

Broncos get close to OJHL pennant

As Blades look much better

The magic number needed to win a pennant continued to decrease for the Penticton Broncos at the weekend despite the fact second place Kelowna Buckaroos also won their game.

The other two teams in the Okanagan Junior Hockey League continued too. To lose.

Broncos kept their 10 point gap over Buckaroos with just eight games left on the schedule by stopping visiting Vernon Blades 6-2 Friday night as Bucks, who will be here Wednesday evening, were pounding Kamloops Kraft Kings 7-3 in Kelowna.

Saturday and Sunday, which saw New Westminster make its second and final league trip into the

valley, the Royals turned back both Kamloops and Vernon by identical scores, 6-5.

-OJHL STANDINGS-

	W	L	T	Pts.
Broncos.....	27	5	0	54
Bucks.....	22	9	1	45
Blades.....	10	20	1	21
Kings.....	6	26	0	12

Locally, the Blades got off to what coach Odie Lowe described as "a slow start" Friday night as the league leading Broncos hammered in four goals in the first period, settled for an unanswered single counter in the sandwich session and then allowed Blades to outscore them 2-1 in the finale.

The Broncos got goals from Jack Taggart, Terry Luxton, Larry Palanio and Wayne Schaab in the first period, the singleton in the second from Jim O'Neil. Their only counter in the third session came when Gene Peacosh beat Blades goaltender Gerry Allen on a penalty shot, the first in the league this season.

Luckies take a shot

A shot at first place became more of a reality for the Vernon Luckies Saturday evening as an 8-6 win over Salmon Arm, coupled with a Kelowna Molsons 6-5 victory over league-leading North Kamloops Old Stylers, inched them two points closer to the top of the circuit.

North Kamloops, however, trimmed Revelstoke 9-5 Sunday, to reclaim the extra two point advantage over Luckies.

Tomorrow night Luckies play host to Salmon Armin an attempt to draw closer to North Kamloops, who presently lead the league by five points.

Playing-coach Jim Moro fired five goals for Vernon in Saturday night's win, while Jack Howard, Maurice Wernicke and Al Rogan had singles. Al Andrews got three for Salmon Arm and Frank Pouncy, Dale Frandsen and Doug Sheffield, one each.

Aces goalie Brian Woodward had the majority of shots to stop. He got in front of 50 while Luckies Don Bock-Philipps turned aside 37.

Luckies led 3-2 after the

first period and 5-2 after two sessions.

OMHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
N. Kamloops..	16	5	0	32
Vernon.....	13	8	1	27
Kelowna.....	11	6	0	22
Salmon Arm..	3	12	1	7
Revelstoke....	2	11	0	4

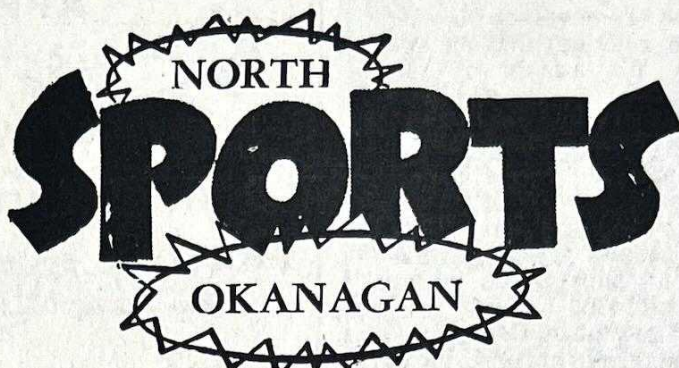
Summary

Luckies 8 Aces 6

First period — 1. Ver, Moro (Howard) 6:53; 2. SA, Pouncy (Asay) 9:44; 3. SA, Andrews (unassisted) 10:26; 4. Ver, Rogan (Poggemiller) 12:16; 5. Ver, Moro (unassisted) 19:46. Penalties — none.

Second period — 6. Ver, Moro (Saskamoose) 5:31; 7. Ver, Howard (Turcotte, Poggemiller) 10:20. Penalties — Tilley, Turcotte, Wernicke, Asay, Tilley, Turcotte, Pouncy.

Third period — 8. Ver, Moro (unassisted) 11:56; 9. SA, Andrews (Sheffield) 12:36; 10. SA, Frandsen (Disireau) 13:04; 11. SA, Andrews (Sheffield) 14:48; 12. SA, Sheffield (unassisted) 16:58; 13. Ver, Moro (Howard) 17:58; 14. Ver, Wernicke (Manjak) 18:00. Penalties — Turcotte, Andrews, Poggemiller.



Allen handled 44 shots on the night while Penticton's Jim Thompson got in front of 29. Fifteen penalties were dishd out, seven to Blades.

Blades goal scorers were Tom Williamson and Keith Rolston.

At Vernon Sunday afternoon, a goal by Williamson with just 32 seconds remaining in the contest, gave the Blades a 5-5 tie with the visiting Royals and suggested overtime. But George Watson, the ex-Vernon juvenile centreman, fed a pass to Frankie Spring at the Royals blue-line and Spring made short work of breezing in alone to beat Allen with a shot that landed just below the crossbar.

It was Watson's third assist of the afternoon. Earlier he had been stopped on two breakaways by Allen and had hit a goalpost.

The game was fast skating with hitting coming in spurts. Vernon did their share of it and, despite losing, gave plenty of indication that they are the closest they've been this year to the form that closed out the 1966 schedule on a winning note.

Their only hope is that they can continue their game into Wednesday evening when they play host to the Kelowna Buckaroos starting at 8:30 p.m.

Other New Westminster goals came from Ray Allegretto, Barry Leswick, George Parrett, Wayne Goss and Glen Wilson.

Vernon marksmen were Keith Rolston, Lawrence Quechuck, Ivan Malinosky and Williamson, with two.

-Summary-

Royals 6 Blades 5

First period — 1. NW, Allegretto (Watson, Spring) 10:03; 2. Ver, Quechuck (Williamson, Serviss) 15:28. Penalties — William-

son, Spring, Spring, Elliott (misconduct), Winzoski, Wallis.

Second period — 3. Ver, Rolston (Quechuck, Malinosky) 0:18; 4. N.W. Leswick (Winzoski, Wilson) 7:39; 5. Ver, Malinosky (Pollen) 11:42; 6. N.W. Parrett (Allegretto) 12:30; 7. N.W. Goss (Hollysette) 14:06; 8. N.W. Wilson (Watson, Leswick) 16:31. Penalties — Elliott, Clarke, Spring, Winzoski (misconduct), Wallis.

Third period — 9. Ver, Williamson (Serviss) 3:00; 10. Ver, Williamson (unassisted) 19:28; 11. N.W. Spring (Watson) 19:45. Penalties — Parrett.

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