

BCJHL stats updated

SCORING STATISTICS—Games played up to and including Jan. 5, with the exception of the Kamloops-Kelowna game played Dec. 7.

	G	A	P	PIM
Ed Hays, Vernon	34	26	60	57
Grant Evans, Victoria	29	26	55	65
*Laurence Quechuck, Vernon	23	26	49	53
*Wayne Dye, Vernon	26	19	45	76
Mick Wilson, N. W.	24	21	45	28
*Gerry Vachon, Vernon	27	15	42	4
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	11	31	42	2
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	16	23	39	35
Adrian Blais, Victoria	16	20	36	69
Al Knight, N. W.	16	20	36	22

PEANALTIES — Individual: Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna, 109 minutes; Larry Morrey, Kamloops, 81 minutes. Team: Kelowna, 500 minutes; Victoria, 484 minutes.

GOALIES' AVERAGES

	GP	GA	Ave.
Ron Grahame, Victoria	14	45	3.20
Dave McLelland, Penticton	18	75	4.17
Gary Osborne, Kelowna	7	30	4.28
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	20	86	4.30
Steve McDonald, Penticton	6	27	4.50
Ed Forslund, Victoria	11	51	4.64
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops	11	52	4.72
Al Alexander, Vernon	12	57	4.75
John Bake, Kamloops	14	68	4.86
Jack Gilroy, Vernon	17	83	4.88
Maurice L'Heureux, N.W.	22	116	5.27
Bruce Dowad, N.W.	3	17	5.66

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Victoria	25	15	6	4	101	72	34
Penticton	24	14	7	3	95	69	31
Vernon	29	13	11	5	101	114	31
Kelowna	25	9	11	5	78	73	23
Kamloops	26	7	14	5	70	92	19
New West.	25	6	15	4	75	100	16

Essos clash with Kelowna

Tomorrow night a win for the Vernon Essos over the Kelowna Buckaroos could be one of the biggest of the season.

A win in the game which

Corporals outrank Constables

The corporals licked the constables in the Vernon playdown of the Associated Police Curling Bonspiel at the Vernon Curling Rink Wednesday.

The North Okanagan rink composed of Corporals Wayne MacCarthy of Enderby, skip; Fred Zaharia of Armstrong, third; John Wolsey of Vernon, second; and Al Hawkins of Falkland, lead; defeated the "rabble" rink of Constables Orest Lukash, skip; Don Woods, third; Ernie Welter, second; and Ron de Roon, lead, all of Vernon.

Cpl. MacCarthy's winning rink will compete in the Kamloops Curling Rink Jan. 20, 21 for the zone playdowns for the Kamloops area.

will be played in Kelowna could give the Essos undisputed possession of second place and set the stage for the games to be played in Victoria and New Westminster on the following weekend.

Manager Vern Dye dismissed Sunday's 5-5 tie with Penticton as a result of being over-tired from a strenuous holiday schedule and went on to emphasize the fact that the boys are really "up" for tomorrow night's meeting at the Kelowna Arena.

With the return to University of Jeff Wilson, Wayne Dye will once again fall heir to the choice centre spot and is expected to really hit his stride in the league scoring race over the next two weeks.

Notable improvements have been observed in the performances of Jack Marsh, Bob Blanchette, Gordie Merritt, Don Manson and Jim Inglis.

The off-beat skating style of defenceman Barry Bleakley is also being used to bolster the Essos defensive lineup to a great degree.

Coach Odie Lowe commented, "the Kelowna

Buckaroos are no push-overs, but the boys are eager for action, and tomorrow night's game should be a real dandy."

"We hope a good number of Vernon fans will make the trip to Kelowna to cheer on the boys in the manner they've been getting cheered at home."

The current second place holders, the Penticton Broncos see action three times over the weekend, however two of the games are against fired-up coastal

squads. The Broncos go against the Victoria Cougars Saturday and the New Westminster Royals Sunday.

The Royals have lately been blasting away the opposition with a surprise series of wins.

When the Essos travel to the Coast next weekend it will be with the grim determination to come away with two wins to pave the way into a position in the playoffs.

Kokanee Swim Club
BOTTLE DRIVE
SAT., JAN. 11th
9 - 12 a.m.

*Proceeds Towards Travelling
and Equipment Expenses*

Additional

SPORT

Exhibition hockey

*Japanese Nats
play Broncos*

At 10:10 a.m. on Jan. 30 a special cargo will arrive by air at the Penticton airport.

The 20-man Japanese National Hockey team will arrive to play its only encounter in the Okanagan Valley against the Penticton Broncos of the BCJHL.

Ranging in age from 18 to 30, the visiting team features four players from the Japanese major league, as well as several members who have seen extensive hockey action in North America.

Former U.S. National team goalie Thomas Haugh is a 25-year-old American citizen who went to Japan in 1968. His backup man in the nets is Misawa, a 19-year-old native of Japan.

On the forward line, Wakabayashi, has four years experience of North American hockey from attending Michigan State University, where he was named the most valuable player.

Teammate Iwamoto is 26 years old and played in World Tournament and Olympics in '62, '64, '66 and '68.

Yamazaki is also no stranger to Canada as he played last year in the CHA organization.

Coached by Father Robert Moran, the Japanese National team will arrive in Penticton two days after a game in Prince George against the Mohawks.

A full crowd is anticipated for this game in the Penticton Arena, as the Broncos try their hand at Olympic-style hockey.

It is not known yet if Penticton coach Jack Tag-

gart will bolster his team's roster with players from any of the other teams in the BCJHL for this exhibition contest.

Tickets are available throughout the Valley for people outside Penticton who would like to see the game which gets under way at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 30.

In Vernon, 150 tickets will be on sale at Ernie's Esso Service.

**Bear cubs
bound for
Europe**

Peace on Earth, Good will to all men. And throw in a couple of bear cubs delivered free of charge to a zoo in a Communist country.

It wasn't exactly planned that way, but that's how it worked out and everyone is presumably most happy about the whole affair.

During September, the Okanagan Game Farm found it had an excess of bear cubs.

Alitalia Air Lines offered to fly them to a zoo in Rome, but their flights do not accommodate the west coast of Canada.

Dr. Claus C. Mueller, scientific director of Regional Game Farm, wrote to a zoo in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia under the direction of Professor J. Kaluza. The return letter stated an interest in young bears, but noted the distance between the two countries presented a problem.

Air Canada came to the rescue and agreed to trans-

**Five men
committed
to trial**

Five of six Vernon area men, charged jointly with criminal assault, were committed to stand trial following a hearing here Wednesday.

Gary Bonneau, 18; Terry Joseph Jack, 22; Percy Pierre Wilson, 28; Lloyd David Wilson, 32; William Wilson, 28 and Richard Mathew Louis, 27; charged with committing assault on a 16-year-old girl from Endersby area, appeared before Magistrate Frank Smith in Magistrate's Court.

At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, the magistrate committed all but Lloyd David Wilson to stand trial.

RCMP said the offense was alleged to have occurred in the Irish Creek area, near Vernon, during the early hours of Nov. 9.

Brian Weddell of Kelowna was Crown counsel. Jack Davis of Vernon represented the accused.

**Robinson
tourney
champion**

Monday night was the grand finale to 15 big weeks of computerized boxing on radio station CKXR in Salmon Arm.

The series, which featured the all-time great middleweights of the world in a round-robin single-knockout tournament wound up as many people felt that it would.

Sugar Ray Robinson emerged the victor over Stan Ketchell in the final match.

However, as the statistics emerged from the computers, the match was a close affair which went the full 15 rounds and saw Robinson outpoint Ketchell by a narrow margin of 147 to 139.