

Pennant flag waving

Vernon joins league leader

The Vernon Essos have reached the top of the B.C. Junior "A" Hockey League standings and they have games left to prove they can stay there.

Essos two-game, back to back wins of 8-4 and 5-4 over Kelowna Buckaroos over the weekend gave them enough points to equal the point standings with Victoria

Cougars who have had sole possession of the top rung for most of the season.

Essos, however, have a better record and a game in hand over the Island city on 29 wins, 11 losses and three ties for their 61 points in 43 games played, while Victoria show 61 points on 28 wins, 11 losses and five ties for their total of 44 games played.

In third place, three points back of the leaders is Vancouver Centennials who have 58 points in 45 games played with 26 wins, 13 losses, and six ties.

Vernon also looks good in the goals for department, with the most goals scored at 222 and the least scored against at 138 for best goals against average of only 3.20

per game.

On individual players statistics, Essos have six players with over 50 points to their credit so far this season.

Wayne Dye of course, leads both his team and the league with a whopping big total of 76 points on 36 goals and 40 assists.

Taking over second place over the weekend was Lawrence Quechuk who picked up three goals and three assists Saturday night at Kelowna and added another goal and two assists to run his total to 67 points on 32 goals and 35 assists.

Don Manson is still in there too as he ran his tally to 22 goals and a league leading assist total of 43 for third place in the league with 65 points.

Team captain Bob Mayer of the Essos is also holding his own as he now claims 21 goals and 38 assists for 59 points, a total he shares with John Price who has 22 goals and 37 assists for 59 points.

Jack Marsh is also within the 50 mark as he has scored 30 goals and picked up 23 assists for 53 points. Also climbing the point ladder of late is Bob Craig who now has 19 goals and 22 assists for 41 points.

At Kelowna Saturday, Essos jumped into an early 2-0 lead by the five minute

B.C. Junior A standings up to and including Feb. 15, 1970:

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon	43	29	11	3	222	138	61
Victoria	44	28	11	5	213	147	61
Vancouver	45	26	13	6	197	144	58
Kamloops	42	21	17	4	172	156	46
Penticton	43	18	20	5	172	178	41
Kelowna	46	17	28	1	192	249	35
New West	44	2	40	2	136	287	6

mark of the first period but found themselves tied at 3-3 as the period ended.

Jack Marsh led the period scoring with a pair with the single coming from Lawrence Quechuk to start the game off.

In the middle frame it was one goal only as Quechuk added his second marker of the game to give Essos a slim one goal lead going into the final session.

Bob Mayer started things off quickly in the third when he banged in a quickie at 59 seconds followed by Jack Marsh's third marker of the night less than two minutes later.

Kelowna came back with their last goal of the night three minutes later with John Price wiping that one out soon after and Lawrence Quechuk scoring his hat trick to round out the game scoring at 8-4.

Sunday night at home, Essos started well with Bob Craig scoring from Wayne Dye and Don Manson, but that was all for the Essos in the first period as Kelowna fought back and came through with three markers of their own to lead 3-1 going into the second period.

Kelowna made it 4-1 at the five minute mark of the middle frame and at this point it looked like the Essos were going to have another of their periodic bad games as their pattern of play was ragged to say the least. Even Gordon Mackintosh in the nets for Essos seemed to be having a bad time of it as he failed to move on at least three of the Kelowna markers.

However, the tide changed at 6:55 of the second period when Bob Mayer banged in another of his now famous slap shots.

Two minutes after Mayer's goal, Gordon Osinchuk was sent off for elbowing and it was at this point Essos started to bear down which paid off when Mayer went in again at 9:30 to bang in another terrific drive that Kelowna goalie Ken Johnson didn't get a chance to even raise his arm on.

John Price then put the Essos back on even keel when he scored at 12:17 of the middle frame followed by the game winning goal off the stick of Lawrence Quechuk four minutes later.

This goal also ended the game scoring as both clubs battled through a scoreless third period.

The Saturday night game was marred by 27 penalties with Essos getting 17 of the 27 called.

Everything from two minute minors to five minute majors plus misconducts were handed out by a very young referee who it was said to be only 18 years of age.

Total number of penalty minutes handed out was 111, with Vernon being assessed 68.

Coach Brian Roche of the Kelowna squad said after the game, he felt something should be done to ensure better refereeing throughout the league and suggested that older and more experienced men should be assigned to officiate the games, particularly when Vernon was heading for the league



Ummmm GOOD

Team captain Bob Mayer is about to do what every member of both teams wanted to do when the Vernon Essos won for the fourth straight time the Winter Carnival trophy for winning the game of the week in hockey at Vernon Civic Arena. Bob is about to buss Queen Silver Star X Debby Schaefer as she hands over the trophy to the popular Ezzo helmetsman. Essos won the game be defeating Kamloops 8-5.

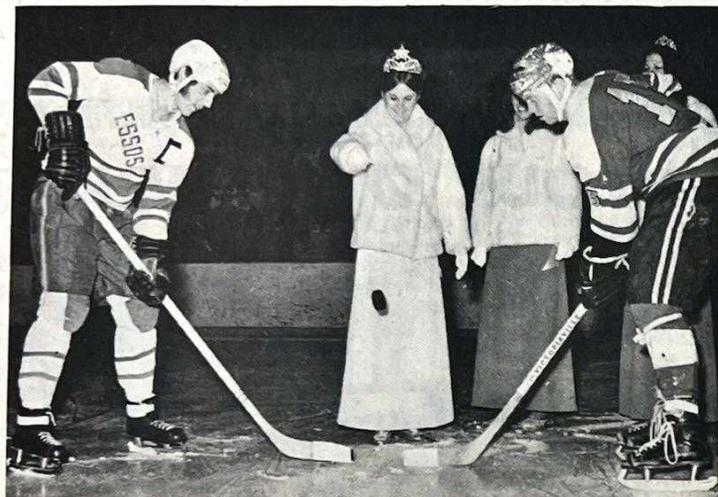


Everyone was doing it

It wasn't cuddle up time for members of the Vernon Essos and Kelowna Buckaroos Saturday night at Kelowna as both teams went at it on several occasions using bare fists to settle matters the referee couldn't seem to control. In all, 111 minutes of penalties were called in the uncontrolled game.

championship and needed p.m. starting time game at proper referees. Vernon Civic Arena.

Vernon now take a week's rest before going into the last phase of the league schedule. Next game and the final home game of the season takes place Feb. 24 when Essos host Penticton Broncos in an 8:30



Queen Silver Star X, Debby Schaefer, accompanied by Princesses Jill Sherk and Debbie Hengel officially dropped the puck to start the junior A game last Wednesday between Vernon Essos and Kamloops Rockets. Vernon subsequently went to take the game by a 8-5 margin.



jopo spiel winners

The curling club rink won the most points of the three day jopo bonspiel held last week as part of the

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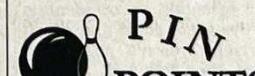
Vernon-Penticton start 'B' playoffs

While the Vernon Essos are busy heading for the provincial championship in junior A hockey, they have overshadowed the minor hockey picture somewhat although they have really taken nothing away from teams such as the Junior B

the ice, however their brand of hockey of late should ensure some excellent style for spectators to watch.

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