



Just the netminder to beat

Right winger Larry Hackman, pictured centre, swoops in on Kelowna goalie Brett Kneen, closely followed by Tom Williamson, left, during junior "A" hockey action in Kelowna, Friday night. Hackman's back-hand drive moments later missed the net by inches. The game ended in a 4-1 tie. Vernon led in the first period, Kelowna went

ahead in the second and Vernon scored the only goal in the third period to round out the scoring. The tie, coupled with a 9-6 victory over Kamloops Saturday night, moved the Essos into a second place tie with New Westminster with 13 points in league standings.

Sweet revenge for locals

Vernon takes edge off Kamloops A's

Back-to-back road trips it seems don't hurt the winning chances of the Vernon Essos.

This was the case last weekend as the Junior "A" club travelled first to Kelowna on Friday and came home with a 4-1 tie, then Saturday, proceeded to Kamloops and walked over the Rockets by a 9-6 victory.

Both the tie and the win meant much for the local club as it vaulted them into a second place tie with New Westminster Royals who lost a Sunday fixture to league leaders, the Penticton Broncos by a score of 4-1 in the Royal city.

The injury riddled Essos, playing without the services of goalie Jack Gilroy, defencemen Bob Mayer and Ken Pollon and limited to the use of forward Rick Reilly because of an arm infection, kept Kelowna off balance for the major portion of the Friday fixture, coming from behind early in the final period to equal the score for the tie.

Gilroy was unable to make the Kelowna trip because of a severe throat and chest cold. Ken Pollon was out of the line-up because of a leg injury suffered earlier in the season and Mayer was forced to the sidelines because of a leg injury suffered in a practise session last week.

Alexander takes over
With Gilroy out of action, coach Odie Lowe turned to spare goalie Alan Alexander and was rewarded with some fine and sometimes spectacular netminding on the part of the rookie. Alexander was particularly outstanding in view of his stellar performance Thursday night in junior "B" action when he stopped 40 shots fired at him by visiting Kamloops, Kamloops won that game 5-4 with no blame attached to Alexander.

Kelowna also kept Alexander on his toes as he was called upon to set aside 42 shots. Buckaroo coach Don Culley, remarked after the game, he felt the young netminder played an outstanding game.

Wilson scores two
Jeff Wilson led the Vernon attack with a pair of markers, with singles scored by Wayne Dye, his first of the year and by Tom Serviss, who also got his first goal.

All of the Kelowna goals were scored on single efforts by Dave Cousins, Brian Deadmarsh, Gene Carr and Cliff McKay.

Vernon led 2-1 at the end of the first period, but dropped behind in the second frame, letting Kelowna outscore them 3-1, then in the final period Tom Serviss drove in a hard shot from close in for the tie. There were 13 penalties called in the game, five to Vernon and eight to Kelowna.

Kamloops takes lead
In the Saturday match, Kamloops took an early lead on a single effort by Grant Evans but not before Vernon gave the Hub city boys two bad scares.

Junior "A" standings

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Penticton	15	14	1	0	93	43	28
Vernon	12	5	4	3	55	51	13
New Westminster	13	6	1	6	75	13	
Kamloops	13	6	9	0	77	79	12
Victoria	14	3	9	2	51	68	8
Kelowna	13	3	8	2	51	62	8

Note: Above standings do not include Vernon-Kamloops, Nov. 1 game. It is still under protest.

With only five seconds gone in the period, the starting line of Wilson, Rolston and Quechuk had three men breakaway only to be foiled by quick moving netminder Wally Denault. A minute and a half later, the same line swooped in on the Kamloops goalie with Wilson slapping a shot wide of the mark.

At the midway mark of the opening stanza, Serviss and Rolston set the stage for the first of three markers by Wilson.

Rolston made it 2-1 for the Vernon cause, three minutes later only to have the Rockets nullify that one and add one more. Wilson came back into the picture with his second marker to end the period scoring with each team tied at three each.

In the second period, two goals by Serviss and Wil-

son's third of the game put the Vernonites out in front by a single marker with Kamloops threatening with two of their own.

Quechuk blazes

Essos went two goals up on Lawrence Quechuk's blazing drive, three minutes into the final frame. Kamloops came back 33 seconds later for their final goal of the night.

Not to be outdone Rolston and Quechuk both came up with some excellent play-making to knotch a single apiece and to wrap up the game with Vernon well out in front by three big goals.

Jack Gilroy was back in the nets for Vernon Saturday and although obviously still feeling the effects of the cold, played an outstanding game, coming up with several key saves that kept his teammates out of trouble.



Kelowna coach impressed by Alexander

Coach Don Culley of the Kelowna Buckaroos said after the Vernon-Kelowna game Friday, that he was impressed with work of Essos spare goal tender, Alan Alexander. Alexander was called up from junior "B" ranks to fill in for

ailing Jack Gilroy who was kept at home because of a severe cold. Alexander pushed aside 42 shots and was instrumental in salvaging a 4-1 tie with the host club. Pictured above, Alexander goes up on his toe to stop a shot by newly acquired Don Brown of Nanaimo who was playing his first game for the Buckaroos. Also in the picture is Essos captain Tom Serviss (9) and Graham Elliott (2). Referee John Culos is in the background.

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Penticton here Wednesday

Vernon Essos are optimistic of taking the front running Penticton Broncos here at civic arena this Wednesday night, Nov. 29.

Fresh from their week-end win and a tie over Kamloops and Kelowna and their strong showing against the Broncos on Nov. 3, Vernon are determined to topple the somewhat cocky peach city boys off their mighty perch.

Rumor has it from other hockey centres is that if Vernon can play the way they do against other opposition members, they could easily be the team to win over the present leaders.

Essos scoring leaders

Essos scoring leaders to Nov. 25 are as follows:

	G	A	P
Serviss	3	23	26
Wilson	14	10	24
Rolston	11	12	23
Quechuk	9	8	17
Hackman	4	5	9
Williamson	4	3	7
Vachon	2	5	7
Perrepolkin	2	4	6
Marsh	1	3	4
Mayer	2	0	2
Dye	1	1	2

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Eight skaters pass tests

Mrs. H.E. Churchill, test chairman for the Vernon figure skating club, announced today that eight young skaters had successfully passed their preliminary tests.

Examined Sunday, the girls Melanie Munk, Donna Joe, Luane Gordon, Susan Ouchi, Janet Closson, Kathy Creelman, Sherri Wheeler and Darlene Han-net, all passed with flying colors.

They are all pupils of club professional, Miss Carol Stoddard who was pleased with the effort each girl put into her training periods. They all worked hard and are deserving of their passing marks, said Miss Stoddard.

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