

1200 watch as

Vernon dumps Kelowna 5-3

The Vernon Essos maintained their hold on second place Saturday night with a 5-3 victory over the Kelowna Buckaroos.

The game was played in the Vernon Civic Arena before 1,200 fans who really got their money's worth as Vernon took a 3-1 edge in the first period, held on to a 3-2 lead in the second and moved on to gain the victory with two more goals in the third period.

The game opened up quickly for the Essos as they pressed the advantage from the opening face-off and succeeded in beating Ron Pyle in the Kelowna nets at 5:05 and 5:20 of the first period. The first goal was scored by high-flying Vernon ace Wayne Dye with Bob Craig picking up the assist.

Don Manson picked up a well deserved point when he scored the second goal with the assist being awarded to Wayne Dye.

At 14:59, the Kelowna Buckaroos hit the score-

board for the first time as Gene Carr scored from Ken Phillip.

Lawrence Quechuck rounded out the first period

scoring at 18:10 when he knocked home a pass from Gerry Vachon.

The second period action

became tight when Gene Carr poked home his sec-

ond goal of the evening at

3:55.

The goal judge declared that the puck had hit the inside of the goal post before bouncing back out. Vernon goaltender Al Alexander claimed that the puck had never crossed the line into the goal at all and backed up his actions by spearing the goal judge with the butt end of his stick. For this Alexander was given a 10 minute misconduct penalty which was served by forward Jack Marsh.

That ended the scoring in the second period but set the stage for some rugged action that saw body checks flying thick and fast on both sides.

The Buckaroos came on strong in the first few minutes of the third period and even managed to tie the score 3-3 at the 56-second mark.

However at 1:16 Gerry Gachon went all the way for the Essos and regained the lead with an unassisted goal.

Wayne Dye picked up his

second goal of the night just four minutes later as he

slammed home the final 5-3

score at 5:15.

Besides Alexander's 10-

minute misconduct, Ref-

eree Poggemiller also

handed out a 10 minute stint

to Kelowna's Pat MacMa-

hon for disputing too long

and too loud a penalty call-

ed against one of his team-

mates.

In gaining the win, Al

Alexander of Vernon block-

ed 41 shots while loser Ron

Pyle also did a full nights

work in handling 43 Vernon

attempts.

The Essos now have a full

two-week rest period be-

fore travelling to Penticton

for the first game of a

home-and-home series on

Feb. 15.

The second game in the

series will be played in

Vernon on Sunday, Feb.

16 at 8 p.m. and is expect-

ed to draw a full house from

the Winter Carnival vis-

itors.

Quechuck ace

Key League scoring statistics to and including Jan. 25:

	G	A	Pts	PIM
....	41	35	76	61
....	35	28	63	77
....	30	22	52	82
....	24	28	52	59
....	14	37	51	2
....	25	23	48	32
....	28	17	45	6
....	19	26	45	35
....	23	19	42	4
....	18	24	42	24

Dye, Quechuck tie in race

B.C. Junior "A" Hockey League scoring statistics — Games played up to and including Jan. 25:

	G	A	Pts	PIM
Ed Hays, Penticton	41	35	76	61
Grant Evans, Victoria	35	28	63	77
Wayne Dye, Vernon	30	22	52	82
Lawrence Quechuck, Vernon	24	28	52	59
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	14	37	51	2
Mick Wilson, New Westminster .	25	23	48	32
Gerry Vachon, Vernon	28	17	45	6
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	19	26	45	35
Reg Cherenko, Penticton	23	19	42	4
Al Knight, New West	18	24	42	24
Adrian Blais, Victoria	16	24	40	77

Penalties — Individual — Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna, 153 mins.; Larry Morrey, Kamloops, 96 mins. Team — Kelowna, 601 mins.; Victoria, 554 mins.; Kamloops 535 mins.

Goalies' Averages — 10 games or more played:

	G	GA	Ave
Ron Grahame, Victoria	18	59	3.28
Dave McLlland, Penticton	24	97	4.04
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	25	103	4.12
Al Alexander, Vernon	15	69	4.6
John Bade, Kamloops	19	90	4.74
Jack Gilroy, Vernon	18	88	4.89
Ed Forslund, Victoria	13	64	4.92
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops	12	59	4.92
Maurice L'Heureux, New West	28	140	5.0

League Standing	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Penticton	30	18	9	3	160	124	39
Victoria	31	15	10	6	161	123	36
Vernon	33	15	12	6	155	161	36
Kelowna	31	13	11	7	139	133	33
Kamloops	32	8	17	7	108	152	23
New West	31	8	18	5	127	157	21

Note: Revised to include disputed game between Penticton-Kelowna Jan. 1. Kelowna receives win and two points. Penticton loses two points.