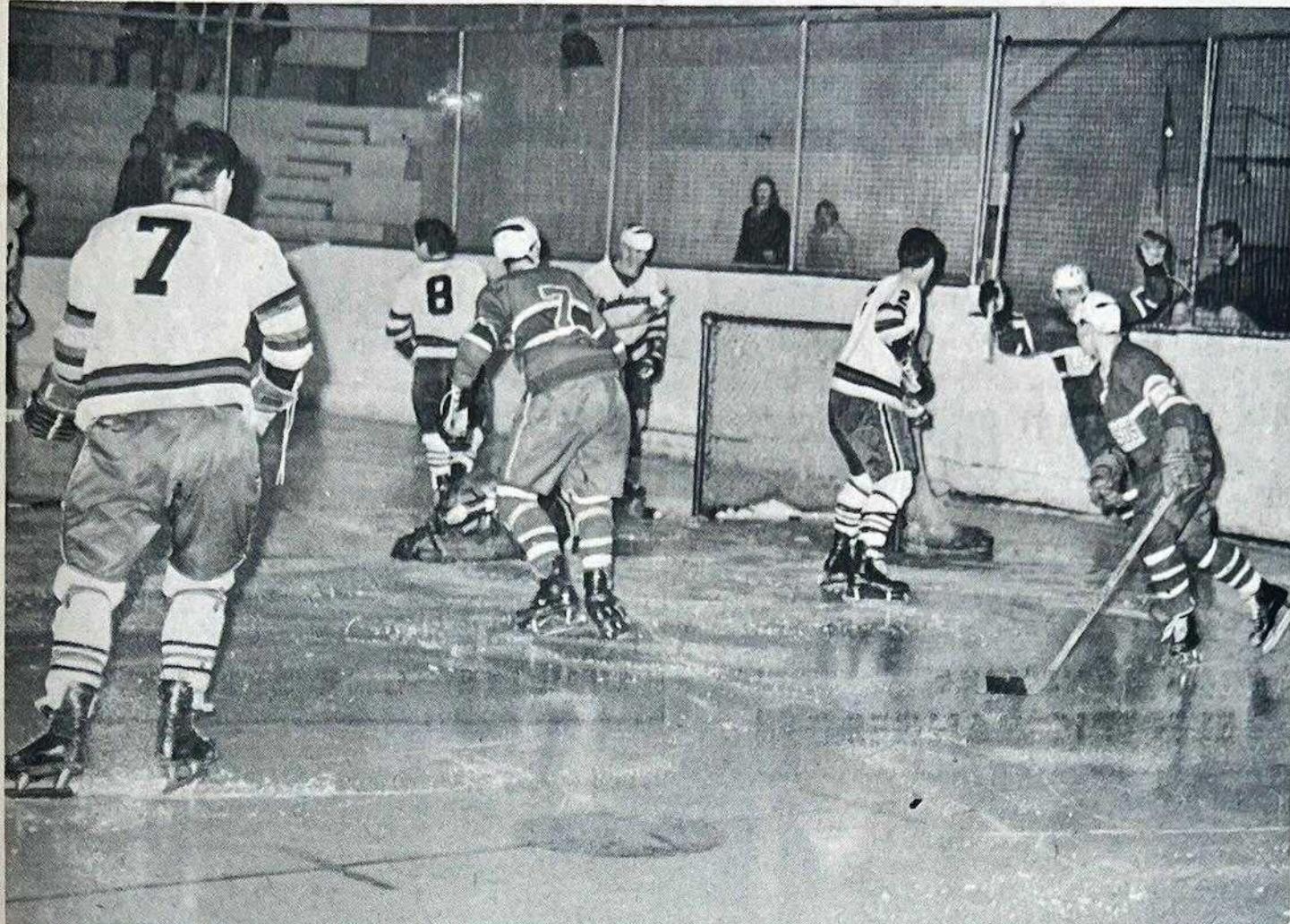


## On the slopes

Perched high above the clouds on Silver Star, 18-year-old Nancy Foord pauses momentarily before making the descent down the crisp slopes.

Skiers have been flocking to the local slopes by the hundreds every weekend to participate in Canada's fastest growing winter sport.



### He shoots... he scores!

Don Manson (number 7) got himself back on the scoring list after several games in which he picked up assists only. Here he handily beats Kelowna's Ron Pyle as he lifts the puck over the prostrate goalie to give the Essos a 3-1 edge during the game which was played in Kelowna on Friday

night. Manson, who comes from Revelstoke has impressed coach Odie Lowe with his steadiness on the line. His long record of assists makes him notable for his ability to set up the play around the opposition net.

## BCJHL action

# Essos draw with Bucks

The Vernon Essos took the lead and hung on for a 4-4 tie against a free wheel-

ing team of Kelowna Buckaroos in Kelowna on Friday night.

The game which featured very few penalties saw the Essos take a 1-0 lead at 17:10 of the first period, when Bob Mayer scored from Lawrence Quechuck.

The lead was shortlived as the Buckaroos came back to tie the game 1-1 at 18:35.

Don Manson opened up the scoring again for the visiting Essos as he made no mistake in beating Ron Pyle in the Kelowna nets at the 25 second mark of the second period. His score came off a booming rebound by Wayne Dye.

Lawrence Quechuck got on the band wagon at 3:03 when he took a pass from Bob Blanchette and scored from the point to give the Essos a 3-1 lead over the fourth place Buckaroos.

Throughout the game, the play raced from end to end as both teams repeatedly rallied to rush the opposition goal. At 4:44, the Buckaroos got back in the picture when Carignan scored to make the score 3-2.

Dawson Waite of the Vernon defensive line picked up the fourth tally for the Essos when he blazed one home from the point. Assists on Waite's goal were awarded to Wayne Dye and Bob Craig.

As the teams came on to the ice for action in the third period, the Kelowna Buckaroos, spurred on by a home-town crowd, rallied to score at 2:47 when Lenarduzzi was able to beat Gilroy on a deflected screen shot.

For the Buckaroos, the big moment of the night

arrived at 13:07 of the third period when Gene Carr scored the tieing goal.

It was a tough night for the goaltenders as Jack Gilroy was called upon to make 42 stops in the Vernon nets while Ron Pyle handled 45 for Kelowna.

The Essos picked up 2 of the 7 penalties handed out by referee Mike Durbin. The game also showed a distinct mood change by the Essos as they soaked up a lot of punishment along the boards yet showed no real inclination to retaliate.

Jim Inglis was the victim of a vicious cross-check by Dave Yarocki at the 11 minute mark of the first period. The result being that Inglis was on the bench throughout most of the rest of the game.

Dawson Waite also fell victim to a cross-check which flung him headlong into the boards at the half-way mark of the second period. Kelowna's Lenarduzzi was awarded a minor penalty for his part in the incident, but showed a lot of caution throughout the remainder of the game regarding playing deep in Vernon territory whenever Waite was on the ice.

The game which was played before just over 700 fans in the Kelowna arena featured hard checking and fast skating as well as some brilliant saves from both goaltenders.

The Essos next game takes them to Victoria for action this Saturday, Jan. 18. They then move on to New Westminster to take on the currently "red-hot" Royals on Sunday, Jan. 19.

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