

Big save on penalty shot

A penalty shot in hockey is rare indeed, but Sunday afternoon, Vernon Bantam team captain Pat Maxnuk got a chance to try his luck when a Penticton forward covered a loose puck lying inside his goal

line. This is taboo in hockey as only the goalie can use his hands for such an event inside his own territory. Penticton goalie Dick Kuhn however saved the day as he neatly stopped the shot.



Sportsmanship is the name of the game

This is Minor Hockey week across Canada and Vernon is celebrating the event by staging regular inter-city games throughout the duration of the observance. In the photo, Vernon Bantams shake hands

with the victorious Penticton after the visitors edged the local squad 6-5 in overtime Sunday afternoon at Vernon.

Coach furious as

Rockets handed 6-3 thrashing

It was one big Valley family affair in B.C. junior A hockey over the weekend as Penticton, Kelowna and Kamloops all took turns helping Vernon Essos up the ladder to the B.C. title this season.

Friday night, Vancouver managed to blank Penticton 2-0 in the only game played of that particular night, but Saturday it was different as Essos whalloped Kamloops 6-3. Vancouver just barely tied 2-2 with Kelowna and Penticton held the Victoria Cougars to a 5-5 tie.

Sunday afternoon, Kamloops did Vernon a very big favour as they sunk Vancouver's battle wagon to the tune of a 3-2 score.

At the same time, Penticton were having it fairly rough at New Westminster as the Royal city crew kept things honest by coming up with another 5-5 tie against the Pea city boys.

Saturday night at Vernon, a home town record crowd of over 2,000 fans watched the Essos score a convincing 6-3 victory over fourth place Kamloops Rockets.

Paced by a stellar performance of team captain Bob Mayer who notched a three goal effort, Essos outplayed the visitors at every turn and but for three soft goals scored by the Rockets, had the game in their pockets almost from the opening whistle.

Mayer, a sure prospect for a professional hockey career opened the scoring at the 14 minute mark of the opening

B.C. Jr. "A" standings to Jan. 26, 1970:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Victoria	38	23	10	5	163	129	51
Vancouver	40	22	12	6	162	127	50
Vernon	35	23	9	4	158	127	42
Kamloops	36	19	13	4	176	108	49
Penticton	36	14	17	5	143	141	33
Kelowna	35	14	21	1	159	191	29
New West.	36	1	33	2	110	233	4

period on his first of three sizzling blueline slapshots that Kamloops starting goalie Rick McDonald never moved on.

Centreman Gordon Merritt swooped on a loose puck from the right side of the Kamloops goal and shot it back to Mayer who wound up with his famous drive to hit the short side of the net.

Vernon went two up at the 8:13 mark of the middle frame when Bob Craig took advantage of a hard rebound shot off the stick of Gordon Osinichuk who hit the boards at the back of the Kamloops net with Craig banging in the loose puck as it skidded out in front.

Just over a minute later, the leagues leading scorer, Wayne Dye made it 3-0 for the Essos as he too drove a very hard slapshot past McDonald.

For Dye it was his 30th goal of the season as he made no mistake when he picked up a pass from a play Jim Marsh and Bill Owens set in motion.

At 14:01 of the same period, Bob Mayer again brought Vernon fans to their feet as he wound up once more near the right side and just inside the Kamloops blueline to drive another sizzler past McDonald.

Lawrence Quechuk was the

big playmaker on this one as he worked the puck out of the corner back to Mayer.

The goal meant the end for McDonald as coach Joe Tenannt pulled him in favor of spare goalie Mark Adkinson.

Rockets finally made it on the scoresheet at 17:43 when John Senkpiel, Oliver Steward and Marv Ferg teamed to go in on Esso goalie Gary Osborne.

It was a close in play with Senkpiel scoring on a soft effort that slipped under the pads of Osborne after he had made an initial stop.

Two more goals by the midpoint of the final period for Kamloops gave Essos momentary pause as Arnie Pederson scored goal number two at 5:44 with help from Don Oulton and Andy Larimee. Again the puck slipped almost lazily past the skates of Osborne.

Tim Peck brought the Rockets within a single goal of Vernon as he picked up a Dave Mitchell pass to score on another low shot at 11:43.

All three Kamloops markers were scored on low, around the pads, around the skates type shots that Osborne has had trouble controlling all season.

Bob Mayer capped a near perfect night at 13:02 when he scored his hat trick of the night.

As in his first two markers, Mayer let go with a terrific drive that hit the short side after going through a maze of players in front of Adkinson.

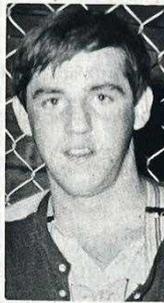
Wayne Dye and Don Manson set this big goal in motion as they both worked the puck between them before passing it back to Mayer on the point.

Two minutes later, Manson capped the game for Essos as he and Mayer did some more fancy pass-work inside the Kamloops line with Manson scoring at 15:01.

The win now gives the Essos a 23 win, nine loss, three tie record for 49 points in 35 games played so far this season.

Next big game for the Vernon club is back on their own ice this Wednesday as they host Penticton Broncos who picked up two ties and a loss in a three game weekend.

Friday night at home, Broncos took a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Vancouver Centennials, then came



BOB MAYER
... hat trick star

through with identical 5-5 ties with league leading Victoria at the Island city Saturday. Sunday they reported the identical tie with New Westminster Royals at the lower mainland city.

Game time Wednesday has been set for 8:30 p.m. and again Vernon fans are expected to turn out in force to follow the Essos along their victory trail.

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Kamloops coach blows his cool

An irate Kamloops Rocket coach, Joe Tenannt, has publicly promised his team will put Vernon Essos out of commission to the point where the Essos will not be able to play in the B.C. junior A finals.

Visibly upset, Joe Tenannt told a reporter in front of several other men at the conclusion of the Vernon-Kamloops game at Vernon Saturday night, that his team would use the same high sticking tactics the Essos use in the next four games with the Vernon club and put the players out of commission for the playoffs.

Speaking directly to a Vernon News sports reporter, Mr. Tenannt asked that a message be sent to Essos

coach Odie Lowe. "Would you tell Lowe for me that if his players don't stop using their vicious high sticking tactics there won't be enough of them left to go into the playoffs."

"I had three men injured tonight and what about that boy Scott in Victoria who might lose an eye. Vernon has to come up to Kamloops for three games and I promise you, we will get them."

"I want you to give Lowe this message because if I go to him right now I might just

Penticton here this Wednesday

Vernon Essos hit the hockey trail once more this week as they play host to Penticton Broncos at Civic Arena this Wednesday night.

A win could put the Vernon club in a first place tie with Victoria and still leave them with two games in hand over

the Island city. Presently in third place Essos are only one point back of second place Vancouver Centennials who have 50 points and two points back of the leaders who have 51 points.

Game time this Wednesday is 7:30 p.m. and the expectations are that another good sized crowd will be on hand to watch the Vernon boys take up where they left off last Saturday with another big win.



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Men's Thursday League
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High single — John Wiebe 335; high triple — Gord Ellinson 768; high average — Shig Tabata 259.
Team high single — Shig's TV 1389; high triple — Hydro 3796.
Team Standings:
Big "5" 161
Coldstream 155
Hydro 149
Lincoln Lanes 147

Men's high single — Eric Mantai 308; high triple — Ed Bomersini 677; high average — Art Bech 202.
Team high single — Wobbles 1261; high triple — V M & E 3566.
Team standings:
Wobbles 105
Odd Five 98
Oil Barrels 95
Hobbits 91

Men's Thursday League
9-11 p.m. — Jan. 8
High single — Jim Monis 310; high triple — John Colter 754; high average — Shig Tabata 261.
Team high single — Big "5" 1265; high triple — Big "5" 3692.
Team Standings:
Big "5" 147
Lincoln Lanes 124
Coldstream 123
Hydro 110

Hot Shot League
Jan. 9
Women's high single — Lori Kopyk 208; high triple — S. Tinkham 639; high average — S. Tinkham 213.
Men's high single — S. Tabata 354; high triple — Shig Tabata 946; high average — S. Tabata 251.
Team high single — Shig's TV 1241; high triple — Shig's TV 3625.
Team Standings:
Shig's TV — Winner second quarter.

LADIES LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY (Thursday)
High single — M. Hudson 242; high triple — M. Hudson 583; high average — W. Wendel 185.
Team high single — Luckies 855; high triple — Twisters 2386.
Team Standings:
Groaners 37
Go Getters 31
Twisters 29

Thursday Mixed
7-9 p.m. — Jan. 8
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