

Crucial game Wednesday

# Vernon fall back to third place

Two teams wound-up their 40 game regular schedule; two others have single games to go and an additional two teams have two games remaining and still the play-off picture is yet to be decided in the B.C. Junior "A" Hockey league.

One would have estimated that in the six games played over the weekend, some sort of play-off pattern would have emerged.

One thing is certain, lea-

gue leading Penticton Broncos are in as are Kamloops Rockets and Vernon Essos.

Penticton sewed up first place some time ago; both Kamloops and Vernon have

played a see-saw battle for second spot with Kelowna Buckaroos and New Westminster Royals fighting for fourth and last position.

Sixth and last place team, Victoria Cougars, although well out of the play-off picture have been acting as

spoilers. They beat New Westminster 7-2 earlier in the week and tied Kelowna 3-3 a week ago Sunday.

In weekend games, Kamloops Rockets moved ahead once more over the Essos with an 8-5 victory over Victoria Cougars Saturday night and a 5-3 win against New Westminster Sunday. Both these games were played in the coast cities.

At the same time the

	GP	W	L	T	P
Penticton	39	29	8	2	60
Kamloops	40	21	19	0	42
Vernon	38	18	16	4	40
Kelowna	40	14	20	6	34
New West	39	15	22	2	32
Victoria	38	10	22	6	26

Vernon Essos narrowly won out over Kelowna by a score of 5-4 and New Westminster were upsetting

Penticton Broncos in the Peach city to a tune of 7-3.

Both Kamloops and Kelowna wound up their regular schedule on the weekend with Penticton due to meet New Westminster Rockets for their final encounter of the season next Saturday.

Vernon and Victoria have a pair of games to go against each other. The first game is here in Vernon on Wednesday Feb. 28,

and then they go back to Victoria on Saturday.

Kamloops' dual win over the weekend vaulted them two points ahead of Vernon to end their season with a total of 42 points.

Kelowna's 5-4 loss to Vernon, at Vernon Saturday night also completed Buckaroos regular schedule and left them with 34 points — two points ahead of the present fifth place New Westminster squad.

Teachers "A" took a 3-0 lead over Okanagan Telephone before the Phones served notice that they were far from finished. They came back with wins of 15-11; 15-11 and 15-3 to force a final game.

Phones took an early lead but Teachers fought back to take the deciding game 15-7 and win the best of seven sets four games to three.

In series B, Lumby forced Kal Terrace to go seven games. Kal took the first game 15-8 but Lumby fought back to win the second 15-12. Kal came back with two victories and led 3-1 in the best of seven sets.

With some fine serving and floor play by John Lewicky, Lumby fought back to

and then allowed Kelowna to blank them with two goals in the final twenty minutes of play for a narrow 5-4 victory for Essos.

A fine three goal effort by Jeff Wilson, with single markers by Dick Marsh and Wayne Dye sparked a five goal splurge up to the midway point of the game before Kelowna were able to hit the score sheet.

Kelowna came back into contention on one of the finest individual efforts ever displayed by a young hockey player.

Son of a former great in professional hockey, "Red" Carr, now living in Nanaimo, Gene Carr scored all four of the Buckaroo markers and almost tied the game with his drives and near misses on several more attempts.

Jack Gilroy in the nets for Vernon, played his usual high standard game, particularly in the final minutes of the match when Vernon eased off on their drives to let Kelowna come in on him almost at will. His key saves most likely saved the day for Essos.

Next, and final home game of the regular season for Essos will be this Wednesday when they play Victoria Cougars in the first game of a home and home series to wrap up the regular schedule for both clubs.

A win for Vernon in both games is all-important if they wish to take over second place from Kamloops Rockets who now hold that spot, two points ahead of Essos. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Essos scoring to Feb. 26:		
	G	A
Serviss	26	57
Wilson	41	35
Rolston	27	41
Quechuk	25	23
Hackman	11	22
Vachon	11	22
Williamson	13	15
Dye	8	15
Mayer	12	9
Blanchette	8	7
Perepolkin	5	10
Marsh	4	9
Malinosky	5	8
Pollon	2	4
Reilly	0	2



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## Additional SPORT

### Events on at recreation centre

A press release dated Feb. 22 from the Vernon Recreation Commission has listed the following points of interest:

Minor Baseball—There will be a minor baseball meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

All parents of children involved in minor baseball are urged to attend as much more adult interest and support is needed for this sport if it is to continue in Vernon.

Lacrosse plans—The Vernon lacrosse executive hosted a meeting a week ago Sunday which was attended by Kamloops, Kelowna and Armstrong. The meeting resulted in formation of The Interior Lacrosse Association.

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