

Series starts Tuesday . . .

. . . At special prices

# Essos to host four major junior teams

What is the difference between Western Canada major junior hockey and B.C. junior "A" hockey?

The answer to this will come this week here in Vernon as four of the top level teams come to town to try out their luck against the new edition of the

Saturday night the action swings back to Vernon ice, this time it will be the Calgary Centennials testing the Essos strength and then Monday night, Victoria Cougars will be here for a big game to round out the pre-season exhibition series the Essos have been booked for.

Another big piece of interesting news comes from the Essos head office which has released details of a special package price for the Vernon home ice games.

All five games here will be offered to fans at a considerably reduced rate with adults able to see all the games for \$6, students and pensioners \$4 and children 12 and under getting in for just \$1.

Sale of tickets is on right now from two downtown centres, Ernie's Esso Service Station, 32nd Street, and at Vern's Billiards on main street, next door to MacKay's Drug Store. These tickets will also go on sale at the arena just prior to tomorrow night's game.

Getting back to the upcoming games, of particular interest will be the appearance of Vernon midget graduate, Gordon Henschke, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henschke of this city.

Gordon tried out with the New West Bruins at their Vulcan, Alta. training camp this fall and

so far it looks like he will be a regular with the new western Canada entry.

He was born here and played all his minor hockey with VMHA, being picked several times as an all-star in the lower divisions.



**GORDON HENSCHKE**  
... with New West

Vernon Essos of the B.C. "A" league.

To some, the answer will be the lower division, or tier two level being just as good and this is where the Essos intend to prove the point.

Tuesday night New Westminster Bruins will be here and on their roster will be two familiar players from this area, namely home grown Gordon Henschke Jr. and three year Essos veteran Bob Craig.

Wednesday night at civic arena, Essos take on the Medicine Hat Tigers and with them comes another pair of familiar faces to the Vernon hockey scene with the appearance of Bob Gassoff and Leo Karchie, both veterans of the Esso roster.

Thursday night at Vernon it will be the Kelowna Buckaroos playing the first of a pair of back to back games with Vernon with the Essos travelling to the Regatta town on Friday night.



**BOB CRAIG**  
... in Bruin colors

Vernon fans will also get a chance to see the possible first draft choice of the NHL this coming year with the appearance of Lorne Hennig, a highly rated centremen with the Bruins. New West coach Ernie McLean rates this player as the best in major junior hockey today.



**BOB GASSOFF**  
... with Tigers



**LEO KARCHIE**  
... Hat goalie

In the Medicine Hat game Wednesday, Vernon fans will also get to see last years Western Canada leagues rookie of the year in the personage of Stan Weir and also in the same lineup will be newly drafted all-star Lanny McDonald picked up from the Lethbridge Sugar Kings.

Game times for all the Vernon exhibition games will be 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m. The Friday night game at Kelowna will be at 8:30 p.m.

## Hockey games bargain

Five game exhibition junior hockey series schedule and package prices listed for Vernon Civic Arena all this week:

Tuesday, 8 p.m. New Westminster Bruins vs Essos.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Medicine Hat Tigers vs Essos.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Kelowna Buckaroos vs Essos.

Friday, 8:30 p.m. Vernon at Kelowna.

Saturday, 8 p.m. Calgary Centennials vs Essos.

Monday, 8 p.m. Victoria Cougars vs Essos.

Package prices for series include: All five home games for only \$6 to adults, \$4 to students and pensioners and just \$1 to children 12 and under.

Sale of these tickets is now on at Ernie's Esso Service and at Vern's Billiards, plus they will go on sale at 7 p.m. Tuesday night at the arena.

## Hunter training

Sportsmen are reminded that effective April 1, 1972, the Hunter Training, Conservation and Outdoor Safety Examination becomes mandatory for all residents 14 years of age or older applying for a first licence — and all resident hunters between the ages of 14 to 18 inclusive regardless of whether they held a previous hunting licence.

Dr. James Hatter, director of the Fish and Wildlife Branch said that anyone falling within these categories should make every effort to take and complete the Hunter Training, Conservation and Outdoor Safety Program this fall or early spring.

The minimum age for taking the program is 12 years of age.

There are presently 675 qualified instructors within the



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by  
**GERRY GOUDGE**

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