

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

key to a proposed plan to turn the entire area into a sports complex that would equal the finest in Canada.

Riding arena plan

Race track gets "GO" from Four Seasons

The Four Seasons 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 race track location.

A secret ballot vote was held among the association members following feasibility reports by Gordon Skinner on the race track property, and by Russ Postill on the riding arena property in the Goldstream area. The result of the vote was a unanimous decision for acquiring sufficient property at the north end of the race track on which to erect the proposed building.

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	19	14	33	36
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	12	18	30	19
Tom Madden, Penticton	3	25	28	29
Ken Conner, Penticton	10	16	26	23
Mary Ferg, Kamloops	6	20	26	2
Cliff McKay, Kelowna	7	18	25	2
*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 Osinchuck, Kelowna, 53 minutes; Tom Gawryletz, Penticton, 52 minutes.

GOALIES' AVERAGES

	GP	GA	Ave.
Gary Osborne, Kam./Kel.	3	11	3.7
Ron Grahame, Victoria	6	23	3.8
Dave McLelland, Penticton	9	39	4.4
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 Bader, 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
Vernon	13	6	5	2	75	58	14
Kamloops	14	5	8	3	78	93	13
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 Essos, 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 Essos tangle with the Victoria Cougars and the New Westminster Royals in Friday and Sunday encounters this weekend.

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Jr. Essos say,

"We're out to get two wins"

Manager Coach Vern Dye has voiced optimistic opinions regarding tonight's (Friday) and Sunday's 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 overtake and get for ourselves that first place spot."

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

The Victoria Cougars, much condemned at the beginning of the season, have proved that a bunch of good players 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.

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In many of the games played to date, Victoria has lost by a narrow margin to teams that were considered inferior. "The Essos are out for sweet revenge against the 'general attitude' of the Victoria crew."

With a win tonight over the Cougars, the Essos 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 tactics" of 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. But if the Essos 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 cougar are put in the same cage."

Last chance for bowlers

Only five team spots remain open for bowlers who wish to finish out the remainder of the bowling season at Lincoln Lanes.

All five spots are available on the Monday night league which runs from 9-11 for mixed bowlers.

Co-owner of Lincoln Lanes Al Wiffen recommended that any team wishing to join in the league contact Lincoln Lanes as soon as possible. "The last time we announced openings, we neglected to mention the Monday nights, and all the holes were filled within a day or two," he said.

He also announced that tomorrow is "beat-your-average" day for the youth bowlers, with crests being presented to every bowler who tops his average during the first game of the day.

The YBC will also be holding a "family two-some" tournament during the Christmas Holidays in which father and son and mother and daughter teams will be participating.

Game count on downward bend

Cache Creek checking station figures up to and including Nov. 24, 1968.

Species	1967	1968	Up	Down
Moose	7003	6523	480	858
Deer	3433	2576	857	20
Goat	183	163	20	145
Grizzly Bear	39	58	19	24
Caribou	508	363	145	4
Elk	19	43	24	4
Sheep	63	59	4	363
Black Bear	120	207	87	56
Ducks	649	6056	5407	51
Pheasants	298	242	56	45
Chukar	67	16	51	3005
GROUSE TOTAL	17364	14359	3005	2526
Willow	11858	9332	2526	387
Blue	985	596	387	7
Franklin	3745	3738	7	85
Sharp-tail	776	691	85	10
Wolves	14	24	10	

HUNTERS—	1978	18853	945
Resident	19798	18853	945
Non-Resident	3995	3828	167

Arena closes doors Monday

The Vernon Civic Arena will close its doors to all activities on Monday and Tuesday.

The reason for the closure will be to facilitate the ice-shaving process.

During the CUPE strike, the ice build-up in the arena has reached a depth of nearly six inches which requires the ice-plant to work over-

time to freeze a fresh surface through such a thickness. A thick wall of ice acts somewhat as an insulation, retarding the effectiveness of the ice-making equipment.

The shoving process will take off four to five inches of ice after which, the lines must be repainted, thus necessitating the two-day closure of the building.

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The Kiwanis Club of Vernon is now organizing a Christmas Greetings section to be published in The Vernon News on Dec. 23, 1968. Avoid the expense and bother of sending individual greetings to your friends and neighbors. For a small donation (\$2 minimum), the Kiwanis will publish your greetings in the local paper, and use the balance of your donation for Kiwanis Charities. Drop-off boxes are at the following locations:

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You'll enjoy the Holiday Season more knowing that you have helped the Kiwanis in a worthy cause and haven't missed sending Season's Greetings to your friends in the community.



BARRY BLAKELY

The newest addition to the Vernon Essos 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.

20 in tourney

Twenty Vernon bowlers have entered their names in the 20 game bowling marathon started on "J" Lanes in Salmon Arm Sunday.

Bowling gets underway at 10 a.m. with top prize money of \$170 for the marathon winners.

However, these same people have no interest at all when any other location is mentioned.

A general meeting of association members will be called when the proposed purchased and construction is nearing its start.

Memberships to the Four Seasons Riding Association are now on sale from any association member. The fee is a \$200 share membership which covers all members of the family. After the initial share membership has been received, a token yearly membership fee will be decided upon.

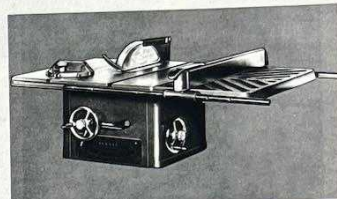
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Ready for the Cougars

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.