed the flow late in the second period with his goal but Sandyke nullified this promptly enough at the five-minute mark of the third. Stein connected from Nuyens to make it 7-2 a minute later, then Richards, Fourt, Rodgers and Richards wrapped it up with four more just for laughs.

The Blades' next playoff tilt is Friday night in Kelowna when they face Buckaroos Their first home game goes Tuesday night with the Bucks the guests.

Boo-Boos Beat Panthers In Game With Summerland

Vernon Panthers fell to mistakes and Summerland Rockets 73-62 in a high school basketball exhibition clash in the southern Okanagan town Saturday night.

Jim Webster's Panthers, who are having their troubles winning games this season, led the Rockets 20-6 after the first quarter only to crumple under as the Summerlanders took advantage of numerous Vernon boo-boos to swoosh ahead themselves by more than 20 points to win in a waltz.

"We should have beaten them but we just kept making stupid mistakes,' said a disgruntled Webster. "I think we gave the ball away more than 30 times.

The loss to Summerland put the Panthers' record with the Rockets at 1-1. In season play the Vernon hoopsters have won seven and lost 11.

Guard Don McLean helped take the bitter edge off defeat by netting 26 points for the Panthers, one of his finest performances this season. Robbie Dunn dunked 14 and Dan Krestinski 10.

The team was hurting with the absence of hustling guard Rick Sugden who was out with the 'flu.

However he should be back this weekend when the Panthers go to Penticton to compete in the Peach City's Totem Basketball Tournament. Entered are Vernon, Penticton Golden Hawks, Oliver Hornets and Semiahmoo High School from White Rock. This will be a two-day round robin affair.

The following Friday, February 14 the Panthers take on the powerful Red Devils in Kamloops and on Saturday, February 15 they go to Revelstoke. On the 21st they are at Kelowna and on the 22nd they enter the Valley playoffs in Penticton.

Babs Bowls The Best In Sportsmen

Babs McKay bowled both the ladies' high triple and high single in the Sportsmen's League Monday night with scores of 605 and 275 respectively.

In the men's division Sam Yakoweshen bowled a 704 high triple and tied with Al McKay with a high single of 255.

Robbers Roost racked up the team high single, 1,085, and North - Enders came through with the high triple, 2,930.

Team standings are as follows: Royalite Super Service 52, Vikings 45, Limbos 43½, Del-Mar 43, North Enders 42, Noca 40, Robbers Roost 37, Woolworths 36½, Ho-Bo's 28, A Team 20.

Nationals' Soccer Fund Now $400

Vernon National Royalites now have $400 in hand as a result of their recent appeal for donations to help defray expenses of the upcoming Province Cup competition.

Originally the club has set its sights on $300, but this figure was easily bypassed, and with several pledges could yet reach the $450 mark.

With a run of success the Okanagan soccer champions could need every penny of it. They budgeted two trips to the coast, but could conceivably be called out for at least two more if they progress in the cup competition.

Speaking for the club, coach Ian Macfarlane thanked local firms and individuals for their generous donations.

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