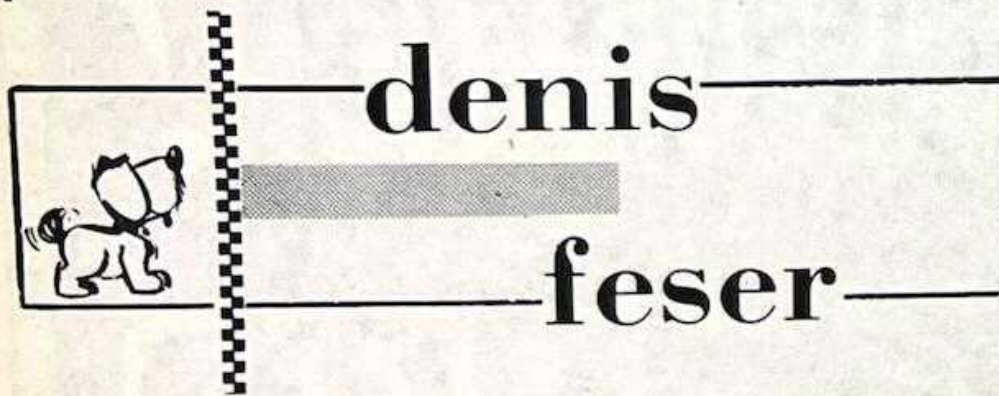


Broncos win first OJHL championship



Jottings from a coffee — (and sometimes, tear) stained note book.

Gord Nuyens Juveniles presented him with a token of their appreciation at last evening's puck match with the Blades. The under 18-ers spokesman Chris Nelson made the presentation.

Merritt, respectively; Gary Dickson (somewhere between London England and Giraffe Run Africa) and Perry Romeo (Kelowna?).

Defenceman Dick Smith

KELOWNA — Penticton Broncos won their first Okanagan Junior Hockey League title here Tuesday evening by defeating host Kelowna Buckaroos 4-1 before a wild crowd of 2800. The title, which comes on the heels of the Broncos first league championship, was captured four games to two.

This Saturday and Sunday in the Peach City Broncos will attempt to claim another crown when the New Westminster Royals come to town for the first two games of the best of seven B.C. final.

Paced by the two goal effort of centre Wayne Schaab, the Pentictons came from behind a one goal deficit Tuesday to tie 1-1 in the first period. They scored twice in the second session and once

in the finale. Dave Couves fired the Bucks only goal while Penticton singles were stuck by Bob Mowatt and Ray Picco.

The game started at a brisk pace with the Bucks getting the incentive they needed from Couves goal at the 6:47 station of the initial period. But play leaned to the ragged side near the middle point of the sandwich session as it appeared the Bucks were slowly giving up. Before the seven minute mark of the third frame, they quit playing hockey, altogether, letting the Broncos pass the puck around at will to salt the victory away.

The Bucks biggest drawback to squaring their series with Broncos

at three games each was Penticton goalie Doug Thompson who, if he had fallen into a lion's den Tuesday evening it would have been just his luck that they all had thorns in their paws.

The Penticton goalie put on an exhibition the likes of which has never been seen before. He had 34 shots to handle but they seemed drawn to him like a magnet whether he was on his back or had his head turned. How Penticton escaped without being beaten 8-0 left the game bordering on ridiculous.

Couves brought half of the house down when he banged in a Meehan relay for the Cowboys first, last, and only marker. It came while both teams were playing a man short. Schaab put Penticton on even terms at 9:47 while

Dave Cousins was cooped up serving the second part of a double minor. And from that point on, it was all Peach City.

When Penticton held the Bucks scoreless through three straight power plays it was little wonder the Kelowna spirit started to wane.

At the same time Picco scooted around defenseman Guy Thompson at 2:25 to pop in the Broncs 2-1 lead (what later proved to be the winner) and Schaab added the first insurance tally at 15:44.

Early in the third session it looked like the Bucks might have it in them to come back. But Mowatt rifled home a Gene Peacosh pass at 6:17 and coach Don Culley's Cowboys, gave in.

Referee Art Davison handed out 15 penalties, nine to Penticton.

Blades, All-Stars game called here

The Vernon Blades and Juveniles attempted to settle their differences on the ice last evening — and would have, had Blades coach Odie Lowe, who subbed as a referee, not called the game with about six minutes left to play.

Blades were leading 9-5 at the time the game was stopped.

A small crowd of less than 200 watched as the Blades built up a 4-1 first period lead and an 8-4 advantage after two sessions. Each team had scored once before the game was called just prior to the 14 minute mark of the finale.

Tom Serviss scored five times for Blades while

singles came from Rick Reilly, Tom Williamson, Ken Pollen and Lawrence Quechuck. For Juvenile All Stars, Chris Nelson notched two while single tallies were recorded by Gary Best, Len Clarke and Sam Desimone.

The game, which had every bit the amount of feeling Junior-Juvenile clashes seem to bring out, was a sneak preview for Lowe, who took to the ice as the only official. His bench duties were handled by Vern Dye. Lowe must have figured he had seen enough, because before he had called the game he had issued six fighting penalties and one 10 minute misconduct and was preparing to write another brawl into the books.

Three winners