



Three Esso hopefuls



GEORGE WATSON

## George Watson named to Nationals squad

For those who feel that minor hockey is a nice pastime for kids who will never amount to anything, take a look at ex-Vernonite George Watson who has just been selected to play with the Canadian National Hockey Team.

Fresh from a rookie training camp that lasted eight days in Winnipeg, he informed The Vernon News that of the 60 boys who tried out for the team, only 12 were selected.

Nationals coach Jackie McLeod and special adviser Father David Bauer, feel a year of experience with the Nationals this year will prepare Watson for the 1970 World Hockey tournament in Winnipeg and also the 1972 Winter Olympics.

For Watson, joining the Nationals involves going to the University of Manitoba and taking part in some of the overseas tours.

Minor hockey fans from a few years back will remember him as a "steady player who just kept digging."

"The last time I played in Vernon," he recalls, "we wound up the B.C. juvenile champions."

He played junior hockey with New Westminster, but returned to Vernon every summer.

"I was quite surprised to be selected," Watson said. "Before the inter-squad game, I was informed that I would probably be going back to UBC. However, after the game, they

felt that I had the potential to work in with the squad this year."

George is 21, single, and tips the scales at 170 pounds. While playing minor hockey he played centre, and was brought

along the ranks by Vernon Coach Odie Lowe.

George Watson's first taste of action with the Canadian Nationals will be next Thursday when the team takes on the Phoenix Road Runners.

## NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

### League has good start

Tuesday night bowling is now in full swing with some new faces in the crowd at Lincoln Lanes.

The Tuesday league line-up is as follows: Genier's TV, Shigs TV, Red Top

Grocery, Safeway, Lincoln Luckies, Lincoln Sports, Superstars, Value, Swingers, The Vikings, Pinheads. Missing from the first night's line-up were four teams: The Bookies, Peters Custom Floors, Lori's Agents, and Safeway.

Newcomers to the league this year are Safeway "A", Safeway "B", The Vikings, Pinheads, and Peters Custom Floors.

The first night's bowling showed some creditable scores:

Men	High	Triple	Single
S. Tabata	744	312	
H. Krantz	667	263	
D. Harding	646	249	

Ladies —  
M. Minty 582 226  
S. Tinkham 573 230

A feature that is becoming more and more popular in recent weeks is the keep fit program for women. Two classes are offered at the Vernon Recreation Centre; one for the working girls, and one for the

## Junior Essos looking sharp

By WES RUSSELL

Decisions . . . decisions . . . decisions . . . and right now, Vernon Essos Coach Odie Lowe has got plenty of them.

Everyday, twice a day, he's got 28 boys working their hearts out at the Vernon Civic arena.

Twenty-eight boys, and only twenty to fill.

And this is the week, that the spots will be filled. Each one of the 28 has a desire to join this year's club, and no one wants to be cut.

This will be Coach Lowe's job. And it will have to be completed by this weekend.

The first match for the 68-69 edition of the Essos will be this coming Sunday as they face the Red Deer Rustlers in an exhibition contest.

Among the imports that will bear watching are Dawson Waite, a smart looking 200-pounder on defence from Powell River. Another fine young defence import is Bobby Craig. He hails from Vancouver.

In the goal-tending divi-

sion it's a real battle between last year's stand-out Jack Gilroy and Allan Alexander. According to the team manager Vern Dye, "They're both working outstandingly, and have so far remained pretty even."

Of the local lads, Bob Mayor is looking great in the defence lineup, while Gerry Vachon has a forward position assured if he keeps up the pace he has been setting.

Bill Tarnow, Don Madison, and Bruce Ritchie are also working out well in their respective positions.

In fact, if I was to go on dropping names, I would end up going through every man on the ice. They're all good.

That's why I don't envy Lowe's job for the next week. It's going to be tough, and there will always be the question in the back of his mind of "should I or shouldn't I."

For my money, the boy to replace Tom Serviss as the real pusher on the team is that big 200 pounder, Dawson Waite.

He would appear at this

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