

Could be a hockey first

# Vernon-Kamloops may have set new record

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Vernon Essos and Kamloops Rockets are staging one of the strangest tug-of-war battles ever witnessed in B.C. junior A hockey.

The two clubs, always arch rivals, are really living up to all expectations when they come face to face, or in other words, home ice or in the other clubs rink.

In six meetings this season, they have compiled an amazing scoring record with each other in that there has never been more than one goal difference scored in any given game, and to top it all off, every game but one has ended with the score board reading 4-3. The only game to show otherwise was a tie in which they battled to a 2-2 deadlock.

There is one difference however, and that is where Kamloops have the better win record with three while Essos have won twice plus picking up a point in the tie game.

Back on Oct. 21, Vernon

## Vernon skiers do well at Apex mtn.

The first Alpine ski race meet of the season took place recently at Apex mountain near Penticon.

There were over 90 B and C class racers from Vancouver, Okanagan and Kootenay areas on hand for the two run giant slalom event.

There were 40 gates set on the steep 800 foot vertical slope which made for keen competition.

Vernon was represented by 10 skiers with the best showing by Linda Keckalo who took first in the C class for girls, and Reid Goldie who placed second in the boys B class.

Goldie was beaten by Gunther Klaus of the UBC Thunderbirds by two-tenths of a second.

Pam Gatlin of Kamloops won the B girls event.

The next race will be a B and C class downhill and slalom race on Jan. 2-3 in Rossland.

## Brochures issued by Rec. branch

The Vernon Department of Parks & Recreation are now in the midst of distributing the brochures containing the new

hosted Kamloops and took the initial win, then on Nov. 7, Kamloops hosted and won the game.

November 22 Vernon hosted again and both teams ended on the tie. Then on Dec. 9 and 26 at Kamloops, the Rockets took those games by the same scores followed by Vernon hosting last Monday night with the score again showing 4-3.

This unusual series could be a first ever in hockey and it wouldn't be a surprise to anyone the six regular league games remaining between these two clubs will have similar scores.

Boxing Day at Kamloops, Essos and Rockets swapped single goals in the opening period with Rockets moving ahead in the second stanza on a pair of goals to a single by Vernon.

Third period action again saw both clubs sole to round out the scoring with Rockets picking up the 4-3 win.

Marty Kissell started the Rockets off when he went in alone to score at 11:04 of the initial period on a power play with Ed Johnstone sitting out a hooking penalty.

Jim Marsh however evened things off on one of the prettiest goals ever witnessed. Marsh carried the puck out of his own zone, deked a forward just outside the Rocket blue line,

repeated the manoeuvre against a defenceman inside the Kamloops zone then pulled goalie Sam Clegg so badly out of position the netman looked ridiculous straddled on the ice while Marsh calmly lifted the puck into the open net.

Gordon Girrard put the Rockets ahead to stay at 3:49 of the second period on another unassisted effort with Wayne Biachin scoring Rockets third goal at 11:26.

John Price's hard slap shot at 13:41 with Dave Neil and Bob Gassoff assisting, moved the Essos once more back into contention and to end the second period scoring.

What proved to be the winning goal for Rockets came at the 36 second mark of the final period when Wayne Biachin scored his second goal of the night.

Essos were not to be outdone however and they came back with a goal at the 11:04 mark when Ed Johnstone got sweet revenge on the initial power play goal while he was in the penalty box.

Johnstone teamed with Jim Lawrence and Wayne Dye to score Essos third and final goal

while working on a power play with Gordon Girrard sitting out a holding penalty.

Essos nearly ended the game on a tie at the 15 minute mark when Bob Craig drove a sizzler from the blue line which bulged the Kamloops net while goalie Sam Clegg stood like a stone watching it go by.

This goal however, was called back because the linesmen claimed Lawrence was off-side when the play, a point holly disputed by the Essos but to no avail.

Monday night at civic arena, Essos star rookie, Ed Johnstone, started nearly 1,200 local fans on the first goal of the night when he drove one of the hardest shots ever observed from five feet outside the Kamloops blue line to beat an even more startled Sam Clegg in the nets for the Rockets.

Johnstone lifted the puck waist high and drove it so hard Clegg never even made a move to stop it, although his view was open at all times to the play.

This goal came at 5:51 of the first and gave the Essos the lead until the 2:14 mark of the next period when Gordon Girrard tipped in a pass from Marty Kissell that Wayne Price was screened on by a mass of jammed players directly in front of him.

Just over six minutes later, Wayne Dye brought the fans to their feet with tumultuous cheering when he and Jim Lawrence with Bob Craig went in on a three way passing power play with Dye scoring with the clock showing 8:35.

Kamloops tied it up once more at 18:35 when the Essos momentarily dropped their guard and failed to clear the puck from their own zone.

This goal was another of those unpredictable types which was

screened and where Price could make no proper move to cover. Carson Baldwin got credit for this one.

With only 49 seconds remaining in the second frame, a smooth play by Lawrence, Johnstone and Craig set the Essos ahead once again with Lawrence doing the main honor.

Kamloops wasted little time at the start of the third period when they took the play into the Essos net from the face-off and by 1:06 made it a new game for the third time in the evening.

Marty Kissell teamed with Girrard and Baldwin for the Rockets third and final unearned goal of the game.

Essos then jumped back into a good pattern of plays after slacking off several times earlier in the game. They came close to quiet a number of plays which payed off finally at 14:17 when a perfect rebound shot gave Vernon the big win.

Speedy centreman John Price, started the action in his own end, carrying the puck the full length of the rink and making a hard shot directly on Clegg who was unable to control the bouncing rubber.

Ernie Gare was Johnny on the spot as he bounced on the rebound and slipped it under the pads of Clegg before he could recover his initial movement.

Essos now face the new year on a winning note and will be out to even the current series with the Rockets when they meet new years day here in Vernon.

This game has been set for a 2:30 p.m. start and if past games can be any criteria, then it should be a real thriller.

Essos will also return to Kamloops Saturday night for yet another match with the Rockets for their fourth game in a row with the Hub city squad.

## Essos scoring statistics

Essos scoring statistics: 29 games played to Dec. 28, 1970

	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM		
Jim Lawrence	29	16	36	52	47		
Ed Johnstone	27	16	20	36	50		
Wayne Dye	15	11	17	28	60		
John Price	22	8	18	26	34		
Ernie Gare	27	11	13	23	12		
Jim Marsh	29	7	14	21	54		
Jack Fleming	26	7	10	20	42		
Dave Neil	28	7	13	20	10		
Rod Cox	27	4	12	16	53		
Glen Walton	24	5	5	10	4		
Bob Gassoff	28	1	9	10	151		
Doug Wiffen	18	5	4	9	19		
Bob Craig	10	5	4	9	77		
Bob Powell	23	1	1	2	58		
Jim Inglis	14	0	2	2	9		
TEAM RECORD	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
	29	13	12	4	120	117	30



Poggemiller now

## Joe Tennant again referee head-hunting

Wily Joe Tennant is head hunting again. The Kamloops Rockets coach is once more on the war path, this time he wants Vernon referee Ernie Poggemillers' head delivered on a platter to the B.C. junior A league top brass.

Tennant, presently serving a suspension for disrupting a game in his own rink a few weeks ago for charging onto the ice and flailing Penticon referee Red Boscha with some choice words, then capping the show by throwing all of the Rockets spare sticks all over the ice surface as he left the rink.

For his showmanship, he was given a three game suspension which is now in effect but apparently hasn't stopped him from hound-dogging each rink his team plays in.

Last Saturday afternoon he watched the Rockets play the Vernon Essos on Kamloops ice from the press box and from where he was observed busily giving signals to his back-up coach Frank Rota who was

## Kiwanis remain in first place

Peewee house league results for Dec. 19.

Kiwanis 3, Butcher Boys 1. First place Kiwanis found the Butcher Boys to be a very determined team in the first game Saturday and only came away with two points after a very hard fought encounter.

Scoring for Kiwanis: Randy Forsythe, Andy McKay, John Alken. Lone tally for the Butcher Boys by Bruce Farynk. Archie Flemings 4, Rocky's 2.

The second morning game also proved to be very close with the insurance marker for Archie Flemings only coming in the dying moments.

Scoring for Flemings: Holly Mayerl, Tom Ouchi, Joey Alain and Doug Demetrick. Replying for Rocky's, Bruce Nelson and Jim Harding.

working on the far side of the rink.

Monday night at Vernon, his presence was very much noted as again he stood at one corner of the rink from where time to time, players would skate by for fresh instructions.

As the game neared the final moments and the Rockets down one goal, goalie Sam Clegg kept his head turned almost constantly waiting for Tennant to signal his vacating the net in favour of the extra forward so the Rockets could salvage at least a tie.

After the game, Tennant voiced loud and clear his distaste for Poggemillers calls and vowed he would not put his team on the Vernon ice New Years day if the same referee was calling the game.

"The referees in this league are making us all look like a bunch of bush hockey players and its about time the big brass of this league did something about it."

In all my years of hockey, I have never seen such crap as these yokels have been getting away with and its about time somebody did something about it.

Who is this guy anyway? Is he really from Vernon? concluded the irate coach.

Wild fishes accustomed to eating live prey will in captivity refuse to eat "dead" food. Vancouver Aquarium feeders place frozen brine shrimp or plankton into the tank where the water comes in. The shrimp then move with the current and seem alive to the fish. The feeding fish gradually then become accustomed to their new diet.

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