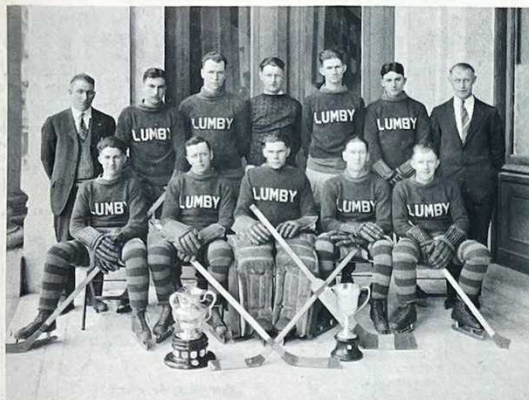


Lumby arena opening revives hockey memories



Intermediate champs of B.C. 1930-31

Lumby has had its proud hockey moments. Recognize any of these champions of B.C. from the 1930-31 era? Some of them are still around. Left to right, back row: J. W. Inglis, C. Bessette, A. Castagnier, C. Copeland, J. Genier, A. Bessette and F. Miller. Front row, left: J. Martin, L. Norris (Captain), C. Norris, P. J. Quesnel and C. Christien.

Okanagan champions 1938-39

Lumby has always been a keen competitive sports town. Do you remember any of these faces? Back row left, C. D. Bloom (Mgr), G. Morrison, N. Bilinski, K. Law, P. Murphy, N. Derry, F. Bennie and G. Milne (trainer). Front row, left, P. Moshewski, E. Quesnel, S. Inglis, R. Morris, H. LaRoche (coach).

Junior 'B' standings

Okanagan Mainline Junior "B" hockey statistics to Dec. 31, 1967.									
	W	L	T	P	PIM	GF	GA		
Penticton	8	1	2	18	264	68	34		
Kamloops	5	3	3	13	209	67	48		
Kelowna	4	6	1	9	145	52	65		
Vernon	2	9	0	4	191	37	77		

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Friday — Vernon 5, Kelowna 9
Saturday — Vernon 5, Kelowna 5

Vernon Essos indifferent two game series with Kelowna over the weekend certainly proved little or nothing to anyone.

However, they were lucky in one respect, while they were practically giving points away to Kelowna, so were their nearest rivals, New Westminster Royals having their share of losses.

An obvious lack of team

spirit has suddenly taken its grip on the Essos. They did manage to blank the Victoria Cougars 3-0 Dec. 31 to end the year on a win note, but even that game was close, as they had to break a scoreless deadlock late in the final period for the victory.

On New Year's day they got off on the wrong foot, letting Kamloops Rockets walk away with an easy 8-5 win and dropping them back to third place behind the same Rockets.

There was no question in

anyone's mind watching the game, that the Essos were slipping. Then Friday at Kelowna, again it was obvious the Vernon squad had lost a desire to win.

In the first period, they outplayed Kelowna almost at every turn, yet two soft goals by the Buckaroos put Vernon on the short end of the score by 2-1.

Early in the middle frame Kelowna came on fast, scoring a brace of quickies within the first three minutes.

Seconds later, Bob Mayer

answered with an unassisted effort only to have that one nullified one minute later. Then it was Lawrence Quechuk's turn. He knotted goal number three, but Kelowna again scored.

It was five goals in four minutes and Kelowna leading by two goals going into the final period.

This period was all Kelowna as the Regatta city boys banged in four more to a pair by Vernon for the one-sided victory. It was Kelowna's fifth straight game without a loss. And

yet they were not that good, Vernon simply was not up to it.

Much the same style of play occurred the next night back in Vernon. Buckaroos scored twice within the first two minutes of the opening period with Essos coming back with four of their own to take a 4-2 lead before the period ended.

In the second period it was all Kelowna as they blanked the Essos with two equalizers of their own for the only scoring of the period.

Midway in the final frame, Vernon came alive again on Tom Serviss's second goal, however Buckaroos proved equal to the task as they came up with tying goal with just over two minutes remaining to split the points.

Although the scoring and the goalie saves were marked down as equal on the score sheet, the big difference was that Kelowna wanted to win and the Essos just didn't seem to care one way or the other.

Amazingly, Essos didn't lose any ground in the league standings, maintaining their third place position, thanks to back to back losses by fourth place New Westminster over the weekend.

Royals travelled to Kamloops Saturday night and lost a third period lead to go down 6-4 at the hands of the Rockets. Then back home Sunday, they took another loss, this time to league leading Penticton Broncos by a score of 4-3.

With the sudden awakening of the Kelowna squad with four wins and two ties in the last six games and Victoria's unpredictable hot and cold streaks (they edged Penticton 4-3 Saturday night at home) anything could happen going into the final stretch for one of the four playoff spots.

Vernon, Kamloops and New Westminster are all within reach of second

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place, but this may not mean too much as both Kelowna and Victoria are beginning to enter the winner's circle more often.

Vernon may have the toughest row to hoe as they are sagging noticeably for want of spirit. Injuries are not helping matters either.

Tom Williamson is almost sure to sit out the remainder of the season with his broken left arm and Ken Pollon is not likely to see much action as his left knee is still giving him trouble. He saw only limited action Saturday night, having to leave the game in the first period, barely able to put his weight on the affected limb.

Ivan Malinosky has returned to the fold and played both weekend games, but he admits himself he is not in shape yet.

Alan Southward has been signed, but he too is out of shape and his starting date is questionable.

Essos have the ability to be a strong contender, but individual and personal desire seems to be their draw-back at the moment.

Standings to Jan. 8/68

	GP	W	L	T	P
Penticton	26	20	6	0	40
Kamloops	27	15	12	0	30
Vernon	27	12	11	4	28
New West	26	12	12	2	26
Kelowna	25	7	14	4	18
Victoria	27	7	16	4	18

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the five lifts, is 4,000 feet long with a 1,000 foot vertical rise. At the present time there is better than five feet of compact base snow with several inches of fresh powder snow to give the skier some of the best skiing thrills in Western Canada.

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