

Vault into third

Blades pull about face

Williamson nets hat in season's first win

The Vernon Junior Blades won their first game of the season in four starts yesterday when they trounced the visiting Vancouver Haidas 12-3 in the first interlocking action of the year. At the same time the local wood and rubber club moved from a dead-last tie with the Kamloops Kraft Kings to third spot in the four team OJHL and also earned a lot of respect from the more than 600 people who witnessed an about face that has threatened here for the past two seasons.

Friday night Blades conceded victory to the Pentiction Broncs (losing 5-4) after fighting from a four goal deficit. Also at the weekend, league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos aided the Vernon cause by blasting Kraft Kings 10-1 before the game was halted with six seconds yet to play in the third period; Haidas fought from behind to score two goals within 12 seconds to force an overtime in Kamloops Saturday night and eventually go on to beat the Hubsters 7-5; and Pentiction stopped Kelowna 3-2 in overtime to draw within two points of the pace setters.

Juvenile grad Tom Williamson and speedster Ivan Malenosky paced the Vernon assault at the weekend. Williamson twined five goals in two games while Malenosky, who showed signs of the slight of foot Sunday that he dazzled local fans with last season, scored four times and added three assists.

Friday night Malenosky and Williamson shared in a losing cause to Pentiction by contributing two goals apiece. Gene Peacosh, who played last season with the Memorial Cup champion Edmonton Oil Kings and this year walked out of the Alberta camp to join the Peach City crew when the Edmontonians were suspended by the CAHA along with the seven other clubs of the Canadian Major Junior Hockey League, was the difference in the game, scoring three times and leading Pentiction to the 5-4 victory.

Haidas dressed only 10 players for the contest yesterday but despite this fact managed to throw the rubber at goalie Jerry Allen fast, furious and very often. Allen, the busiest of the Blues on the ice, turned back 40 Vancouver shots while Andy Anderson in the coast club nets, got in front of 37.

Williamson monopolized on Vernon's first period lead of 6-2 by netting a hat trick. Blades led after two periods 9-2.

Getting two goals were Pat Hembree, Keith Rolsten and Malenosky, while singletons were added by Rick Reilly, Ken Polen and Bruce Allen. Vancouver goal scorers were Paul McLellan with two and Dave Stevenson.

Malenosky opened the scoring while he and Lawrence Quebeck were killing an elbowing penalty to Williamson picked up with only 50 seconds played in the game. He snared a loose puck just inside the Vancouver blueline, fed Quebeck with a pass and then made no mistake with the return offer.

Williamson triggered the second goal at 4:14 of the initial stanza stepping around a defenseman at the blue barrier and hitting the goalie's glove hand with a shot too hot to handle. He followed this up with his second goal with assists from both linemates and then scored his final, also



Williamson
... five goal weekend



Allen
... 40 stops yesterday



Malenosky
... back in old style

with the help of both Quebeck and Malenosky, after Reilly had deposited the works of Bruce Allen and John Van Horlick.

McLellan got Vancouver's first counter at 11:27 of the opener and then got the second at 18:15 before Polen rounded out the scoring in the session with an unassisted effort.

Blues' three unanswered goals in the mid-section came off the sticks of Malenosky, Hembree and Bruce Allen. And in the finale, after Stevenson had twined Haida's last marker, Hembree scored again and Rolsten netted his brace with back to back efforts, the first with assistance from Hembree and Glen Baron and the second without any help.

Fifteen penalties were dished out in the game, 10 to locals.

SUMMARY
Vernon 12 Vancouver 3
First period:—1. Ver, Malenosky (Quebeck) 1:36; 2. Ver, Williamson (Baron) 4:14; 3. Ver, Williamson (Quebeck, Malenosky) 5:26; 4. Ver, Reilly (B. Allen, Van Horlick) 7:37; 5. Ver, Williamson (Quebeck, Malenosky) 9:46; 6. Ver, McLellan (Scobie) 11:27; 7. Ver, McLellan (Scobie) 18:15; 8. Ver, Polen (unassisted) 18:38. Penalties—Williamson, Sheck, Rolsten.

Second period—9. Ver, Malenosky (Quebeck, Williamson) 14:38; 10. Hembree (Baron) 16:22; 11. Ver, Allen (Reilly, Latour-

neau) 19:36. Penalties—Elliot, Cam, Cam, McLellan, Stevenson, Cam, Scobie, Allen.

Third period—12. Ver, Stevenson (Sommers) 5:02; 13. Ver, Hembree (Elliot) 9:29; 14. Ver, Rolsten (Hembree, Baron) 14:41; 15. Ver, Rolsten (unassisted) 19:07. Penalties—Oliver, Polen, Cam, Cam, standings

	W	L	T	P
Bucks	5	2	0	10
Broncs	4	1	0	8
Blades	1	3	0	2
Kings	0	4	0	0

Kraft Kings for ladies night here

It will be "ladies night" in Vernon Civic Arena Wednesday when the last place Kamloops Kraft Kings come calling.

Boistered by nothing more than a severe tongue lashing from coach Andy Clowchuck, Kings, who are winless in four outings at this juncture in the schedule, will seek their first two points at the hands of Blades starting at 8:30 p.m.

All local and district ladies (or girls) can get into the game free as long as they are accompanied by another ticket holder or come in groups of two or more.

A total of 2,000 tickets have been printed and will be distributed to any ladies who want them at the CN Telegraph office and the Recreation Centre.

The Vernons, who tour a better show than visitors, will seek their second victory in a row this season and the second consecutive on home ice. So far this year Blades have lost to Pentiction Broncs by scores of 8-3 and 5-4 and to the Kelowna Buckaroos 7-3 and, Sunday had the pleasure of blasting the Vancouver Haidas 12-3.

A win for Blades would put them in a good position to catch the second place Pentiction team by the end of the week whereas a loss would tie them with Kraft Kings in Okanagan Junior Hockey League cellar.

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A social evening will be held Friday, at the Kingfisher Community Hall. A variety of games will be played starting at 8 p.m.



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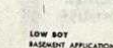
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