

Start Playoffs Tuesday

Blades win final for best season

The Okanagan Junior Hockey League wound-up at the weekend with games on three fronts, but teams will go right back at it again starting Tuesday evening in the first round of playoffs to determine who will represent this part of the province at the B.C. finals slated for next month.

The Penticton Broncos, who will meet the Vernon Blades in series "A" of the playoffs, came up with no surprises and turned the Kelowna Buckaroos 4-2 in the Peach City Friday and lost 3-2 in Kelowna Saturday.

Blades, who open on the road and return to Civic Arena this Thursday, concluded the regular league schedule on a winning note by outscoring Kamloops Kraft Kings 5-3 in Vernon Saturday night.

The 15 wins posted by Blades this season against 25 losses were their best record yet in OJHL play, good enough for a third place finish in the circuit, 22 points behind second place Buckaroos and 18 in front of the Kraft Kings.

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OJHL FINAL STANDINGS

	G	W	L	P
Broncos	40	33	7	66
Bucks	40	26	14	52
Blades	40	15	25	30
Kings	40	6	34	12

—Blades Final Statistics—

	G	A	Pim.	P
Williamson	36	24	76	60
Malinosky	29	30	51	59
Quechuck	21	28	67	49
Rolston	29	14	18	43
Serviss	15	26	41	41
Southward	7	13	65	20
Reilly	7	11	22	18
Pollen	5	12	22	17
Clarke	1	8	35	9
Elliott	2	6	82	8
Perepolkin	3	2	0	3
Dye	1	2	0	3
Smith	0	3	6	3

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Vernon got their goals

from five different players. Tom Williamson, who topped Blades scoring with 60 points on 36 goals and 24 assists, fired the first marker at 1:34 of the initial period, and by the 11 minute mark Blades had built up a 4-0 lead. Other first period counters were stuck by Wayne Dye, Lawrence Quechuck and Mike Perepolkin.

Ivan Malinosky gave locals a 5-0 front early in the second session before Ken Begg and Dunc McLean scored for Kraft Kings.

Roy Sakaki scored the

only goal in the finale, for Kamloops.

Blades begin a seven-game semi-final series this Tuesday evening at Penticton and return to Vernon Civic Arena Thursday for the second game with Broncos.

SUMMARY

Blades 5 — Kings 3

First period — 1. Ver. Williamson (Serviss) 1:34; 2. Ver. Dye (Perepolkin, Reilly) 4:36; 3. Ver. Quechuck (Rolston); 4. Ver. Perepolkin (unassisted) 11:01. Penalties — none.

Second period — 5. Ver. Malinosky (Williamson) 2:38; 6. Kam. Begg (unassisted) 14:00; 7. Kam. McLean (Law, Bond) 15:50. Penalties — Sakaki, Denault (misconduct).

Third period — 8. Kam.

Sakaki (unassisted) 14:10. Penalties — Williamson (misconduct, Bedard, Clovechok and Serviss.

PLAYOFF JUNIOR HOCKEY

THURSDAY
FEB. 23
8:30 p.m.



Vernon Civic Arena

VERNON BLADES
vs
**PENTICTON
BRONCOS**

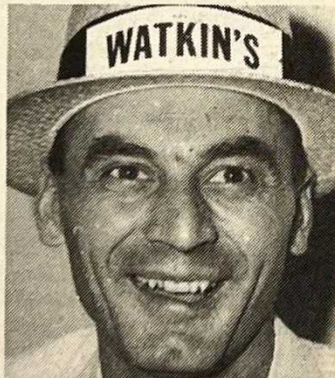
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