

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