



Vernon Essos emerged from the ice surface at North Kamloops arena Wednesday night all smiles following their 5-1 win over Kamloops Rockets in B.C. Junior A hockey action. In the photo, Bill Owens, Barry Bleakley, Jack Marsh, Bruce Ritchie and Al Wahlstrom thread their way through throng of fans on their way to the dressing room while the fans vented their frustration on the Rockets' defeat by giving forth with cat-calls and yelling insults to the victors.

Reaching for the top

The big E's make it eight straight

It was big 'E' night at Kamloops Wednesday as an effective, efficient energized squad of Essos made it eight in a row with one of the greatest team efforts ever witnessed in B.C. junior A hockey action.

Vernon Essos made no mistake as to their intentions as they swarmed all over Kamloops rockets and came away from the Hub city sporting a well deserved 5-1 victory.

Leading the big 'E' parade was league leading scoring and assist man, Wayne Dye, who literally bolted the Rockets firmly on their launching pad as he scored a pair of quick goals in the opening period then came back with goal number three at the mid-point of the final session.

For Dye it was goals 21, 22 and 23 to bring his total points to 52 so far this season. He also has the most assists at 29 to round out his point tally.

Make no mistake, Dye wasn't alone in the mighty

went to Jack Marsh and Bob Craig.

The points by Mayer, Manson, Price and Quechuk also raised their positions within the top 10 scoring leaders in the seven team league.

As a matter of fact, Quechuk holds down second spot with 23 goals and 21 assists for 44 points, followed by Manson who has 18 goals and 25 assists for third place in the league on 43 points.

Both Price and Mayer are in sixth and seventh places respectively with 40 points each. Price has 14 goals and 26 assists, while team captain Mayer has tallied 12 goals and picked up 28 assists, just one less than Wayne Dye.

Essos return to the hockey wars Friday night as they play host to fifth place Penticton Broncos and if the

joyful bedlam the Essos exhibited in the dressing room after the Kamloops victory is any criteria, then victory number nine in a row will be theirs as they chanted over and over again, they were going all the way to the top of the league ladder and no one was going to stop them.

Their spirit and fellowship being expressed one to the other of late, could give them that little extra drive so badly needed in a championship team and they just might be the new B.C. champs to represent the province in the Canada-wide Memorial cup playdowns in the spring.

Game time Friday at Vernon Civic Arena is 9 p.m. and fans are urged to turnout early to ensure getting a good seat.

B.C. Jr. A standings to January 8, 1970.

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Victoria	32	21	9	2	138	106	44
Vancouver	34	19	11	4	147	116	42
Vernon	28	20	7	1	145	89	41
Kamloops	30	15	12	3	137	102	33
Penticton	28	13	14	1	117	113	27
Kelowna	31	13	18	0	138	163	26
New Westminster	33	1	31	1	99	215	3

Additional SPORT

Biddy B'ball resumes

Biddy basketball for youngsters between the ages of eight and 10 years resumes action at the Community Centre gym Saturday following the Christmas holidays break in the regular schedule.

So far 61 boys and girls have registered for the weekly two hour sessions with an average attendance of 40 youngsters on hand at any one day.

Activity will begin Saturday with the selection of teams for a house league schedule for both boys and girls.

Three instructor-supervisors will be on hand at all times to assist beginners in learning the basic rules of the game.

The three, Brian Steven, Maureen Grant and Gary Turik are volunteers from the Grade 12 community project class and are all proficient with this line of instruction.

Fees for any youngster wishing to join the Saturday

activity is only \$1 and will give those registering 12-16 sessions before the 1970 season ends.

Commercial curling schedule

SECOND ROUND

Sunday, Jan. 11

"C"—4 p.m.

- 1—Finnings vs Alls' Serv.
- 2—Howries vs Kiwanis 2
- 3—Hydro 4 vs Cam Jammers
- 4—Allison 2 vs Flemings
- 5—Hydro 3 vs Camp Vernon 1

"A"—6 p.m.

- 1—Telephone 3 vs Hydro 2
- 2—Dolds. Htl. 2 vs Kiwanis 3
- 3—Telephone 4 vs SSIW
- 5—Telephone 1 vs Cap. Motors
- 5—Camp Vernon 2 vs CFD 2

"B"—8 p.m.

- 1—Kal Hotel vs ACT
- 2—Vernon Frame vs CFD 1
- 3—Telephone 2 vs Allison 1
- 4—Hydro 1 vs Logan Lanc.
- 5—Kiwanis 1 vs Cold. Hotel 1



WAYNE DYE
... league leader

victory, as the whole team put forth with everything they had.

Everyone did their share and it paid off as they climbed within a single point of second place Vancouver Centennials and kept pace with league leader, Victoria Cougars, who were also busy Wednesday night trimming hapless New Westminster 6-2 in the only other BCJHL game.

Victoria have registered 21 wins and a pair of ties in 32 games played for a top total of 44 points, Vancouver are in second spot with 19 wins and four ties for 42 points with Vernon close behind with 41 points on 20 wins and a tie.

The remaining four teams trail by a wide margin as Kamloops have 33 points, Penticton, 27, Kelowna 26 and New Westminster with a mere three points.

Wednesday, Essos took a 2-1 lead in the first period, kept the score board clear in the second session then went on to score three unanswered markers in the final period for their first win on ice over the Rockets in three meetings so far this season.

Other Vernon goals came off the sticks of Lawrence Quechuk and John Price with Bob Mayer assisting twice along with Don Manson. Singles assist credits also

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