

Game here Sunday

Junior hockey starts playoffs

The fruit of a tough 40 game schedule in the six team B.C. Junior "A" hockey league will come to a head beginning Friday when Vernon Essos take on pennant winning Penticton Broncos in the "A" series of the best of seven semi-final playoff games.

Vernon was relegated to the third place finish by virtue of their win, loss, tie record that wasn't as good as the Kamloops Rockets, although both clubs had finished tied for points in the league standings.

The semi-final pattern as previously mentioned will see Vernon playing Penticton and second place Kamloops taking on fourth place finalists, Kelowna Buckaroos in the "B" series, with this series going on at the same time as the "A" series.

Friday night, Vernon travels to Penticton, then Sunday afternoon they will host the Penticton squad in the second game.

Vernon's chances of taking the powerful Peach city crew could be considered good, although their eight regular game scheduled series did not show Vernon with the advantage, losing six of the eight games and being outscored 49-21 in the goals' department. However, a general feeling in hockey circles throughout the valley indicates that Vernon could conceivably be the team to emerge victorious over the southern squad.

Penticton coach Jack Taggart freely admitted recently that he would have preferred to see Vernon end in second place, indi-

cating he would rather meet them in the final series.

The possibility of the "A" series going seven games as scheduled by the league, indicates the series would not end until March 23, one day before the set deadline.

This will be running things fairly short as the final series, also a best of seven playoffs must be completed by April 10 because three days later the B.C. champions will host the first game of the Western Canada Junior "A" finals against an Alberta team.

If practice sessions this week are any indication, then the local boys will be up for the forthcoming clash because coach Odie Lowe has been putting them through some of the toughest practice sessions they have experienced this season.

Each game will be played to a completion which could include 10 minute overtime periods.

The week-night games have been set by the league to be played starting at 8:30 and Sunday afternoon games will begin at 2:30. The league also has set the uniform admission price that will have adult tickets

for \$1.25, students 75 cents and children 50 cents.

The following is a completed schedule of the semi-final series between Vernon and Penticton:

Friday, March 8—Vernon at Penticton.

Sunday, March 10—Penticton at Vernon.

Tuesday, March 12—Vernon at Penticton.

Friday, March 15—Penticton at Vernon.

Sunday, March 17—Vernon at Penticton.

Wednesday, March 20—Penticton at Vernon.

Saturday, March 23—Vernon at Penticton.

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he hit the last gate of the second run.

Other club members placing well out of the 130 entries were: Susan Keck-

The Silver Star skiers

In junior hockey

Good showing by Vernon scorers

Vernon Essos may be a third place playoff team as far as the rest of the junior hockey league are concerned but they can't hide the fact that Vernon had the best scoring punch as far as individuals were concerned.

Tom Serviss led the league with a superb 90 point total and a top rated rookie by name of Jeff Wilson tallied 80 points to be the second best scorer in the league.

Keith Rolston was no slouch either with his impressive 69 points to place well up in the top 10 league scorers.

The rest of the Essos roster played their part too, particularly the rookies and when the final regular league statistics are released Vernon should show up very well.

Voting on the all star teams and selection of individual honors has been completed but to date no official word has been released from league headquarters in Penticton.

Vernon fans can rest assured some of their favorite hometown boys should be high on the selection lists.

The following is the complete list of goals and assists for each member of the Essos roster for the 1967-68 regular season.

Vernon final point totals:

	G	A	Pts
Serviss	25	65	90
Wilson	44	36	80
Rolston	28	41	69
Quechuk	26	23	49
Hackman	13	24	37
Vachon	11	23	34
Dye	10	20	30
Williamson	13	15	28
Mayer	11	10	21
Malinosky	10	10	20
Blanchette	10	7	17

Perepolkin	5	11	16
Marsh	4	11	15
Pollon	2	4	6
Reilly	0	4	4
Southward	0	3	3
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Nelson	1	0	1

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