



High jump champ

One of the top athletes to compete under Vernon colors last year was well known high school athlete of the time, Gary Wheelhouse, who now attends college in the U.S.A. Gary brought attention to himself and his home town of Vernon last summer when he won the B.C. high school high jumping title with a record breaking 6' 6" leap at Burnaby. Gary then went on to take the Canadian title at Toronto late in June with a 6' 5" jump, an inch under his previous mark. At the Coast he was named the outstanding male athlete of competition and back east was again given high praise for his ability. Gary is one of four candidates to the sportsman of the year award, one of whom will be named tonight.



Snow-vehicle champ

Another of the four finalists named to take part in ceremonies tonight when the Sportsman of the year will be announced is Don Stinn of Vernon who won the B.C. title last year and again leads in total points so far this season in regional meets for snowmobile races. Don will be out to defend his title this weekend when the two-day competition takes place at New Winterville recreation area Saturday and Sunday as part of the Winter Carnival celebrations.

Bowling marathon in Vernon Sunday

The Vernon Five Pin Association 10th annual 20-game bowling marathon this weekend at Lincoln Lanes is shaping up to be one of the keenest contests ever as bowlers from Golden to Port Coquitlam already indicate they will be here to take home the lions share of prizes. The day-long event starts sharp at 10 a.m. Sunday with Miss Silver Star 10th, Debby Schaefer honoring the group at the official opening. Association president Tom Wright said Wednesday they expect as many as 45 out of town bowlers to be here as well as a full slate of local bowls trying their luck. Commonly considered as a handicap tourney, the bowlers produce their averages prior to the start of the event with the handicaps based on 80 percent of a 260 scratch total with a 1,000 pin limit. The averages to be posted before the start. Last word received from Lincoln Lanes indicates there are still a few openings left for local bowlers to get in on the fun. Those interested should contact the Lanes.

Sweet Vernon revenge

Rockets bombed beaten and booed

By DOUG BULWER
Sweet revenge is putting it very mildly, the way in which Vernon Essos returned to Kamloops Wednesday night to soundly thrash the upstart Kamloops Rockets 7-0 in B.C. Junior A hockey action before more than 2,000 dumbfounded home town supporters. The sweetness of the act was doubly enticing as the same Rocket crew had whipped Essos 8-2 in the same place last Saturday. It was the Essos of old in the way they skated, passed the puck and in general outplayed the Kamloops squad at every turn. Indications of things to come started early in the game as the Vernon boys took over control of the encounter almost from the opening whistle and never really gave the Rockets a chance to do anything except to look bad. By the end of the first period, Essos had rung up a 2-0 count, added four more in the middle frame, then just for fun put one more past the hapless Rocket goalie in the final period. Although Gary Osborne in the nets for Essos was picked as the first star of the game, named by a Vancouver sports writer, he was not alone in the victory. It was another complete

team effort as every man put everything he had into showing why the Essos intend to be the top team in B.C. this season. Osborne did come through with fantastic saves on many occasions, but the rear guard action of the Vernon defencemen were probably the real heroes of the game as they time and again broke up any attempts Kamloops tried in working into the Vernon territory. Take nothing away from the forwards either, as they forechecked the Rocket attackers at every turn, particularly deep inside the Kamloops blueline area. Not only did Vernon keep the host club at bay for most of the game, they took advantage of every Rocket boob

control over the boing and jeering spectators. Final act of the night however was yet to come as referees Jim Bond along with his two linesmen, Sarge Sammartino and Dale Castle left the same exit area, they were immediately attacked by frustrated Kamloops people who seemingly tried to vent their pentup feelings of the Rocket whitewashing, on the officials themselves. Bond was struck directly on the face and police had to literally drag the culprit away. As the melee increased, a woman bystander was knocked to the floor and stepped on by rushing feet to get in on the action. She was later carried away by first aid attendants and given treatment in a nearby first aid room. Police later said she would be alright, although she apparently lay unconscious for almost an hour. Police also apprehended two men, but results of their action and whether charges would be laid were not given out. Essos next game has been set for this Sunday when they play host to a team as yet to be named. Manager Vern Dye said early this morning, he was not sure of what arrangements were being made but said a public announcement would be forthcoming by Sunday.

B.C. Junior A Statistics

B.C. Junior "A" Hockey League standings up to and including Feb. 1, 1970:
Scoring Statistics

	G	A	Pts	PIM
W. Dye, Vernon	33	35	68	71
Don Manson, Vernon	21	37	58	38
Bruce Cowick, Victoria	22	33	55	75
L. Quechuk, Vernon	26	28	54	97
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	25	29	54	13
Ted Plowe, Victoria	25	29	54	50
Bob Mayer, Vernon	18	34	52	39
Cliff McKay, Kelowna	22	28	50	25
J. Senkpiel, Kamloops	24	25	49	25
Ken Phillip, Kelowna	20	28	48	14
John Price, Vernon	18	30	48	56

Penalties:
Individual — Gerry Klinkhammer, Kelowna 120 mins.;
Team — Vernon 809 mins., Vancouver 787 mins.

Goal Averages

	GP	GA	Ave
Vancouver	42	134	3.19
Vernon	39	125	3.21
Victoria	41	138	3.37
Kamloops	38	134	3.53
Penticton	38	156	4.11
Kelowna	41	219	5.34
New Westminster	39	253	6.49

League Standings

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Victoria	41	26	10	5	188	138	57
Vernon	39	25	11	3	194	125	53
Vancouver	42	23	13	6	173	134	52
Kamloops	38	20	14	4	160	134	44
Penticton	38	15	18	5	149	156	35
Kelowna	41	15	25	1	170	219	31
New Westminster	39	2	35	2	125	253	6

Please Note: Kelowna at Kamloops Feb. 18 has been rescheduled to Feb. 7.

Badminton championships coming here

Vernon Badminton buffs get a chance to vie for honors Feb. 14 and 15 when the local club hosts the annual North Okanagan badminton championships at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School gymnasium. Local officials are expecting a strong out-of-town delegation of players from most points in the South Central Interior. Three flights per event in Senior men's and Women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles will dominate the two days of the competition. Opening rounds of play get off to a 10 a.m. start Feb. 14 with the windup of finalists on the courts the next afternoon. The expected time of these finals due to start in the early afternoon. Spectators are welcome to watch the exciting matches and cheer on their favorite players. There is no admission charge.

PIN POINTS

Jan 18, 1970
Sunday Mixed 8-10
Women's high single, Carol Gallon, 270; men's high single, Ken Goodwin, 300. Women's high triple, Carol Wylchka, 612; men's high triple Ken Goodwin, 689. Team high single, B.C. D's, 1,418; team high triple, B.C. D's, 3,853. Women's high average, Min Sykes, 198; men's high average Marcel Gallon, 222. "300" Club Ken Goodwin, 300.

Team Standings
Roxly Bakery 136
Falcons 133
B.C.D's 131
Lane Lions 128

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Reporter's pants save the day
Linesman Jim Bond of Kamloops found himself in an embarrassing situation Saturday night during Vernon-Kamloops Junior A game when he tore the seat of his pants wide open after falling in the second period. Vernon News sports editor Doug Bulwer was on hand to save the day for Bond when he lent his pants to the official so he could stay in the game. Seems there was no one else around big enough to make the temporary swap.

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