

Exhibition hockey

Regina Pats here Jan. 31

Local hockey fans will be in for an extraordinary hockey treat on January 31st and Feb 1st.

The Regina Pats will be touring four of the six teams involved in the BC JHL.

The planned tour will begin at Victoria on January 29 with a game against the Cougars. The team then moves to New Westminster on Jan. 30th for a game against the Royals.

The Pats will come to Vernon for a game on Jan. 31st, then to Kelowna for action on Feb. 1st.

With this in mind, the Junior game slated in the Vernon civic arena for Saturday, Feb. 1 will be changed to Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

This Sunday, however, thoughts of the visiting Regina Pats will be far from the minds of the Vernon Essos as they tangle for the third time in three weeks with the Victoria Cougars. Both previous encounters in this series have resulted in losses for the Essos.

A good crowd is anticipated for the game as the Essos and the Cougars al-

ways provide the finest in Junior hockey competition.

Reports from Victoria indicate that the Cougars have not sold the Essos short after handing out a real drubbing last weekend. The main opinion would appear to be that the Essos had a bad day and didn't quite click when

they should have. Which they feel is rare for the Essos.

In that case, the Cougars will be working harder than ever to provide top calibre competition for the Essos who definitely aren't thinking kindly of the idea of dropping three in a row to the Island crew.

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Essos pursue first place

The hard-working Vernon Essos are now within one point of tying the league leaders, according to the latest BCJHL statistics released today.

In action this weekend, the Victoria Cougars, who are currently tied for first place with Penticton, could conceivably move way out in front if they can bypass the Penticton Broncos Friday and the Kamloops Rockets Sunday.

Victoria will be hosted by the Vernon Essos Saturday night at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Any combination of wins and losses by either Victoria or Penticton and a Saturday win by the Essos could give the Vernon boys sole possession of second place in the BCJHL.

SCORING STATISTICS

Games played up to and including Dec. 8, with the exception of the Kamloops-Kelowna game played Dec. 7.

	G	A	Pts	PIM
Ed Hays, Penticton	28	19	47	36
Grant Evans, Victoria	20	22	42	45
Laurence Quechuck, Vernon	20	20	40	42
Wayne Dye, Vernon	16	17	33	59
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	8	25	33	2
Mick Wilson, New Westminster	15	16	31	16
Gerry Vachon, Vernon	23	7	30	4
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	12	18	30	33
Tom Madden, Penticton	3	26	29	29
Ken Conner, Penticton	10	16	26	23

PENALTIES

Individual—Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna, 69 min.; Bob Craig, Vernon, 66 min." Al Reid, New Westminster, 62 min.

Team—Kelowna, 372 min.; Vernon 360 min.

GOALIES' AVERAGES

	GP	GA	Ave.
Ron Grahame, Victoria	9	28	3.1
Gary Osborne, Kam/Kel	4	15	3.8
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	16	66	4.1
Dave McLelland, Penticton	10	42	4.2
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops	9	40	4.4
Steve McDonald, Penticton	6	27	4.5
Ed Forslund, Victoria	9	44	4.9
John Bade, Kamloops	9	44	4.9
Jack Gilroy, Vernon	11	56	5.1
Al Alexander, Vernon	10	54	5.4
Maurice L'Heureux, New West	18	100	5.5

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Penticton	16	11	5	0	95	69	22
Victoria	18	10	6	2	101	72	22
Vernon	21	9	9	3	101	114	21
Kelowna	18	6	7	5	78	73	17
Kamloops	19	6	8	5	70	92	17
New Westminster	18	5	10	3	75	100	13