



Pinaus whopper

Conservation Officer Allan Frisby, of the Vernon area took what he called a busman's holiday for three days early this week and went fishing. Resulting reward he and companion Stan Stadyk came up with was limits on Rainbow trout caught from Pinaus Lake, with an 11 pound, 27 inch long beauty topping the 24 fish caught. Resort owner, Mr. Stadyk said the whopper was the largest ever recorded from the depths of the mountain lake, which is located South of Falkland. Mr. Frisby reported the fishing was good but cautioned anyone going up to the higher level lakes, that ice is now forming and walking or using machines on the surface is out of the question. "Pinaus was covered mostly with slush ice with open spots near the shore. We stayed on the bank and did all of our fishing from there, fly casting into these open areas," said the well known conservationist.

Vancouver and Victoria coming

Two games on tap here in Junior A hockey

Vernon hockey fans are in store for a big weekend of action as the junior A Essos play host to a pair of Coast teams.

Saturday night, the locals take on Vancouver Centennials currently sharing second spot with Kamloops Rockets and then a rare Sunday night feature will see the Essos play host to the league leading Victoria Cougars.

Saturday night the home crew will be out with a vengeance as they hope to recoup their 5-1 loss to the Vancouver team suffered last weekend at Kerrisdale Arena. Game time will be the regular 8:30 p.m. starting slot.

In the Sunday night fixture, Vernon hopes to continue where they left off last time the two clubs met at Victoria when the Essos came from behind to win a thrilling 5-3 encounter before 2,100 Island fans.

Fans are reminded the Sunday game will be starting at 7:30 p.m. and not at the regular 2 p.m. time normally played here.

Essos manager Vern Dye, told The Vernon News, main reason for the change of the Sunday time was to accommodate the Victoria club who must play a home game Saturday night then bus their way to the Okanagan early Sunday morning.

Added features of both games will see special program prize draw giving away Christmas Turkeys along with the regular game night draws.

Also worthy of note is the suit of the month draw with some lucky ticket holder being given a \$100 value suit.

An extra special treat is also in store Sunday as Vernon Figure Skating club professional, Miss Kathy Rutledge, will go through several dazzling routines that

won her acclaim in both Eastern Canada and the United States.

On the more serious side, it will be games number 22 and 23 for the Essos this season and with 12 wins, eight losses and one tie for 25 points and fourth place in the league standings, they will be out to insure they don't lose

any more valuable points in their drive for the league and Provincial championships.

Also, with six Vernon players now featured in the top 15 league point getters, and several more with reaching distance of that high bracket, fans are assured of some excellent hockey action throughout both games.

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Vernon players up in standings

B. C. Junior Hockey League standings to Dec. 14 show Vernon players still dominating the individual ratings with six Esso players listed in the top 15 players.

Jack Marsh, on the basis of his three goal effort in New Westminster last weekend has now moved to the top of the goal scoring ladder along with Victoria's Scott Munro with both boys notching 19 goals so far this season.

Marsh really should be given credit for being on the top rung alone as Vernon have only played 21 games as compared to 26 played by Victoria.

No doubt Marsh will have increased his impressive showing by the time another five games have been played.

Esso captain, Bob Mayer is also a leader in his own right as he shares top place in the assist department with 22 along with Bruce Cowick of the Cougars.

In over-all standings individually, Vernon's Wayne Dye leads his club with 31 points on 17 goals and 14 assists and stands in fourth place, four points behind league leader Bruce Cowick of Victoria.

Team standings also show Vernon holding their own in fourth as they have six games in hand over second place Vancouver (they share second with Kamloops) and the Essos have a mere five points to catch up.

Vernon goalies are also working hard to maintain a good goals against average with Gordon Mackintosh and Gary Osborne sharing net duties.

In total games played so far, the pair share third spot in the league with an excellent 3.55 average.

B.C. Junior "A" Hockey League Scoring Statistics—Games played up to and including Dec. 14.

LEAGUE STANDING:

| GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Victoria | 26 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 117 | 87 | 35 |
| Kamloops | 21 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 80 | 64 | 30 |
| Vancouver | 27 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 114 | 96 | 30 |
| Vernon | 21 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 104 | 71 | 25 |
| Penticton | 21 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 87 | 81 | 22 |
| Kelowna | 22 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 100 | 109 | 19 |
| New West. | 26 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 73 | 173 | 3 |

PLAYER

| PLAYER | G | A | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Bruce Cowick, Vic. | 13 | 22 | 35 |
| Ted Plowe, Vic. | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| Ken Phillip, Kel. | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| Wayne Dye, Ver. | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| Bob Mayer, Ver. | 8 | 22 | 30 |
| Scott Munro, Vic. | 19 | 10 | 29 |
| Neil Murphy, Van. | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| Cliff McKay, Kel. | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| Don Manson, Ver. | 11 | 17 | 28 |
| Jack Marsh, Ver. | 19 | 8 | 27 |
| Grant Williams, N.W. | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| Lawrence Quechuk, Ver. | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| John Price, Ver. | 9 | 17 | 26 |
| Mike Andruff, N.W. | 12 | 14 | 26 |
| Rob Little, Vic. | 4 | 22 | 26 |

GOAL AVERAGES Team

| Team | G | GA | GA |
|-----------|----|-----|------|
| Kamloops | 21 | 64 | 3.05 |
| Victoria | 26 | 87 | 3.35 |
| Vernon | 21 | 71 | 3.55 |
| Vancouver | 27 | 96 | 3.56 |
| Penticton | 21 | 81 | 3.86 |
| Kelowna | 22 | 109 | 4.95 |
| New West. | 26 | 173 | 6.52 |

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Sunday afternoon

NOHL will play two games early

North Okanagan Hockey League fans are asked to note one major change in the upcoming Sunday double header games set for play in the Civic Arena.

Normal game times have been in the evenings but with special co-operation the League have agreed to bring their regular games forward to the early afternoon in order to accommodate the B.C. Junior A league which has been forced to have the Vernon-Victoria game set back to 7:30 p.m. because of travelling times involved in getting the Coast club into the Interior.

As a result the first game will go on the ice at 2 p.m. and will see Armstrong Cougars meet with the Winfield Raiders. Immediately following this game, Head of

the Lake Stampeders will be out in force to take on the Grandview Warriors.

Head of the Lake may go into their game two points back of Lumby Flying

Frenchmen who as of today are tied with the Stampeders, but Lumby have a big regular feature planned Saturday night on home ice when they take on Grindrod Elks.

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