

Jr. Game here Friday

Locals mash Kelowna 6-1; hope for same with Vic.

Vernon Essos made it look easy and for that matter it was easy as they took good measure of Kelowna Buckaroos to the tune of 6-1 in regular B. C. junior A hockey league action at the Civic Arena Tuesday night.

Playing before one of the smallest crowds so far in the young season, just under 700 people, Essos came on strong in the first period to blank the struggling Buckaroos 3-0, then held the visitors scoreless in the middle frame while knotching a couple of more for themselves.

In the third period, Essos eased up somewhat and allowed the visitors to match them with single goals to round out the game scoring.

Rookie Bruce Ritchie, a Salmon Arm stalwart, paced the winners with a pair of markers while singles came off the sticks of league leaders, Jack Marsh, John Price and Don Manson.

The other goal for Vernon was added by newcomer Gordon Osinishuk.

Kelowna's lone tally came near the mid-point of the final period on two-way play by Ross Peck and Ken Philips who got around the Vernon defence at the blue line and moved in on goalie Gordon McIntosh

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with Peck easily flipping the rubber into the net. The tale of the game is better told with the shots on goal tally included. Ver-

non showed by far the superior play as they zoomed in on Kelowna goalie 42 times other than their six scoring trips. By comparison, Buckaroos only managed 22 tries at McIntosh, one of them succeeding.

In the penalty department, Vernon also took the easy lead as they picked up seven of the 11 penalties,

six of them assessed in the second period and the other in the final stanza. Kelowna picked up all four of their offences in the middle period with neither team getting the nod in the opening 20 minutes of play.

Big test for the Essos and what could set the pattern for the league standings over the next several weeks come this Friday at the Civic Arena as the Vernon club play host to their second place neighbors, Victoria Cougars.

For the Cougars it will be the first of a three game weekend swing into the Okanagan. Saturday they move

into Kelowna and then Sunday work their way home by stopping at Kamloops for an afternoon game.

For the Essos the Friday game is listed as a must on the win column and hope Kelowna can come through with the same tally.

A tie with Kamloops by the Victoria club would then suit the Essos just fine and keep them in second place and not too far behind league leading Kamloops.

Game time here at Civic Arena for the Friday night fixture has been set back to 9 p.m. to allow for late shoppers and business people to attend.



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Jr. A standings

Marsh-Price-Manson lead scoring stats

Vernon Esso climbed within three points of league leading Kamloops Rockets, moved from fourth place to second spot and now share that space with Victoria Cougars and it was all done on their 6-1 shellacking of lowly Kelowna Buckaroos at the Civic Arena Tuesday night. The win also jumped them one point ahead of Penticton Broncos who hold fourth position.

Vernon's record now stands at four wins, two losses and one tie for nine points, identical to the Cougars record.

Kamloops hold the top spot with six wins and one loss for 12 points.

Most pleasing aspect of it all is that at the moment there are three Essos holding the top places in the individual scoring race.

Jack Marsh heads the league list with a 10 goal, four assist tally for 14 points, while John Price and Don Manson are one point behind Jack with 13. Price has the better record with five goals and eight assists while Manson has scored four times and picked up nine assists.

Another distinctive aspect to the Vernon showing in the league is that they have scored more goals than anyone else and are second only to Kamloops by four goals in goals against tallies.

Vernon goals against average is a mere 3.10 with Kamloops showing a 2.57.

Essos also lead in the penalty minute total with 178 with New Westminster in second place with 159 minutes.

B. C. Jr. A Hockey Standings Scoring Statistics

Games played up to and including Oct. 28, 1969

LEAGUE STANDING	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops	7	6	1	0	32	18	12
Vernon	7	4	2	1	37	22	9
Victoria	7	4	2	1	29	23	9
Penticton	8	4	4	0	29	28	8
Vancouver	8	2	3	3	34	33	7
Kelowna	7	3	4	0	35	38	6
New Westminster	8	0	7	1	24	58	1

SCORING STATISTICS	G	A	Pts	PIM
Jack Marsh, Vernon	10	4	14	9
John Price, Vernon	5	8	13	13
Don Manson, Vernon	4	9	13	13
Ted Plowe, Victoria	7	5	12	6
Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna	5	7	12	10
Wayne Dye, Vernon	5	6	11	12
Cliff McKay, Kelowna	5	6	11	2
Neil Murphy, Vancouver	6	4	10	14
Fred Lawless, Vancouver	4	6	10	2
Don Oulton, Kamloops	3	7	10	6

GOAL AVERAGES (Team)	P	GA	Ave
Kamloops	7	18	2.57
Vernon	7	22	3.10
Victoria	7	23	3.29
Penticton	8	28	3.50
Vancouver	8	33	4.13
Kelowna	7	38	5.43
New Westminster	8	58	7.25

PENALTIES
Individual—Mike Hughes, New Westminster, 42 mins.; Gerry Bond, Victoria, 26 mins.
Team — Vernon, 178 mins.; New Westminster, 159 mins.

Prairie boys here

Junior A club bolsters roster

Uppermost in the minds of the Vernon Essos junior hockey club management this season is for the club to emerge as B.C. champions.

Towards that goal, the

never ending search for a winning combination continues and the appearance of Gordon Osinichuk from Kelowna in Tuesday night's game plus the arrival of two prairie players Wednesday morning seems to bear out that theory.

The new prospects, defenceman Richard "Rick" Labbe, 18, of Edmonton and goalie Roger, "Frenchy" Roy, also 18, from Delmas, Sask., are former juvenile stars in the Edmonton city, 12-team league that has produced some of the best junior A stars on record.

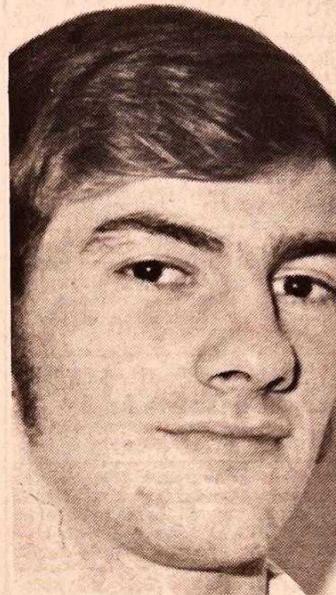
Both boys played for the Knights of Columbus, Centennial team for the past two years and just recently completed a rigorous training course under Terry Harper of NHL fame at his well known hockey school at St. Paul near Edmonton.

Labbe is a native of Winnipeg but has lived in Edmonton area for the past 13 years and has played all of his hockey there.

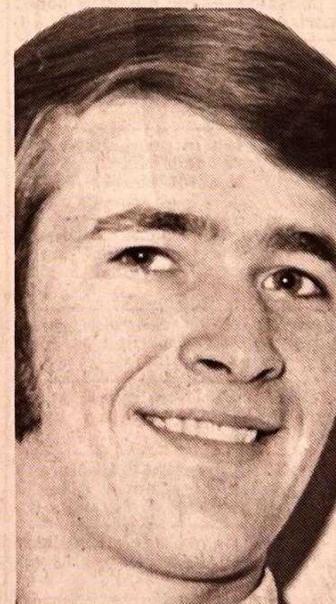
Roy was born and raised in Delmas and is of French-Canadian heritage. His hockey background consists mainly of high school and commercial league action before moving on to college in Edmonton two years ago.

Earlier this year Roy turned down an offer to try out with the Edmonton Oil Kings. "I didn't feel I was quite ready for them," he said in an interview Wednesday afternoon.

Essos manager Vern Dye told The Vernon News the new boys would be given a good chance to make the team and if coach Odie Lowe felt they were fit, could possibly see action against Victoria Friday night.



RICHARD LABBE
... husky defender.



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Now girls, the name of the game is hockey

Would you believe . . . 40 young ladies, ages 13 to 16 set their alarm clocks for 5 a.m. last Friday and were waiting in line for the doors to open at the Vernon civic arena an hour later to begin hockey lessons, female style. Popularity of the game has spread and now the excitement of being part of this National sport has reached the fair sex. The girls, members of Seaton and Fulton junior secondary

schools in Vernon turned out enmasse, 60 in all registered, to take part in a series of practises and later will be formed into teams for regular league action. In the photo, well known Vernon recreation buff and parent of one of the girls, Les York, helps to get the girls organized and is observed giving them a pep talk prior to their first practise session. Activity resumes tomorrow morning at the same time, 6 a.m. sharp.