

# Tight race in junior hockey

As the British Columbia Junior Hockey League regular schedule draws to a close, a tight race would appear to be shaping up in the top four spots.

With only four points separating first and fourth positions, the league championship is still a wide-open door.

The Vernon Essos having played more games than any other team in the top four must do their best to stamp out all opposition in the five remaining games they have left to play. The next home game for the Essos will be on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Vernon Civic Arena.

STANDINGS	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Penticton . . . . .	31	18	10	3	164	129	39
Victoria . . . . .	32	16	10	6	168	126	38
Vernon . . . . .	34	16	12	6	160	164	38
Kelowna . . . . .	33	14	12	7	147	142	35
Kamloops . . . . .	34	8	18	8	115	163	24
New Westminster .	32	8	18	6	131	161	22

SCORING STATISTICS	G	A	Pts	PIM
Ed Hays, Penticton . . . . .	44	35	79	61
Grant Evans, Victoria . . . . .	37	28	65	81
Wayne Dye, Vernon . . . . .	32	23	55	82
Lawrence Quechuck, Vernon . .	25	28	53	59
Marv Ferg, Kamloops . . . . .	14	38	52	2
Mick Wilson, New West . . . . .	26	24	50	32
Gerry Vachon, Vernon . . . . .	29	18	47	8
Pat McMahon, Kelowna . . . . .	20	27	47	47
Reg Cherenko, Penticton . . . . .	23	21	44	6
Al Knight, New West . . . . .	18	24	42	24
Adrian Blais, Victoria . . . . .	17	25	42	79

Penalties — Individual — Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna 159 mins.; Larry Morrey, Kamloops 91 mins. Team — Kelowna, 647 mins.; Victoria, 569 mins.; Kamloops, 557 mins.

Goalies' Averages — Based on 10 games or more:

	G	GA	Ave
Ron Grahame, Victoria . . . . .	19	62	3.26
Dave McLelland, Penticton . . . . .	25	102	4.08
Ron Pyle, Kelowna . . . . .	27	112	4.15
Al Alexander, Vernon . . . . .	16	72	4.50
John Bade, Kamloops . . . . .	20	97	4.85
Jack Gilroy, Vernon . . . . .	18	88	4.89
Ed Forslund, Victoria . . . . .	13	64	4.92
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops . . . . .	13	63	4.85
Maurice L'Heureux, New West . .	29	144	4.97