

Extend win streak

Essos set new record

Vernon 6, Penticton 4

The tide may have turned to the benefit of the Vernon Essos.

Tuesday night at Oliver, the Essos put together another standout performance and were rewarded with a 6-4 victory over the Penticton Broncos.

The win marked for the first time this year, three successive wins plus a tie for a seven point win streak, and what better way to give themselves a Christmas gift.

In two previous tries, Essos did get as far as two wins plus a tie but in each case, amazingly enough, it was Penticton that broke the spell.

Essos started the year off with two wins and a tie then dropped game number four on the basis of a 6-1 loss to the Broncos.

Game 22 of the year saw the same thing happen after Essos had started off with a tie then a pair of wins before Penticton stopped the Essos to the tune of 4-1.

Now that bubble has burst and with it, hopefully, a new era for the Essos.

The style of play exhibited of late by Vernon should do them in good stead for the next four games when they meet Kamloops Rockets in a series running from next Saturday through to Jan. 2.

A combination of wins over the Rockets could certainly set a perfect pattern of how the Essos will end the season as league leaders.

Tuesday night at Oliver, Essos spotted Penticton with the first goal then went on to take the initial period three goals to two.

Three more goals in the mid frame to a single effort by Penticton saw the Essos go into the final 20 minutes of play with a three goal bulge.

Although the Essos were by far the superior team throughout, Penticton did show traces of early season hustle

and made it pay off with their third and only goal of the last stanza.

Jack Fleming led the Vernon parade of goals with a pair while singles came off the sticks of Jim Lawrence, Rod Cox, Bob Craig and John Price.

Rod Cox was the big pointman as he added two assists to his goal.

Penticton goals saw Gary

Donaldson and Harry Turk pick up two each with Donaldson in on one assist.

Penalties seemed to be the criteria again with four majors handed out for fighting and two game misconducts given to two of the compantants. Bob Craig of the Essos and Don Ashman of the Broncos went to the showers early in the second period when they wouldn't stop fighting.

Action again Sunday

Point race on in NOHL play

Grandview Warriors, the current North Okanagan hockey league leaders are beginning to cast worried looks over their shoulders as second place Winfield Raiders are now only one point away from sharing the top spot in the standings.

Warriors have a five win, three loss and no tie record for 10 points while the Raiders have come to life of late and have nine points on four wins, three losses and a tie.

This Sunday could tell the tale of who will be in the drivers seat as Warriors take on fourth place Armstrong Cougars and Winfield meet third place Head of the Lake Stampeders.

Both Armstrong and Head of the Lake have been in a slump of late but could still come back into the thick of things once they find their scoring combinations.

Stampeders are only two points back of Winfield on a 3-4-1 record for seven points and Armstrong one point back of the Stamps with a 3-5-0 record.

Warriors also lead in three other departments with 33 goals scored for, in eight games, while allowing only 24 against. They also have the dubious honor of having the most penalties with a tally of 111.

Stampeders to share one shutout each. Adair came through with a stellar performance as he and his teammates blanked Armstrong 6-0 in last Sunday nights game.

Game time for the first of the regular two games Sunday, Dec. 27 series, starts at 7:30 p.m. with Grandview meeting Armstrong and Raider taking on Head of the Lake at 9:15.

No public skating on Sunday

No Public Skating on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1970 because the Vernon Intermediate Hockey Club will play the required number of games to qualify for the Coy Cup Playdowns and Intermediate Hockey has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1970.

