



CAHA honors Len Miller

One of the most surprised persons attending last Saturday nights Junior "A" game at Vernon civic arena was long time hockey supporter, Len Miller, above right. Miller was presented with a bronze shield from the CAHA and Vernon Minor hockey association for his outstanding contribution to the sport for the past 20 years. Another recipient of a similar plaque in 1967 and also from Vernon, Bill Brown, above left, was on hand to make the award.

Len Miller given CAHA top award

The Canadian Amateur hockey association, working in conjunction with the Vernon minor hockey group have given a Vernon resident one of it's highest honors.

Working with young hockey players for many years, Len Miller of Vernon was given an inscribed bronze plaque for his outstanding contribution to the game over a span of two decades.

The presentation, coming as a surprise to Miller, took place

Saturday night between periods of the Junior A game at Vernon civic arena.

Miller was cited for his work in Cranbrook and Vancouver as well as 12 years of loyalty here in Vernon.

While at Cranbrook Miller started the minor hockey association there along with three other men, and worked diligently in that centre for four years.

In Vernon, he has been involved since arriving here,

having coached all divisions and is presently manager of the Pee Wee rep team.

He has served in all executive positions with the local executive, including president.

Miller was also president of the Okanagan junior league for two years and was secretary treasurer for the same league for another two years.

One of his many jobs also included his chairing the annual BCAHA convention that was held here several years ago.

Another of his present jobs is the conducting of coaches clinics in the Okanagan Mainline zones for the BCAHA.

A former recipient of the same award and also from the Vernon area as well as a life member of the Vernon minor association, Bill Brown, made the presentation to Mr. Miller at a brief ceremony.

Kelowna here Wed.

Essos romp to big win over Vancouver

Vernon 5, Vancouver 3

Vernon Essos may have proven they can overcome any obstacle following their resounding 5-3 win over the Vancouver Centennials before nearly 1,300 home town fans last Saturday night.

The Essos put together one of their finest efforts of the season and made no mistake they were the better club by far in the Junior A hockey fixture.

The victory was doubly sweet, for it meant the Essos not only beat a very strong coast club, but they put together their fourth straight win, something they haven't done all winter.

Vancouver opened the scoring on a lone tally in the first

stanza, on a late period goal by newcomer Grant Casper with Vernon tying the game at the three minute mark when Ernie Gare found an opening with help from Rod Cox and Bob Craig.

Vancouver however moved out in front once more on a power-play goal with Don Dirk sitting out a tripping penalty. This goal coming at 10:54.

Just over two minutes later it was Vernon pulling even once more when Jim Lawrence tipped in an Ed Johnstone, Bob Craig combination play.

Vancouver then made it 3-2 in their favour on what proved to be their last goal of the night, just one minute later, with the second period ending on that score.

It was Ed Johnstone, the whizz rookie on the Essos roster, that brought the game once more back on an even keel when he went in alone at 2:10 of the final period.

Johnstone then scored the winner late in the period when he and Wayne Dye and Lawrence teaming to barrel their way deep into Vancouver territory, this goal coming at the 12:42 mark.

Wayne Dye's resounding goal at the 17:42 mark salted the game away much to the delight of the partisan crowd. He had with him John Price and Jim Lawrence on the play.

As the score indicated, the third period was strictly all

Vernon as the boys played their hearts out and made no mistake they were the better team all the way.

Their 18 shots on the Centennial net to three by the visitors was just one of many indications who was the better club in the final 20 minute period.

In all, they outshot the coast club 42-27 and picked up eight of the 12 penalties handed out by referee Ernie Poggemiller.

Next home game for the Essos comes this Wednesday when they host their arch rivals, the Kelowna Buckaroos. Game time has been set for an 8:30 p.m. start, with gates opening at 7:30 for pre-game ticket sales.



Pup play features shutouts

The first game of senior pup action on Thursday features another shut out for Art's Gulf goal keeper Rex Slizak.

David Fish from Rod Trentini, Rod Trentini unassisted and David Fish from Kevin Vardon took care of the scoring as Art's registered a 3-0 shut out over Vernon.

The second game also ended in a shut out as Credit Union defeated Rendell Tractor 1-0. Earl Smith from Michael Melbourne took care of the scoring as Leonard Overbeek chalked up his shut out.



Branch 25 reps for Legion 'spiel

The Gerald Green rink of Vernon will represent the Royal Canadian Legion branch 25 in the upcoming Pacific Command curling championships. The Green foursome took zone honors at Salmon Arm recently and are now prepping for the big event of the year which is to be held in Kelowna Feb. 26-28. In the above photo, the Vernon rink pose with the

Bowlers of the week



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Dear Sir:

Since coming to Canada I have become an avid hockey watcher and, while I cannot condone "The dirty tactics" both in professional and junior hockey, I can understand its cause. But like all aspects of human nature, freedom comes from control and the players who manage to control their tempers help their teams far more by not wasting their time and the team's energy with penalties and fights. It also

Basketball schedule revised

Feb. 3: Vernon vs Teachers; Vernon Giants vs Lumby; Armstrong vs Bye.

Feb. 10: Vernon Giants vs Vernon; Teachers vs Armstrong; Lumby vs Bye.

Feb. 17: Vernon Giants vs Armstrong; Vernon vs Lumby; Teachers vs Bye.

Feb. 24: Vernon Giants vs Lumby; Teachers vs Armstrong; Vernon vs Bye.

March 3: Lumby vs Armstrong; Vernon vs Teachers; Vernon Giants vs Bye.

March 10: Lumby vs Teachers; Vernon Giants vs Vernon; Armstrong vs Bye.

Semi-Finals will take place March 17 with first and third place teams meeting and second and fourth place teams meeting.

Finals (2 game total points):
March 24 and March 31.

Chadwick 194.

Team high single:
Newcomers 996; high triple:
Newcomers: 2635.

"300" Club: Irma Hansen 361.

TEAM STANDINGS

Ball Points 40
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becomes very dull for the spectators.

I have tremendous admiration for the courage and spirit of the young boys who play in junior hockey teams, and who are talented like Wayne Dye, but his talent counts for nothing if he behaves like a spoiled child on the ice. I have seen him viciously attack an opponent who has boarded him, and, allowing for the fact that he may have some honest to goodness grudge against this player, he should know that nobody is going to admire him for stopping the game by starting a fruitless fight and gathering penalties.

I am a woman, whose total aggressive energies are absorbed in writing this one letter. I have no son to play hockey but I hope Mr. Vernon L. Dye understands that if I pay to see hockey and have some understanding of human nature, that I do not actually have to play the sport myself to be able to criticize and that, if I think his son is behaving like a spoiled child, it is not because I hold the young man in less esteem than his teammates. It is merely my observation for what it's worth - and because I think the boy can do much better controlling his temper as well as the puck. This obviously applies to the others as well.

Being in the public eye, Wayne must learn to accept criticism as well as glory - just as I lay myself open to criticism by writing this public letter. I cannot understand, therefore, why BOTH parents had to write letters in his defence. Perhaps now it is obvious to them that several people feel this way about Wayne's behaviour on the ice and they will pause for a moment to consider that there may be some truth in it.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Rety (Mrs.)