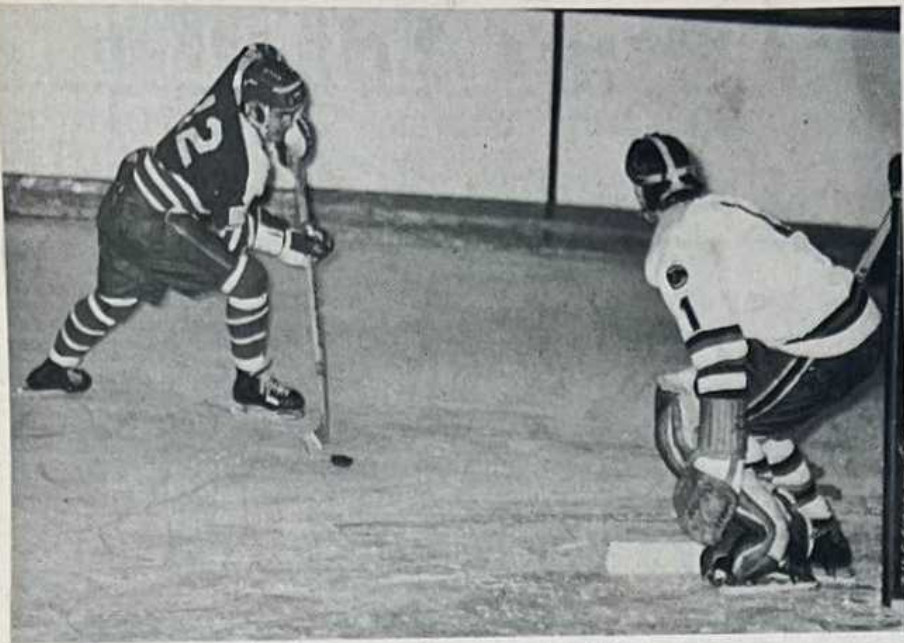




Hockey is exciting

Exciting action in the above photo is typical of what the Vernon Essos have been providing in their first six outings this season of the B.C. junior A league. The photo shows Vernon goalie Earl Bowie making a diving save as a Kelowna attacker tries to jam the puck past him in last Tuesday's game which the Essos won 6-5 at Kelowna. At the moment, the Essos hold a three point edge over their nearest rivals the Vancouver Centennials and pace the league with 10 points on five wins in only six games played. Other Vernon player shown in the photo is defenceman Dennis Bergeron.



Salo adds goal eight

One of the Vernon Essos front running pointmen so far in the B.C. Jr. A League, right winger Les Salo is caught by the camera at Kelowna last Tuesday as he is about to score his eighth goal of the season in six games played. Salo has also added six assists for a total of 14 points just two behind John Price who has a 4-12 for 16 points and Ernie Gare who has 7-9 for 16 points.

Five wins in six

Essos have three point league lead

Vernon Essos took it on the chin at Vancouver Monday night but bounced right back at Kelowna Tuesday to maintain their three point lead in the B.C. Junior A hockey league standings.

Monday night, Essos were obviously beginning to show the strain of a tough three game weekend at the Coast as they were unable to get a strong offensive push going and when the final whistle blew found themselves on the short end of a 2-0 score.

However, they were able to get back into the swing of things as they took on Kelowna Buckaroos in the Kelowna arena Tuesday night and came away with a satisfying 6-5 win.

Essos have now put together a five win, one loss record in their first six outings for 10 points, three better than second place Vancouver Centennials who have seven points on three wins, two losses and one tie.

Third place in the standings show Penticton Broncos hold a six point edge with a three win, two loss record in five games played.

Holding down fourth place is the Chilliwack Bruins who have four points on a two win, two loss record.

Kamloops Rockets are next with one win, three losses and a tie for three points while Kelowna Buckaroos are in the cellar spot with four straight losses.

Monday night at Richmond arena, Essos and Centennials battled through a listless first period with the Essos finally giving way at the 14:16 mark when Cents Don Gorman scored on a rebound shot.

Second period saw both teams make several good tries at scoring with the highlight of the session coming with some spectacular goal tending on the part of Vernon's Mike Smithson and Vancouver goalie Charlie Briskham.

Smithson in particular was a standout as he did everything right from sliding saves to kicking aside almost sure goals on at least 10 different Vancouver attempts.

The same held true in the final period when he again was called upon to come up with several key moves but with the pressure on finally allowed goal number two at the 8:35 mark when defensive man Nels Goddard drove a screen shot past him.

Another highlight of the game was the 37 penalties called with Vernon taking 19, with two of them called for Vernon players using curved sticks in excess of a half inch at it's deepest point.



B.C. Jr. 'A' standings

	To October 20, 1971						
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon	6	5	1	0	35	25	10
Vancouver	6	3	2	1	22	26	7
Penticton	5	3	2	0	20	17	6
Chilliwack	4	2	2	0	20	12	4
Kamloops	5	1	3	1	22	25	3
Kelowna	4	0	4	0	11	29	0

Arriving home Tuesday morning Essos found themselves heading to Kelowna a few hours later and when that game was over had just barely edged the Kelowna Buckaroos by a 6-5 margin.

Vernon took a 3-2 edge in the first period, allowed Kelowna to match a pair of goals in the second frame and repeated the move in the final period with one goal each.

Vernon's Les Salo, a speedy right winger was the scoring leader with a pair of goals with the single coming from Jim Lawrence, Wayne Dye, John Price and Ernie Gare.

Salo now has eight goals in the six games played with only Wayne Dye ahead of him in this department with nine to his credit.

Leading the league and the

Vernon scoring list is Ernie Gare and John Price who have a 16 point total with Gares' record showing him with a seven goal, nine assist tally while Price has four goals and 12 assists to his credit.

Les Salo is also well up in the points with eight goals and six assists for 14 points.

Wayne Dye is close behind in fourth place with nine goals and four assists for 13 points in six games played.

Fifth place scoring ace on the Essos roster is team captain Jim Lawrence who has a two goal, seven assist tally for nine points.

Essos travel once more this week to Penticton on Friday and then play host to Chilliwack Saturday night here at civic arena. Game times for both games is 8:30 p.m.

Essos meet Bruins here on Saturday

While the Vernon Essos may have a three point edge in the league standings of the B.C. Junior A league, they have found the opposition can be really tough.

This Saturday they will again have to prove themselves as they meet Chilliwack Bruins here at civic arena.

The Essos took the Bruins handily by a 5-3 difference last Saturday at Chilliwack but it was the same Bruins who made short work of the Vancouver centennials by a 6-1 score also last week.

With Vernon taking a 2-0 loss to Vancouver in turn, the game Saturday should prove quite interesting.

Chilliwack Bruins are a big club and skate well and hit much harder than was expected, and they should be out to prove several things when they arrive here this weekend.

Chilliwack will be in Kamloops Friday night, meet the Essos here Saturday and then take on Kelowna at Kelowna Sunday.

A combination of losses to Vernon and wins by the Bruins could put them up on top with Vernon, this of course holds true

for Vancouver who also make a swing into the interior this weekend.

They need to win too, and if so, could be fighting a close battle with Vernon and Chilliwack along with Penticton for top spot by the end of the weeks action.

Game time here is 8:30 and the action promises to be fast and furious.

Vernon Essos management also announced today they will be offering free passes to children 12 years and under providing they accompany a parent. Also, autographed hockey sticks will be given away during the game.

Pee Wee Re

In three exhibition games played by the Vernon Pee Wee Reps over the Thanksgiving holiday and last week-end they posted two convincing wins over the Kelowna Pee Wees to the tune of 8-5 in Kelowna and 9-3 in the Vernon Civic Arena last Sunday afternoon.

The second game of the holiday week-end saw a trip to Kamloops where a very close

Coaches clinic

Figure skaters to converge in Lumby

Figure skaters from all points in the valley will converge in the Lumby arena next Saturday for a day long coaches clinic session with several interesting phases of skating to be presented.

The sessions start at 12 noon through to 6 p.m. and will see two highly rated instructors Mrs. Marilyn Prentice from Vernon and Miss Sherri Biagoni of Kamloops on hand to conduct the clinic. Both are highly rated professionals at their respective clubs.

The clinic will be under the direction of Mrs. Pat Wheatley of Vernon who is chairman of the Okanagan Mainline figure skating judges bureau of the B.C. section of the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

Registration begins sharp at 12 noon followed by several individual aspects of coaching, one of which should be of great interest to hockey players, in that instruction and demonstrations will be shown how to gain speed and to jump.

Members of the Lumby and Vernon skating clubs will be on hand to demonstrate as well as young hockey players from the

Lumby minor hockey program.

The following is the table of events and the time they will start;

12-12:30 Registration Assemble, Introductions

12:30-1:30 Instruction and demonstration on the Ice of Beginners, Stroking, Elementary and Basic Free Skating Tests.

1:30-2:30 Instruction and demonstration on the Ice of Speed, Novice One, Jump, Novice Two Tests.

2:30-3:30 Coffee break. Film showing of the various tests. Address by Mrs. A.E. Barry, Director B.C. Section, C.F.S.A. and Director of all Amateur Coaches' Clinics for British Columbia. "The National Skating Test Programme and How it Applies to You".

3:30-4:30 Demonstration and Instruction on the Ice of Power Stroking.

4:30-5:30 Instruction and demonstration on the Ice of Dance I, Dance II, Figure and Free Style Tests.

5:30-6:00 Off Ice — Question and Answer Period — Presentation of Certificates and Badges.

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