

Proposed site

Proposed site for the planned Four Seasons Indoor Riding Arena and quarter-mile track is shown in conjunction with the present race-track facilities. The proposed site could possibly be the

Riding arena plan

Race track gets "GO" from Four Seasons

The Four Season Indoor Riding Arena Association gave the green light Wednesday night to plans to erect a 100 by 200 foot structure adjoining the Vernon race track property. The planned building will be located close to the north end of the present track location.

BCJHL figures

SCORING STATISTICS — Games played up to and including Nov. 24, with the exceptions of the Kamloops-Kelowna game played Nov. 8th and the Kamloops-Vernon game played Nov. 22.

	G	A	P	PIM
Ed Hays, Penticton	27	19	46	26
*Laurence Quechuck, Vernon	18	17	35	35
Grant Evans, Victoria	14	14	33	36
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	12	18	20	19
Tom Madden, Penticton	3	25	28	29
Ken Conner, Penticton	10	16	26	23
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	6	20	2	2
Cliff McKay, Kelowna	7	18	25	8
*Gerry Vachon, Vernon	19	5	24	2
Reg Cherenko, Penticton	12	12	24	4
*Wayne Dye, Vernon	9	15	24	53

PENALTIES — Individual: Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna, 69 minutes; Wayne Dye, Vernon, 53 minutes; Gordie Oisinchuk, Kelowna, 53 minutes; Tom Grawley, Penticton, 52 minutes.

GOALIES' AVERAGES

	GP	GA	Ave.
Gary Osborne, Kam./Kel.	3	11	3.7
Ron Graham, Victoria	6	23	3.8
Dave McLelland, Penticton	9	39	4.4
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops	8	36	4.5
Steve McDonald, Penticton	6	27	4.5
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	14	63	4.7
Ed Forslund, Victoria	7	35	5.0
Maurice L'Heureux, N.W.	13	71	5.5
Jack Gilroy, Vernon	9	50	5.5
Al Alexander, Vernon	7	39	5.6
John Bade, Kamloops	5	32	6.4

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Penticton	15	11	4	0	93	66	22
Kelowna	15	6	5	4	70	66	16
Victoria	13	6	5	2	75	58	14
Vernon	16	5	8	3	78	93	13
Kamloops	14	4	7	3	53	76	11
New Westminster	13	4	7	2	61	71	10

With the games not included in the statistics sheet, the team standings would have Penticton in first place, Kelowna second, and Vernon third. The Vernon-Kelowna game which is still under dispute has been shown in the figures as a Kelowna win, but an up-coming official ruling will eventually give the two points to the Esos, so unofficially the locals still remain in second place.

It is also interesting to note that one-time league "bad-boy" Wayne Dye has had no additional penalty time for three weeks, and if the current pace is upheld will soon drop from sight in the "high penalty time" category.

The Vernon Esos tangle with the Victoria Cougars and the New Westminster Royals in Friday and Sunday encounters this weekend.

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BARRY BLAKELY

The newest addition to the Vernon Esos Jr. Hockey Club is Barry Blakely a 160 pound defenceman from Whitehorse Yukon. Last year, Barry saw action throughout the season with the Edmonton Junior Oil Kings of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. He will see action this weekend against the Victoria Cougars and the New Westminster Royals.

In backing up Mr. Skinner's statements, Vic Demetrick added, "he to the topography, outside of the airport, is the best in the area for a complex of this type."

It was also brought forward to the group that the tax assessment of over \$800 would be in effect if the structure was erected on either the Pottery Road or Vernon Riding Club sites as had been earlier proposed by different members of the group.

Included in the Four Seasons plan of development is a 440 yard track for quarter-horse racing. Neither of the other sites had enough room for such a track or for the grandstands needed to accompany it.

The race track sight-hound does have the room, when the home-stretch of the current track is also used as part of the development.

The group was also informed of the fact that the developers of the Kamloops sports complex are eager to see a similar development take place in Vernon. One of the advantages would be the parimutuel racing circuit which would take in Prince George, Kamloops, Vernon, and Princeton at some future date.

In response to the comment on parimutuel racing, the group learned that the Vernon Jockey Club has retained its charter for six days per year of legalized betting on horse races.

Vice-president Russ Postill of the Four Seasons association stated, "Many more people are now concerned as to the proper location of the riding arena than when we first formed our organization. There's plenty of support in the area for the race track scheme from people who don't own a horse, or even ride one."

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Jr. Esos say,

"We're out to get two wins"

Manager Coach Vern Dye has voiced optimistic opinions regarding tonights (Friday) and Sundays contests against the Victoria Cougars and the New Westminster Royals.

"We've beaten the best in the league, and now we're really out to over-take and get for ourselves that first place spot."

Reference to "best in the league" is of course in the Penticton Broncos who just can't seem to make it against the third period power of the Vernon Esos.

The Victoria Cougars, much condemned at the beginning of the season have proved that a sense of good will can win games. However, the gathering of the best in Victoria's case, has only resulted in all the opposition teams working harder to score more goals.

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

In many of the games played to date, Victoria has lost by a narrow margin to teams that were considered inferior.

With this in mind, the Esos are out for sweet revenge against the "general attitude" of the Victoria crew.

With a win tonight over the Cougars, the Esos should have no trouble with the New Westminster Royals.

However, the Royals, like Kelowna, are unpredictable and have pulled some surprise defeats.

It all boils down to the team that has the best conditioning. With the hard workouts the boys have been undergoing, Vern Dye figures his boys have the best chance.

Local fans were highly enthusiastic over the "slow stalking tactic" of the Esos when they met the Kamloops Rockets last weekend. Like the tiger they have adopted as their mascot, the boys waited for the breaks and then struck like lightning to pull the situation into a grand-slam

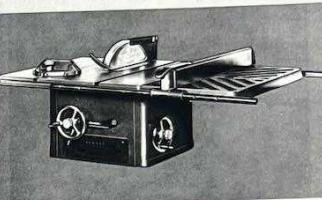
6-4 victory. The Cougars are hoping for a clean sweep as they tour the Valley circuit this weekend. If the Esos have anything to say about it, the sweep will be made with a "bent broom."

As for the Royals, team captain Dick Marsh says, "We'll worry about them when we get them on the ice. Until that time, we've got the Cougars to contend with, and you know what happens when a tiger and a couger are put in the same cage."

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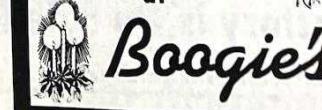


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Ready for the Cougars

Essos goalie Al Alexander shows great form as he drops to block a shot during practice Wednesday night. Alexander has taken over the total goal-tending duties during the recent illness of Jack Gilroy. Backing him up should the need arise will be Junior "B" net-man Ted Adair who

has been showing up admirably in the Essos rough and tumble practices. Game time tonight with the Victoria Cougars is 8:30 p.m. Sunday's encounter with the New Westminster Royals gets underway at 2 p.m.