



**Larry Buchan honored**

Words of gratitude inscribed on a silver tray and given to Larry Buchan for his work with the Vernon Minor hockey association was one of the highlights at the B.C. junior A game at Vernon Civic Arena Tuesday night. Mr. Buchan, former president of the local association and of the Okanagan Mainline parent association along with his work as Okanagan representative to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, plus many hours of devotion to the betterment of the sport of hockey in the Vernon area, received the gift wrapped tray from three junior players who grew up in minor hockey here and in the Valley. Given a few words of introduction and a brief resume of his work by the present head of the local group, Mr. Stuart Mitchell, the tray was then handed over to Mr. Buchan by Vernon Esso players Bob Mayer and Wayne Dye along with Bruce Gerlach of the Kelowna Buckaroo team. Mr. Buchan now resides in Victoria where he heads the Intermediate Division of the BCAHA.

**Recreation activity to start**

Commencing the first week in January, several new courses in recreation such as Drama, Fun Club for 8-12 year olds, Special Gym Classes for children with perceptual and co-ordination problems, Bridge, Ladies Slimnastics and Men's Keep Fit are only a few of the many courses being offered in the Gymnasium and Auditorium. These courses all commence the week of Jan. 12 and continue through until Easter.

In the pool there is a course for you no matter if you are a non-swimmer or an expert or six months old 96 years old. Among the many classes being offered are children's

**B.C. Jr. A standings**

to Dec. 30, 1969	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Victoria	19	8	2	126	99	40
Vancouver	17	11	4	139	114	38
Vernon	18	7	1	130	85	37
Kamloops	13	11	2	122	87	28
Penticton	13	12	0	110	99	26
Kelowna	12	17	0	128	153	24
New Westminster	1	27	1	88	188	3

**Pee Wee house schedule**

Vernon Minor Hockey Association Pee Wee House League Schedule for January 1970

Practices	Teams	Games
		Sat. Jan. 3rd:
	Kiwanis vs Bear Almt.	11-12 a.m.
	Archie Fleming vs Vernon Sport	4-5:10 p.m.
	The Bay vs Butcher Boys	5:10-6:20 p.m.
	Reliance vs Rockys	6:20-7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 8th:		Sat. Jan. 10th:
6-6:40 p.m.	Bear Almt. vs Reliance	10:45-11:45 a.m.
6:40-7:20 p.m.	The Bay vs Vernon Sport	4-5:10 p.m.
7:20-8 p.m.	Rockys vs Butcher Boys	5:10-6:20 p.m.
8-8:45 p.m.	Kiwanis vs Archie Fleming	6:20-7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 15th:		Sat. Jan. 17th:

**Play here again Friday**

**Junior A's make it six straight wins**

**Saturday Night**

A three goal effort on the part of first string forward Don Manson, helped Vernon Essos romp to their fifth straight victory and started off the second half of their 48 game B.C. Junior A schedule with a 9-5 win over Penticton Broncos at Vernon Civic Arena Saturday night.

Playing before 1,235 cheering fans, the Essos padded their third place hold on the seven team league standings with their 17th win of the season to give the Vernon squad 35 points in 25 games played so far this year. The odd point came in a 3-3 tie with Vancouver Centennials on Oct. 24 in a game played at Vancouver.

Essos took a 2-0 lead going into the second period on goals by Bob Craig and Gordon Ossinchuk.

By the seven-minute mark of the middle period, Essos extended their lead to 4-0 with Ossinchuk's second marker of the night and Don Manson's first.

Penticton found the mark late in the same period on a goal by Vic Mercredi at 17:02 only to have Lawrence Quechuk come back with a nice effort 40 seconds later to end the second period scoring with Vernon leading 5-1.

The third period found both clubs matching goals with Don Manson scoring a pair of quickies within 39 seconds for a hat trick and the Broncos coming back with two of their own by Dwayne Pentland and Fred Parent.

Manson's efforts came with only 31 seconds gone and

again at the 1:10 mark of the third frame.

In the second half of the third, team captain Bob Mayer notched his 12th goal of the season when he picked up a pass from Lawrence Quechuk and boomed in another of his deadly slap shots. The goal coming at 16:05.

Seven seconds later, Penticton took advantage of Bob Craig's interference penalty with Brian Barrett scoring from Ron Boyle on the power play.

Essos final marker of the night came off the stick of Wayne Dye, (his 19th of the year) at 17:26 with Craig and Al Wahlstrom assisting.

Broncos, although outplayed throughout the game got the last say as Rob Udell came through with a marker with only 16 seconds left in the game. Harry Turk set him up on the play.

Of the 10 penalties called, Vernon got the nod seven times, all of them two minute minors.

Penticton goalie, Fred Whitlow was kept busy as he stopped a total of 36 shots that came his way, 15 in the first round, eight in the middle frame and 13 during the final period.

Gordie Mackintosh in the nets for the Essos, kept to his winning ways as he had it comparatively quiet stopping a total of 21, seven, six and eight in that order.

The win over Broncos extended the Essos record to three straight wins over the Peach City crew, previously they took 7-4 and 3-1 victories away from the visitors on Penticton ice.

**Tuesday Night**

How long they can maintain the pace is anyone's guess, but at the moment, Vernon Essos are flying high as they came through with their sixth straight win in B.C. Junior A hockey action Tuesday night.

Playing before one of the largest hometown crowds this season of 1,400 Essos came through with a stellar performance to whip the Kelowna Buckaroos 8-4 and climb within a single point of second-place Vancouver Centennials.

Essos now have an 18 win, seven loss, one tie record for 37 points and they still have six games in hand over the Vancouver club plus three more in their favor over league-leading Victoria Cougars who have tallied 40 points so far this season.

Lawrence Quechuk provided the fire for the Vernon club as he tallied a hat trick then added three assists for a six-point night.

As a matter of fact it was the second line of John Price, Quechuk and Jack Marsh who provided most of the punch for the Essos. Price picked up a pair of markers and added an assist while Jack Marsh came through with his 20th goal of the year and also picked up an assist.

The first string of Don Manson, Wayne Dye and Bob Craig also picked up valuable points with Craig notching a pair of goals with Manson assisting three times and Dye adding two assists.

Vernon took a 3-1 lead in the opening session, matched a pair of goals with the fast-skating Bucks in the middle frame then outscored the visitors 3-1 in the final 20 minutes of play.

Blueline patrollers Bob Mayer and Barry Bleakley, also contributed to the cause with Mayer picking up his 25th and 26th assist of the season and Bleakley aiding with a single.

Between the posts, Essos' Gordon Mackintosh remained cool as ever and had little trouble in coming through with several good saves. At the other end of the rink Buckaroos net minder, Ken Johnson, was more than a little busy as he pushed aside a total of 41 shots that came his way while Mackintosh had only 19 to work on.

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**NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN**

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**Weekend sport agenda**

Holiday sports and recreation activity continues its merry way the next few days in and around the Vernon area.

Snow conditions on both local ski hills remain in fair to good condition on the north-

Vernon Essos play host to New Westminster this coming Friday night in B.C. Junior A action and then Sunday night will see two big games in the North Okanagan hockey league.

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## Shades of old dad

A perky little Miss, 14-year-old Cathy Harms, daughter of former Vernon Canadian ace, John Harms, swoops in on goal during one of the all-girl hockey games played at the Vernon rink recently. Last night, as part of the between period entertainment features of the Vernon Essos, Kelowna Buckaroo Junior A game, Cathy and a host of young women took to the ice for a wild and hilarious 10 minute exhibition, much to the pleasure of well over 1,000 home town fans.