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LAWRENCE QUECHUK

... scores four at Penticton.

Stampeders are NOHL leaders

Head of the Lake Stampeders continue to dominate play in the North Okanagan hockey league according to statistics just released by the league.

The Stampeders have yet to lose a game this season, with seven wins and

Willy Wilson of the Stampeders is still holding a narrow edge in the individual scoring race with 15 points on 11 goals and four assists. Close behind Willy is teammate Ron Miciuk with 14 points on 10 goals and four assists.

Two here on weekend

Vernon looking for fifth straight win

Vernon Essos four-game win streak in the last 10 days has certainly raised their chances of at least a playoff spot for the B.C. junior "A" hockey championships next March.

Essos now have a one point edge over Kamloops for second place with a total of 25 points in 22 games played so far this season.

With 18 games left to play in the regular schedule and the fired up way they have displayed their particular talents in the past several games, they stand an excellent chance of taking a major portion of these remaining games.

Stellar performances by veterans Tom Serviss, Tom Williamson and Lawrence Quechuk, particularly in the last two games and the much improved play of rookies Jeff Wilson, Jerry Vachon, Wayne Dye and Larry Hackman has caused every team in the league to sit up and take notice.

Serviss has drawn favorable comment from every official in the B.C. body and there is no doubt he is highly respected by most players, too.

His 15 point splurge since Dec. 16 has raised his year's tally to an impressive 50 and although there are no up to date league statistics available, there is no doubt that he is the present league scoring leader.

Lawrence Quechuk's impressive four goals against Penticton last Friday, certainly proves his value to the team.

Although Williamson was kept off the score sheets because of a six game suspension, this hasn't worried him too much of late. He has come on strong, particularly on Boxing Day when he notched three goals and added two assists against Kamloops.

All of the Vernon squad have played top brand



TOM WILLIAMSON

... a hat trick here.

hockey lately and if they can keep up the pace should prove themselves one of the best teams in B.C. this year.

Their upcoming brace of games this weekend should give local fans a good indication of the kind of team they should see in the playoffs this season.

According to coach Odie Lowe, either a second or fourth place in the semifinals would be more than suitable and then a good series for the finals against probable pennant winning Penticton, would be right down his alley.

Saturday night, Essos play host to fourth place New Westminster Royals and then Sunday afternoon they take on Victoria Cougars.

Most trouble in the two weekend games could come from Victoria as they edged Vernon 5-2 in their last meeting at Victoria three weeks ago and then the same unpredictable Cougars chalked up a 4-3 win over New Westminster last night on their own ice.

Essos record so far this year against the Royals has been good, with three wins and one tie, but at the same time these same

Royals should never be underestimated.

Saturday, Essos meet the Royals in an 8:30 p.m. encounter and then on Sunday Essos take on Victoria in a 2:30 afternoon game.

An added feature to the Saturday game, will see a first for Vernon as a make-up crew of young women take on the All-star pups of the minor hockey association in an exhibition tilt at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, the Essos will open the doors for all children 12 and under for a free game that should add to the excellent fan support the Essos have had so far this season.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Pen---22	18	4	0	36	
Ver---22	11	8	3	25	
Kam---24	12	12	0	24	
NWest22	11	9	2	24	
Vic---24	6	15	3	15	
Kel---20	4	14	2	10	

Homecoming basketball game set

Basketball fans are reminded of the annual homecoming hoop action set for Friday night in the senior high school gymnasium.

There will be two games featured with the stars of yesteryear taking to the floor to meet with the present edition of both the girls and boys senior teams.

The first game will have the Tartans take on former Tartan stars and the second game will see many familiar faces re-appear to the basketball scene when they tangle with the newest boys Panther squad.

First game starts at 7:15 and the second is due at 8:30 p.m. Following the games, a get-together dance will be held with everyone renewing old acquaintances.

Flying fish can attain speeds of more than 35 miles per hour.



Junior "B" squad host coast team tonight

The Vernon Legionnaires, representing "B" class junior hockey in the Valley, will play host to the Nor-Wes Caps of North Vancouver in an exhibition hockey match at Vernon Civic Arena starting at 8 p.m. tonight. The junior coast team are currently making a swing through the Okanagan and it is expected they will give the local squad a good run for their money before moving on to Kelowna Friday. Branch 25, the Royal Canadian Legion of Vernon are sponsors to the local club. Pictured above

is the team posed with the new president-elect of the Legion, Mr. Gordon Kibbler. From the left, standing, Mr. Kibbler, team coach Lou Turcotte, Steve Hubbard, Larry Cadden, Curtis McCallum, Rick Munk, Dave Jones, team captain Pat Murphy, Larry Fisher, Ron Ouchi, Lane Marchand, Jock Worth and Wayne Dye. Kneeling are goalies Pat Thompson and Norbert Sibilleau. Missing from the picture but expected to start in the nets for Vernon is Allan Alexander.

Junior A's bounce Hub city crew 12-7

Vernon 9
Penticton 7
PENTICTON — Vernon Essos more than anything else so far this year, proved one important factor last Friday, that they can win hockey games and against the top team in the league, the Penticton Broncos, and also against questionable refereeing.

Paced by an outstanding four-goal effort on the part of Lawrence Quechuk, Essos served notice on the front-running Broncos, they are the team to watch for in the remaining half of the B.C. junior "A" hockey schedule.

Essos won the game literally in the first period as they withstood some of the harshest refereeing ever witnessed by both local and visiting spectators.

With nine penalties assessed them in the opening period by a referee, Lyle Hanson of Penticton, Essos came through with three sparkling goals, all of them scored while they were a man short.

Hanson had the 500 odd spectators rumbling with disgust as he assessed 13 penalties in the first 20 minutes of the game. Former Penticton Vees star player, Kevin Conway, summed up the feelings of most people on hand when he said simply of the refereeing, "It was lousy."

Other Vernon marksmen for the winning combination were Tom Serviss and Jeff Wilson with two goals and the single added by Keith Rolston.

Before the period ended, Broncos managed to score three times to end the opening stanza at 3-3.

Broncos took a short lived one goalede early in the second period, but a pretty effort by Jeff Wilson tied the game once more at 6:12 of the middle period.

From then on it was all Vernon as they outscored the Broncos 4-1 to take a 7-4 lead going into the final period.

Essos made it 8-4 with only 20 seconds showing on the clock to start the final period, with Lawrence Quechuk, capping his best night of the season with his fourth marker.

Broncos came within one goal as they fired in three straight markers, but Keith Rolston put the game out of reach with the Essos ninth goal with a minute and 20 seconds left in the game.

Gerry Allen, playing his first game of the season in the nets for the Essos, was brilliant as he pushed aside 38 Penticton drives. On the other end of the rink, Bob Belbin had it comparatively easy as he

stopped 17. Vernon had all the drive, but were just not hitting the mark.

Vernon 12
Kamloops 7

In a Boxing Day match at home, Essos put on another top display as they whitewashed the Kamloops Rockets before nearly 1,400 people.

Paced by a three goal effort by Tom Williamson, who also picked up two assists for a five point day, Essos took a 2-0 lead in the first period, led 8-2 in the second and then went on to win 12-7.

It was win all the way for the Essos, as they dominated the play throughout the 60 minute encounter.

They outshot the Rockets 16-4 in the first period, 17-5 in the second and then completely smothered the hapless Hub City crew 23-8 in the final stanza.

Jerry Vachon also shared in point honors for the home squad as he knothed a single goal and assisted on four others.

Jeff Wilson played his usual high standard game, scoring a brace and picking up one assist. Singles for Vernon came off the sticks of Tom Serviss, also with three assists, Wayne Dye, Chris Nelson, Ken Pollon, Keith Rolston and Bob Blanchette.

It was Pollon's bullet-streaked drive at 11:43

Additional SPORT

of the final period that bounced off the head of Rocket goalie Wally Denault and sent him to hospital for several stitches to the left side of the forehead. To that point Denault had pushed aside 43 Vernon shots. Essos spare goalie Gerry Allen was called in to finish the game for Denault and he too was called in to make an additional 13 saves in an attempt to stem the Essos' tide.

Silver Star set for a busy weekend

There is a promise of excellent skiing on Silver Star for the last weekend of 1967.

An early morning report from the Star today, lists almost ideal conditions for the ski enthusiast.

The temperature is 27 degrees with cloudy skies. The road is in good condition and there was a one and a half inch overnight snowfall on a five foot base.

All tows and facilities will be running from 8 a.m. through to 4 p.m. daily until Jan. 1.

Ski film showing set for Friday

A ski film entitled "Rendezvous in the Selkirks" will be shown in the Vernon recreation centre, tomorrow night starting at 8 p.m.

This is another of the many excellent films produced by well known ski film maker, Hans Gmoser and he will be at the auditorium in person to present the action film in color.

The film showing will be followed by a Bavarian style dance.

Next week is registration time for judo

The Vernon Judo Club will be registering new members for judo lessons Jan. 4 at their club rooms in the Japanese Hall on Belavista Road.

All age groups are welcome to take advantage of the early registration and start for a season of excellent physical training and fun.

There are two groups, junior and senior and anyone is welcome to sign up at this time.

Pee Wee schedule

Friday, Dec. 29: 11-12 p.m. — Vernon Sport and Marine and Capitol Tractor, Drills only.

Saturday, Dec. 30: 10-10:50 a.m. — Toppers vs Kiwanis; 10:50-11:45 a.m. — Capitol Tractor vs Archie Fleming; 5:30- 6:30 p.m. — P.W. Rep Practise.

Tuesday, Jan. 2: 5:40-6:40 p.m. — Capitol Tractor vs The Bay.

Thursday, Jan. 4: 5-6 p.m. — Vernon Sport and Marine vs Archie Fleming; 6-7 p.m. — Capitol Tractor vs Kiwanis; 7 p.m.-8 p.m. — The Bay vs Toppers.

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