

# Support Minor Hockey

Week of  
Jan. 23-31

Essos to honor . . .

## Minor players and queen candidate

Minor hockey week is being celebrated across Canada all next week with the opening of the festivities starting Saturday.

Vernon minor hockey association with well over 400 youngsters in this years program will be going all out to show the public at large just what progress the little fellows have been making.

One of the first highlights of the Vern program will be the Saturday of Pup players prior to the Essos Jr. A game with Penitcion Broncos this Saturday night.

Although not a close part of minor hockey because of age and difference of league operation, the Essos never-the-ess are pleased to help out by recognizing it is from the lower ranks of minor hockey where they are able to draw players each year.

This Saturday the Essos management have opened the doors to all minor age players in the North Okanagan providing they will be accompanied by a parent, to see junior A hockey at its best. At the same time the Essos

## Silver Star ski teams

doing well

Silver Star ski racers are rediting coaches Dave O'Keefe and Ed Roze for the top rated training program this season which now is beginning to pay off for several of the members.

Sue Keckalo, the clubs only A lass racer placed 10th and 21st in the slalom and giant slalom during the Western Canada championships held at Todd fountain last weekend. Her placings were against the top 30 girls in Western Canada.

Gordon Davidson, also from Vernon but skiing under UBC colors, was 8th and 15th in the giant slalom but was disqualified in the slalom.

Meanwhile in Nelson, the B team members were making their presence felt by taking three firsts and two seconds.

Shelly Paulson won the girls slalom while Reid Glodwin won boys slalom, then placed 2nd in the giant slalom, giving him first in the combined standings.

Teammate Doug Fleming placed 2nd in the slalom but failed to place in the giant slalom along with Shelly Paulson. Terry Watts tied for 3th in the slalom and came in 4th in the giant slalom.

will take the opportunity to honor Queen Silver Star pageant candidate, Miss Heather Holmes, who is being sponsored by the Essos, by making a special presentation to her during game intermission.

Vern Dye, Essos team manager has also indicated he will have Heather make a small presentation to visiting Bronco team manager George Stoll.

Apparently Mr. Stoll burdens everyone within hearing of the

hardships he undergoes each season in handling the strings of operation of the Penitcion team.

George sometimes forgets there are others in the same boat as he is in, and most manager or coaches will agree it is not easy to run a club of this high calibre.

For this reason I will provide my friend from the peach city with a little something that I am sure will absorb all those tears away," said Vern Dye with a twinkle in his eye.

## Essos place three on all-star team

By DOUG BULWER  
Without making it sound like sour grapes, one wonders these days how or what makes the B.C. junior A league tick. The announcement Wednesday from league headquarters in Penitcion of the all-star selection, members of whom will take on Vancouver Centennials Feb. 23 at Kerrisdale arena, has left this writer in particular, a little bewildered.

## Lumby jamboree successful

LUMBY — Lumby Minor Hockey Association is \$430 richer now that the receipts have been counted from its annual minor hockey jamboree held last week.

When first organized, the association decided against selling booster tickets and chose rather to charge a nominal admission fee for spectators attending the jamboree.

It has proven very successful and a couple of merchants have made it even more attractive by offering door prizes.

Credit for the success of the event goes to organizer Larry (Parky) Derry. Lumby Mayor Pat Duke praised Derry's efforts and asked for recognition deserved for a job well done.

Lumby youngsters made a good account for themselves in games against teams from many Okanagan points.

In other games, the Lumby girls beat Vernon lasses 2-0; junior pups: Lumby 4, Vernon

Somewhere along the line choices have been made of players from each of the remaining seven teams in the league to play the Vancouver Centennials.

Reason given was it was felt Vancouver would draw the better fans, so with some fast words on the part of Vancouver promoters, talked the league into letting them host the all-star game providing Vancouver Centennials could play with a full roster.

One would have thought an Interior versus the Coast loop gathering would have drawn just as well, or better yet, B.C. champion Essos take on the rest of the league.

However, the paste is spread and the league will just have to live with this year.

One consolation for Vernon fans was the selection of Jim Lawrence, Bob Craig and Wayne Dye to the all-star team. Chilliwack Bruins didn't name one man.

Another insult that must be remarked upon was the failure to ask Odie Lowe to coach the team. Last year he was picked the coach to the first all-star team and guided the Essos to the B.C. championship.

League president Arnold Lowden of Penitcion, is quoted as saying the selections were made reflecting the current standings of the eight-team league. Penitcion leads here in the Interior and Victoria are tops at the Coast, hence the picking of five men from each of these teams.

The complete list of players to the all-star squad are as follows with the first named

## Mens open to feature 48 rinks

Everything is GO for the men's open bonspiel this weekend which will feature 48 rinks this year.

First draws are set for Thursday night with local rinks featured in the first two draws.

Friday will see the spiel get under-way in earnest with five draws then Saturday eight draws take to the ice with the final five draws on Sunday with A, B, and C event winners being declared.

Total value of \$1,250 in prizes will be given to lucky winners with 23 rinks some from as far away as Quesnel and Banff coming to try for top awards.

man at each position denoting the first choice stars.

The Complete Team:  
Goal—Dave McClelland, Penitcion; Ed Forslund, Victoria.

Defence—Lyle Harpe, Kamloops; Bob Craig, Vernon; Tom Gawryletz, Penitcion; Bruce Affleck, Penitcion; Dale Pennock, Victoria; Bob Mayer, Victoria.

Centre—Vic Mercedi, Penitcion; Jim Dalsell, New Westminster; Jim Lawrence, Vernon.

Left Wing—Bruce Cowick, Victoria; Wayne Dye, Vernon; Doug Mancheck, Kelowna.

Right Wing—Ted Plowe, Victoria; Fred Pater, Penitcion; Kelly Pratt, Kamloops.

## Recreation basketball underway

Men's recreational basketball league is now going into its third week of play with five teams featured in the regular schedule.

Wednesday night is the time set for the double header play which gets under way at 7:30 p.m. with all the action featured in the Clarence Fulton Jr. Secondary School gym.

The following is the standings after two weeks of play:

	P	W	L	Pts.
Armstrong	2	2	0	4
Ver. Giants	2	1	1	2
Vernon	2	1	1	2
Lumby	2	0	2	0
Ver.				
Teachers	0	0	0	0

Essos better but . . .

## Name of the game is goals goals goals

Vernon 2, Kamloops 3  
Vernon Essos didn't come away with those much needed two points when they travelled to Kamloops Wednesday night for a B.C. junior A hockey fixture with the Rockets, but they certainly outplayed their hosts for some measure of consolation.

However, as is usually the case, it's the most goals that counts in the final analysis.

Essos did everything almost near perfect but failed to score goals when they had the best chances.

## Sweater spiel at Lumby

LUMBY — An Enderby rink took top spot at Lumby's annual sweater curling bonspiel which wound up last Sunday night.

The Brian Colli's rink placed first in the A event.

Second was the George Morrison rink, third Barry Ames and fourth Vernon Optical. All three of these rinks were from Vernon.

In the B event, first was the Willie Schmidt rink of Vernon; second, George MacIntosh; third, Eddie Chaput and fourth Marsden Inglis.

Vernon took first in C event with the Russ Keckalo rink. Ken McAfee of Falkland skipped his boys to second place.

The Stan Mills and Nornie Brown rinks, both of Vernon, took third and fourth respectively.

session, yet it was the Rockets who had the most shots on goal.

As a matter of fact, Rockets almost doubled the Vernon shooting tally in that particular period, outshooting the Essos 16-9.

Over the whole game, Kamloops were on the net 40 times including their three goals while Vernon had 35 chances, making two of them good.

For Essos coach Odie Lowe it was a night of frustration as he watched his players put forth with everything they had with the exception of making their plays count with goals.

"Some of these kids just haven't got it," he sighed, "You give them every chance but they can't seem to produce when the opportunity is there."

The quiet spoken mentor has reason to worry, Essos have now played 36 of the 60 game schedule and their record is still mediocre on 16 wins, 15 losses and five ties for 37 points, nine back of the Rockets and 13 behind front running Penitcion.

Probably the only consolation the Essos have at the moment is the fact they still have three games in hand over the Rockets while they are equal in games played with both the Broncos and Kelowna Buckaroos. The Bucks by-the-way, are a long way back with a miserable four win, 30 loss and two tie record.

For the record, Penitcion have 23 wins, nine losses and four ties for 50 points and Kamloops hold down second place in the Interior on 21 wins, 14 losses and have four ties for 46 points.

Playing before 1,100 Kamloops Fans Wednesday night, the Rockets opened the

scoring at the 15:50 mark of the first period with the Essos coming on strong in the mid-frame on a pair of quick goals off the sticks of Jim Lawrence at the 35 second mark and Wayne Dye at 5:44, however with only 54 seconds to go in the period, Rockets managed to pick up the equalizer to end the period scoring.

Third period action saw both teams go at it tooth and nail with Kamloops scoring the winner late in the game (14:07).

All three of the Rocket goals were single efforts with Gerry Holland, Garry Howatt and Kelly Pratt scoring in that order.

Essos now prep themselves to take on Penitcion Broncos Saturday here at home with the Essos looking for a big win after suffering a 6-4 defeat last Sunday at the hands of the Broncos in Penitcion.

Game time has been set for 8:30 with gates opening early at 7 p.m. to allow fans to watch pup league players put on an

exhibition as the Essos help honor minor hockey week which starts this Saturday.

Support of minor hockey during the week is asked of the community and by giving the little fellows a big hand before the big game Saturday night will be one small way people can show that everyone is interested in minor hockey in Vernon.

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