

Juvenile semi-finals

Blueshirts halted in title quest Kimberley goes forward by bouncing back

By DENIS FESER

Kimberley will represent the interior at the B.C. Juvenile finals scheduled for Nanaimo this coming Friday and Saturday as the result of a 10-8 two-game total goal series victory over the Vernon Legion All Stars held here at the weekend.

The Kimberleys, also sporting Legion uniforms, came from behind on two occasions to squeeze out an 8-6 victory here Friday night and then cap it all with a 2-2 tie Saturday.

The series this coming weekend will be a best two out of three affair. Winners left from here to spend the week in Nanaimo to prepare for the provincial final.

They bounced back

A good sound team that had been known for its ability to bounce back even before tangling with locals, Kimberley trailed 6-3 following the second period in the first contest and then scored five unanswered markers in the third session to take a two goal lead into the second match.

The All-Stars produced in the second session of game number two as teams played to a scoreless tie in the opening stanza. But the two goal lead wasn't enough as visitors turned the pressure on in the finale to decide the series at 10:04 of the last 20 minutes.



BRIAN KAKOSKE

Locals stopped again

For All-Stars, it marks the second consecutive season that they have been stopped in the semi-final round. Last year they were beaten by Chilliwack.

Kimberley never got out of their own league last session but came from behind to dump Trail, last year's provincial champion, a week prior to their coming to town. They were slight favorites in the series played in Civic Arena and are given better odds to sweep Nanaimo this coming weekend.

A cautious start

Kimberley 8 Vernon 6
The first game of the series saw both teams seemingly struggling around in the first few minutes and the question was, who was less nervous.

The All Stars got the first shot on the Kimberley net but visitors gathered together for enough of a chance at 1:37 to beat

periods, particularly the second. All Stars forechecked and backchecked like they wanted to win and by the second bell, appeared to have visitors on the run. But Kimberley used the change to their advantage and blasted five counters in the last frame.

Gary Bock was the big gun in the Kimberley camp scoring three times as his line, the Bock-Barrie-Dalzall trio, accounted for five of the club's eight counters. The BBD's Len Barrie,

scored once and assisted once as did Jim Dalzell.

Other Kimberley goals were scored by Skeels Coldwell, with two, and Joe Rokosh, one.

Jeff Wilson and Larry Hackman fired two for the Vernons. The even attack

also produced singles from Brian Kakoske and Sam Desimone.

Kimberley 2 Vernon 2

Both teams took it "from the top" again in the second march and moved cautiously through the first

session. Vernon opened up early in the second period as Larry Hackman shoved in a Gary Best pass at 1:45 cutting the two goal deficit to one.

Brian Kakoske, who produced as well as any Blueshirt over the two game set, came up with the tie-maker at 13:10 to set the stage for the come-back efforts of Kimberley in the last of six periods.

Vernon had the edge in play throughout the second game and continued to press visiting pipe master Spud Silver until the midway mark of the last session when Kimberley again rose up to find the range.

Al Alexander, who was easily the star in the second match, finally yielded to

visitors at 10:01 as Emil Kwasney bulged the twine. Kimberley wrapped it all up with a second goal at the 18:09 mark when Gary Bock found the range.

Kimberley 8, Vernon 6

Summary—
First period—1 Kim, Dalzell (Rokosh, Barrie) 1:37; 2 Ver, Hackman (Wilson, Vachon) 4:46; 3 Kim, Coldwell (Neeve) 7:55; 4 Ver, Wilson well (Aachon) 14:12; 5 Ver, Desimone (Mayer) 15:42. Penalties—F. Wilson, Desimone.

Second period—6 Ver, Wilson (Desimone) 1:53; 7 Ver, Kakoske (Mori) 9:27; 8 Kim, Bock (Dalzell, Wilson) 18:55; 9 Ver, Hackman (MacDougall) 19:20. Penalties—Desimone, Barrie and J. Wilson, Hackman, Vachon and Olderness (majors), Desimone.

Third period—10 Kim, Bock (Rokosh, Olderness) 1:59; 11 Kim, Barrie (Neeve, Park) 3:27; 12 Kim, Rokosh (Neeve, F. Wilson) 10:48; 13 Kim, Coldwell (Shields) 17:57; 14 Kim, Bock (Barrie) 19:06. Penalties—Kakoske, Barrie and MacDougall.

Kimberley 2, Vernon 2

Summary—
First period—no scoring. Penalties—MacDougall, Neeve, Mori.

Second period—1 Ver, Hackman (Best) 1:45; 2 Ver, Kakoske (Clark, MacDougall) 13:10. Penalties—none.

Third period—3 Kim, Kwasney (Park) 10:04; 4 Kim, Bock (Olderness, Wilson) 18:09. Penalties—J. Wilson, Calder.

Goalkeeper's Saves: Alexander—23; Silver 22.

Broncos-Bucks winners

Blades-Kraft Kings lose

The Vernon Blades will go into tomorrow evening's contest at Pentiction with a do or die attitude because that's all that is left for the Blueshirts. The Blades, who at the weekend won once and lost two times, are faced with a 3-1 deficit in games with the fifth contest of the best of seven series slated for the Peach City Tuesday night.

Blades lost to Broncos 7-1 in Vernon Thursday evening, defeated them 7-6 at Pentiction Saturday night and then lost 7-2 yesterday afternoon at Civic Arena.

Meanwhile, in series "B", Kamloops scored an upset 4-3 victory in Kelowna Friday to square their series at a game each, but the Buckaroos bounced back Saturday at the Hub City to win 8-4 and take a 2-1 game lead.

Blades started fast and for two periods seemed to have the Valley Ford Broncos within reach. Broncos opened with two quick goals at 1:27 and 1:44 when Wayne Schaab and Ken Conner each lifted in rebounds. Although leaving the ice two goals down, Blades hustled back with two fast counters within the first four minutes of the second stanza.

Playing a man short produced the first goal when Tom Serviss fed the draw to defenseman Ken Pollen and Pollen beat goalie Doug Thompson with a shot from the point. Lawrence Quechuck tied it up at 3:29 on a Tom Williamson-Serviss feed, however, Broncos managed five straight goals to win going away.

Before the second period was up Conner had his second of the afternoon and

Taggart had scored a breakaway goal. Pentiction markers in the finale were netted by Ray Picco, with two, and Gene Peacosh, with one.

Vernon was once more outshot. They managed 22 shots on the Pentiction net while Gerry Allen was faced with 39.

SUNDAY—Pentiction 7, Vernon 2

Summary—
First period—1 Pen, Schaab (Peacosh) 1:27; 2 Pen, Conner (unassisted) 1:44. Penalties—Smith, Quechuck, Smith, Clarke, Vernon bench penalty served by Reilly, Southward (game misconduct).

Second period—3 Ver, Pollen (Serviss) 0:15; 4 Ver, Quechuck (Williamson) 3:29; 5 Pen, Conner (Luxton, Picco) 12:40; 6 Pen, Taggart (unassisted) 19:36. Penalties—Conner, Elliott, Schaab.

Third period—7 Pen, Peacosh (unassisted) 7:44; 8 Pen, Picco (Conner, Palanio) 11:27; 9 Pen, Picco (Luxton) 19:00. Penalties—Williamson, Pentiction penalty for too many men on the ice served by Mowat, Taggart, McInnes.

The Pentiction Broncos battered Vernon goalie Gerry Allen with 59 shots Saturday night in the Peach City and it was little wonder they managed to score six goals. But Blades, who perhaps had their scoring game primed to perfection for the first time since the half-way break in the season, needed only 26 shots to beat Broncos Doug Thompson seven times and win 7-6.

Blades opened up a 1-0 lead on Tom Williamson's first goal at 9:56 of the initial stanza and they led

4-3 after the second period as the teams split six goals between them in the sandwich session.

Lawrence Quechuck made it 5-3 in favor of Blades at 1:25 of the finale on a Serviss-Williamson feed, but Terry Luxton, who had handicapped Broncos with a five-minute butt-ending major in the first period, chopped the difference back to one at 2:37.

SATURDAY—Blades 7, Broncos 6

Summary—
First period—1 Ver, Williamson (Southward) 9:56. Penalties—Pollen, Serviss, Mowat, Williamson, Luxton (major).

Second period—2 Ver, Perrepolkin (unassisted) 4:34; 3 Ver, Malinosky (Serviss) 6:08; 4 Ver, Rolston (Southward, Pollen) 7:20; 5 Pen, Picco

(Mowat, Luxton) 9:54; 6 Pen, Picco (unassisted) 13:36; 7 Pen, Peacosh (Palanio, Luxton) 15:45. Penalties—Serviss, Smith, Elliott.

Third period—8 Ver, Quechuck (Serviss, Williamson) 1:25; 9 Pen, Luxton (Agur, Picco) 2:37; 10 Ver, Williamson (unassisted) 4:12; 11 Pen, Peacosh (Schaab, Hays) 6:55; 12 Palanio (Schaab) 6:55; 13 Ver, Rolston (Smith) 15:28. Penalties—Madden, Elliott, Evans, Serviss, Smith.

For the first period Thursday night it appeared as if the Blades were going to give Pentiction trouble. But then Broncos three unanswered goals in the second session gave the contest that "old look" and Blades were once more on their way out.

THURSDAY—

Summary—

First period—1 Pen, Luxton (Agur, Palanio) 0:28; 2 Pen, Schaab (Peacosh, Palanio) 6:18; 3 Ver, Smith (Southward) 12:16; 4 Ver, Pollen (Reilly) 17:16; 5 Pen, Agur (Luxton, Picco) 17:31. Penalties—Rolston, Taggart, Southward, Madden, Smith.

Second period—6 Pen, Schaab (Palanio, Mowat) 3:04; 7 Pen, Madden (Schaab) 3:53; 8 Pen, Picco (Luxton, Taggart) 6:03. Penalties—Reilly, Evans, Quechuck, Smith, Mowat, Madden, Reilly.

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