



Two in a row—over Bucks yet!

Allen impressive in Blueshirts win

Vernon youth examiner

Malinosky—a small man; but a big difference

Two goals by Ivan Malinosky and some fearless goaltending by Gerry Allen moved the Vernon Junior Blades within 10 points (five games) of the Kelowna Buckaroos Wednesday evening. Blades beat the Bucks 4-3. It was the second win in a row for the Blueshirts and the second consecutive victory over the second place Central City crew.

Only six penalties were called in the hard-skating, hard-hitting contest which saw the teams tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after the sandwich session.

It wasn't until the third that Malinosky broke loose and then it was up to him to give Blades their 3-2 lead, watch the score tied again, 3-3, and then break out with the decisive marker just minutes past the mid-way mark in the finale.

Then, goalie Gerry Allen, tested severely on most of the 39 occasions Bucks shot at him, took over easily displacing Malinosky as number one star of the game, despite continued good support from Blades four-man rearward corps.

Led by Gord Clark, who literally broke his way back into the line-up after sitting out a year on the suspended list, the defensive unit of Graham Elliott, Ken Pollen and Glen Barron, particularly sparked for the first time this year in clearing pucks that Allen, during previous games, had shot back at him time and again on the rebound.

As well as that they held Bucks Brian Fisher, the league's top point-getter, to no points. In the two games with Buckaroos, Fisher had been held to a single point, an assist.

Blades opened the scoring at 5:40 of the first period when Rick Reilly brought the packed house down with about as quick a goal as you would like to see. Standing 20 feet out he took a combination

from King Cam, the relay man, and Keith Rolston, who went into the corner to dig the puck out.

Bucks stormed back and finally sliced the puck behind Allen at 16:54 when Dave Cousins notched his first of two goals by stealing the puck in Blades end.

At Southward get help from Tom Williamson and Ken Pollen to find the mark first in the second period. He beat goalie Rex Rideout with an ice-level shot that picked the opposite corner. But at 5:40 Cousins rambled back with the

OJHL STANDINGS										
	W	L	T	F	A	P				
Pen..	14	3	0	98	69	28				
Kel..	12	8	1	119	69	25				
Vern..	7	10	1	85	90	15				
Kam.	3	15	0	51	104	6				

equalizer, this time taking a Keith Boquist pass.

Malinosky made his first move after only 25 seconds in the last period. He wrestled the puck from the boards just inside his own blue barrier, raced at three quarter speed to the Bucks blue line, shifted into higher gear to rid himself of a final defender, and then beat Rideout with a 20-footer.

But the never-say-die Buckaroos fought back to tie the score a third time. This time, Terry Strong slapped in a Mike Darnbrough serving just two

minutes later and it still looked like anybody's game until Malinosky picked the corner with the difference at 12:38.

Blades 4 Bucks 3

Summary

First period — 1. Ver. Reilly (Cam, Rolston) 5:40; 2. Kel. Cousins (unassisted) 16:54. Penalties—none.

Second period — 3. Ver. Southward, (Williamson, Pollen) 2:29; 4. Kel. Cousins (Boquist) 5:40. Penalties — Pollen, Haley.

Third period — 5. Ver. Malinosky (Elliott) 00:25; 6. Kel. T. Strong (Darnbrough) 2:34; 7. Ver. Malinosky (unassisted) 12:38. Penalties — Cousins, Deadmarsh, J. Strong (misdiscipline plus game misconduct.)

Midgets earn win; then tie

Vernon Midgets came out on top once and left another game undecided last weekend.

Saturday night they settled for a 4-4 tie at home against visiting Penicton and Sunday afternoon they bombed the Summerland team in the southern city 10-0.

In the Saturday game Vernon scorers were Wayne Daye, with two goals and Howard Chase and Rick Munk with one each. Penicton got single scores from Mike Carter, Ed Hays, Doug Eaton and Kerry Moss.

Goal-getters in the 10-0 win over Summerland were Terry Sammartino and Wayne Dye with a brace each while singles came off the sticks of Curtis MacCallum, Wally Bavar, Brian Stephen, Fred Johnson, Bob Mayer and Howard Chase.

Session with Broncos faces Blades Sunday

A session with the Penicton Broncos is in store for the Vernon Junior Blades this weekend.

With Vancouver invading two Okanagan points Friday and Saturday, the Blades will see their only action Sunday.

Harris named prexy

Al Harris was elected to head a slate of nine officers when the Vernon Golf and Country Club held its annual meeting recently.

Others named to posts were George Richardson (Past President), Doug Cole (Club Captain), Hal Gordon (Assistant Captain), Joan Halko (Secretary), Jean Stowell (Ladies Representative), Neil Sutherland (House Committee), Ken Wynne (Greens Committee) and John Nakonechny (Treasurer).

The meeting was held at the National Hotel. President Harris disclosed that a new constitu-



Sports editorial

A warning

Hockey protects the fan. A player, when he breaks his stick, is bound, under game rules, to drop it onto the ice. He is not allowed to heave it over the boards into the laps of unsuspecting spectators.

There is also a law that protects the players from the fans which has not been enforced in Vernon Civic Arena so far this year. Starting Sunday, the law will be carried out and executed to the fullest.

The arena manager has issued a warning: "Anybody caught throwing objects onto the ice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

It is a harsh measure to take, but it is a necessary one to insure the safety of home and visiting players alike.

Just last year at two eastern points, one player, in his home rink, slipped on a penny and broke his neck. Another laid over a piece of egg and fell down and broke his leg. Neither have skated, let alone play hockey, since.

At Prince George last year, fans directing objects at visiting players skating on the ice helped the city lose its Junior hockey franchise before Christmas.

Don't kid yourself. It could happen in Vernon.

None of the players playing in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League are being paid. They hold down jobs or go to school. Some are married. An injury to a key player could foul-up a whole team and his personal life.

Wednesday night the target was Kelowna Buckaroos John Strong. It may have seemed funny to some seeing Strong skate around with egg on his face. But before people who throw eggs and other objects onto the ice start choosing another target for Sunday, they should bear in mind that the next victim could be Ivan Malinosky.

—Denis Feser

Winfield news items

Immediately following the Children's party in the recreation room of the Fire Hall, the Ladies Auxiliary to the fire department awarded their annual Christmas hamper to Mrs. James Shipton and the Christmas cake to Bill Ritchie.

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the dull edge

... by Denis Feser, Sports Editor

It has been more than once this year that Blades coach Odie Lowe has snapped the lock on the dressing room door and stood in the middle of them all lecturing on the use of the hockey stick as a weapon.

"If you want to fight," he says, "toss your unprintable stick aside and knock the unprintable out of him. But don't swing your stick."

And then he turns on the hushed room and drops a name. "You all remember Gord Clarke."

That's all it takes.

Gord Clark is a six foot one inch 20 year old defenseman. Wednesday night he played his first hockey game since December 12, 1965. On that date, exactly one year ago, in a game with the Kamloops Kraft Kings at Kamloops, he was involved in a fracas that earned him a match misconduct. More than a week later, during which time he was not allowed to take part in Vernon Junior Blades' activities, he was informed by mail by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association that he was unsuspended from organized hockey for exactly a year.

Thursday afternoon I talked to Gord Clark about the suspension and his return to Canada's national game.

FESER: How did it go last night, Gord?

CLARKE: Well, I felt a little bit out of practice. You lose a lot of the old touch in a year. It was sure nice to be back though.

FESER: How did it come about that you were suspended?

CLARKE: It was December 12, 1965. We were playing in Kamloops and one of the Kamloops players, Rick McShane, was charging one of our men. And I just ran into him. I got a match misconduct at the time.

FESER: What did McShane get?

CLARKE: Just a few stitches. I was automatically suspended until a ruling by the BCAHA. I waited for a week and then I got a letter saying I was suspended for a year.

FESER: What did you think then?

CLARKE: I was shocked. I was really shocked. I didn't think I was that much in the wrong and I still don't think so. I attempted to appeal to the BCAHA three times and people from Vernon who saw the game and some from Kamloops wrote them letters. Even the referee thought a whole year was too harsh a verdict.

FESER: Were you ever suspended before?

CLARKE: Yes, once. In a juvenile game four years ago. It was quite a brawl and a number of the guys on both teams were suspended. I was suspended for the summer.

FESER: Then it didn't affect your play any?

CLARKE: No.

FESER: How has missing a whole year of hockey affected your play?

CLARKE: Well, let me put it this way. There are lots of little things you miss. Things you did automatically before you have to stop and think about now. They are little things but important. I feel it will take a while but that they will come back. I also felt that I wasn't as strong as I would have liked to be near the end of last night's game.

FESER: What was the hardest thing about the suspension?

CLARKE: Sitting in the stands. Nothing is harder than watching a hockey game from the bench. It's a lot easier to play it.

No feeling of wrong doing. No remorse. Just a bad taste in his mouth over the whole affair and a happy feeling to be back in the Blades' line-up.

Wednesday night he proved he belonged there and, that he could get to like it even moreso.

It is unlikely that he will be suspended again. It is not unlikely, however, that he will be involved in the next skirmish. He will be there, leading the Blades to more from the blue-line, hitting just as hard as before and being something more than the Blades number one policeman. He will be a symbol for the rest of the Blades and for everybody else around the league.

At least, for a while, anyway. Later, perhaps much later this year, coach Lowe will begin to put his name in dressing room conversation and

it will mean something entirely different.

Luckies get their lumps, too

The Vernon Luckies stepped in line for their lumps Wednesday night as they travelled to North Kamloops only to lose 11-5 to the Totems.

Luckies are the third team within two weeks to fall at the hands of the present league-leaders. Previous games saw both Kelowna Molson Canadiens and the Revelstoke Selkirks given a rude welcome at the Sports Centre.

The win moved the North Kamloops team into a seven point lead atop the Okanagan Mainline Hockey League standings ahead of the second place Luckies.

Vernon took a 3-2 spread out of the first period of play and settled for a 4-4 tie after two frames. Then the Totems unleashed a powerful offense in the finale that produced seven goals to Vernon's one.

Kamloops markers were scored by Bob Gannon, who had three, Cliff Russell and Eric Shishido, each with two, and Bill Donaldson, Glen Madsen, Fred Gaber and Ken Moffatt, with singles.

Jim Moro paced the Vernon attack with a hat-trick while singles were garnered by Ralph Becks and Wayne Morris.

OMHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	F	A	P
N. K....	11	2	0	128	37	22
Vernon	7	5	1	74	58	15
Kel....	6	5	0	62	49	12
S. Arm	2	8	1	37	51	5
Rvlstke	2	7	0	26	84	4

Summary

North Kam. 11 Vernon 5

First period — 1. Ver, Moro (Sasaskamoose) 6:13; N.K., Russell (Moffatt, Sandyke) 14:85; 3. Ver, Morris (Moro, Jakes) 16:16; 4. Ver, Beck (Turcotte) 18:20; 5. NK, Russell (Moffatt, Sandyke) 19:25. Penalties — Turcotte, Miller.

Second period — 6. NK, Gannon (Miller, Gaber)

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