



Mayer is best defenceman



Price nearly scores



Vernon tops in offence

# Rockets coming Saturday

## Record hockey crowd expected

No matter which way one looks at it, Vernon Essos are on the threshold of one of their greatest hockey seasons on record.

With only 14 games remaining to be played in the B.C. Junior A League, Essos have already begun to emerge as one of the best teams in the league and leave little doubt in anyone's mind that they have a better than average chance of being the new league champions this season.

They share second place with Vancouver Centennials with 47 points each but still have three games in hand over the Coast club.

They are only three points back of the league leading Victoria Cougars and have three games in hand over that club too.

Essos have lost the least number of games this year, nine, but have scored the most goals, 167, while allowing the least goals against them, 103.

They are second only to Victoria in the win column with 22, just one less than the Cougars, and they have only three ties so far as compared to Vancouver who have had to settle with single points on five different occasions.

Their goals against average in 34 games played sits at 3.03 per game and has, the rest of the league looking at them with envy in this department.

Vancouver are next best with 3.30, Victoria next with 3.55, Kamloops follow with a 3.50 average, then Penticon with 3.90, Kelowna have 5.55 and New Westminster has a glum 6.51 goals against average.

On an individual player basis, Vernon are also way



WAYNE DYE  
... goes for record

out in front with three men holding the top positions led by Wayne Dye.

Dye for example, has a fantastic lead over the rest of the league, and it will take nothing short of a miracle to overtake him.

He is sitting on top with 29 goals and 32 assists for 61 points, nine more than

teammate Don Manson who holds second place with 52 points on 19 goals and 33 assists.

Dye has the most goals scored in the league while Manson has notched the most assists.

Holding third place in the top ten standings is another Vernon stalwart by the name of Lawrence Quechuk who has an impressive 24 goals and 24 assists for 48 points and holds a slim lead over Bruce Cowick of Victoria who has 17 goals and 29 assists for 46 points.

Vernon's John Price is next with 16 goals and 28 assists for 44 points followed close behind by Essos team Captain Bob Mayer who has a 13 goal, 30 assist tally for 43 points.

Marv Ferg of Kamloops also shares 43 points on 20 goals and 23 assists. Cliff McKay of Kelowna has 18 goals and 22 assists for 40 points, while Neil Murphy of Vancouver and Ken Phillips of Kelowna hold down the last two spots with 39 points each. Deserving honorable

mention is Vernon's Jack Marsh who is just one point off the top ten bracket as he has 38 points on 23 goals and 15 assists.

Saturday night will see another big test for the Essos as they host Kamloops Rockets.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind these two teams always put on a pleasing display of hockey prowess.

Both clubs play a wide open, free wheeling style of hockey and they are not afraid to hit when the need arises.

Game time is 8:30 p.m. at the Vernon rink and both box offices will be open at 7:30 p.m. with an expected rush of fans vying for good seats.

Already a request for over 100 seats has been ordered for Kamloops fans with a section immediately behind the Kamloops players bench being reserved for them.

Last Saturday, the Essos and Victoria played before a league record crowd of 3,032 Victoria fans.

Interesting point on the fan attendance is that with the Victoria population much greater than that of Vernon, local fans still seem to be the most loyal, and with the present way the Essos are playing, they could easily top that mark if everyone was to turn out and see some of the most exciting hockey played in these parts in this present age.

The Vernon Civic Arena has one main advantage over most rinks in that they have the seating area heated for maximum comfort.

Don't send - take your boy to the arena, watch him play and make minor hockey a family affair.



Dye leads the league



The ref missed this one



Skaters waltz at Vancouver

### Team scoring statistics to Jan. 19, 1970

	G	A	Pts
Wayne Dye	29	32	61
Don Manson	19	33	52
Lawrence Quechuk	24	24	48
John Price	16	28	44
Bob Mayer	13	30	43
Jack Marsh	23	15	38
Bob Craig	12	18	30
Barry Bleakley	2	19	21
Gordon Osinchuk	11	5	16
Gordon Merritt	5	9	14
Jim Marsh	5	8	13
Bill Owens	5	8	13
Ken Warner	2	8	10
Al Wahlstrom	1	6	7
Bruce Ritchie	2	2	2
Dale Craig	1	1	2
Pat Becotte	2	2	2
Perry Hieber	1	1	1

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THIS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 8:30 P.M.

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VS

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**Wayne Dye 61, Don Manson 52, Lawrence Quechuk 48, John Price 44 and Bob Mayer 43.**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 1st**  
Another Action Packed Thriller When the Essos Host Vancouver Centennials.

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