

Smithson brilliant

# Shutout features in a pair of Esso wins

FRIDAY  
Vernon 5—Penticon 3

SATURDAY  
Vernon—Penticon 0

A pair of back to back victories, one of them a well deserved shutout has given Vernon Essos a healthy share of first place in the B.C. Junior A Hockey standings once more.

Essos went into the weekend double header with Penticon Broncos down four points of the leading Broncos and when it was all over had come through with a twin set of victories to bring their total points to 16, the same as the Broncos but with a game in hand.

While both games were well played by every member of the Essos, standout performance by Mike Smithson in the nets for the Vernon club was climaxed by his first shutout and before hometown fans Saturday night.

Friday night at Penticon, Smithson and company moved into Memorial Arena faced with a determination to wash away the poor performance shown in a brawl at Vernon Tuesday and this they did to a man as they came on strong almost from the opening whistle.

Ernie Gare set the wheels in motion as he fired a shot past goalie Bob Love at 3:35 of the initial frame only to have Broncos take advantage of a power play with a minute and a half left in the period to tie the game at one goal each with John Price sitting out a charging penalty.

Second period action saw Penticon take the lead twice with Vernon coming back quickly each time to even things up then moving out to stay with just two minutes remaining.

Les Salo gave Vernon the tie the first time when he scored the first of his two goals in the game at 6:04, exactly one minute after Ron Poole had put the hot club out in front.

Shortly after this, Broncos took the lead once more on a goal by Bob Nicholson at the 7:41 mark, but Essos captain Jim Lawrence came up with an unassisted effort seven minutes later followed by what proved to be the winner just two minutes under the final whistle of the mid frame with Les Salo getting the honors with help from Wayne Dye and Jim Lawrence.

Only goal in the final period came off the stick of Wayne Dye who scooted in on the Penticon net almost unmoled from the centre red line, made the goalie slip the puck into the open net for the insurance marker.

AT HOME SATURDAY  
Essos came back into their own rink Saturday night and showed how it had been done the night before, outclassing the Broncos almost continuously.

Steady team work and brilliant saves by Smithson when Penticon did get through to him, kept the Broncos off the score board with Essos coming score board with a pair of good goals when Neilson opened near the



MIKE SMITHSON  
... leads goals

five minute mark followed by Les Salo scoring at the 15:40 mark.

Second period action saw a see-saw battle up and down the ice with neither team able to beat the opposing goalies until the 15:19 mark when John Price scored from a close in play and Ed Johnstone repeating the act with a minute and a half to go in the period.

Third period action again had Penticon frustrated at every turn particularly when trying to beat Mike Smithson with the main aim of Essos rest content to try and

hold the shutouts honors for Smithson by back checking with some strong defensive manoeuvres.

The shutout, by the way, was the first for both Vernon and Mike Smithson who also brought his league down to a mere 2.25 goals per game in eight starts. In seven previous games he has allowed only 19 goals to slip past him while effectively blocking 265 shots that have come his way in 540 minutes played.

Essos will now shoot for sole possession of first place Wednesday night when they travel to Kamloops for their second meeting of the season with the Rockets then return home for a Friday night game with Chilliwack Bruins who had to be content with a 7-7 tie with cellar dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos, in a game at Chilliwack Saturday night. This was the only defence game played on the weekend.

The Friday game will not start until 9 p.m. and will feature open house to Enderby and Armstrong minor hockey players.

Two Vernon residents were presented with Centennial '71 Fitness Awards by Parks and Recreation Director Jack Boutlier.

Mrs. Elaine Ewashko and Mrs. Barbara Smith both completed their 20 mile walks in mid-September.

The awards are presented to adults 18 years and older for completing a prescribed distance in either walking, running, swimming or cycling.

Participants must complete their mileage by Dec. 31, 1971.

The sessions are attracting all ages and the music played varies from old-time skating music to more recent melodies.

Children's recreational courses

Several programs offered to children at the Vernon Community Centre are proving quite popular.

The Girls Club held on Mondays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. the Boys' Recreational Club on Saturdays from 10-12 noon and the Tumbling and Games Club held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. are some of the events.

Vacancies still exist in these programs.



## Essos-RCMP join forces

The Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior A Hockey League and the RCMP Police have joined forces with the signing of a police constable to the Esso hockey roster.

The announcement by Esso team manager Vern Dye Sunday the Essos had signed 19-year-old Gary Stankievich, a member of the RCMP detachment at Vernon, came as no surprise following his stellar performance in a hockey game Saturday night played against Penticon Broncos.

Stankievich played only a few turns on the ice in the third period but his obvious ability as a defenceman impressed several people enough to

Lead by the outstanding goal tending of Mike Kirk, the Banners have swept their first three games allowing only two goals while Mike recorded two shutouts.

Tuesday evening saw the Banners completely dominate play over the Lumby Royals with Graham Hatherly leading the winners with two goals and three assists.

Other Banner goals were scored by Gerry Stevens, Jack O'Neil, Wayne Little and Sonny Both in the 6-0 shutout.

Second game Tuesday saw Vernon Jaycees score seven goals to defeat the Lavington Shamrocks 7-1.

The league returns to action on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Lumby with the Banners vs the Shamrocks at 7:30 p.m. and the Jaycees taking on the Royals at 8 p.m.

League standings to Nov. 2, 1971:

C Banners	W	L	G	GA	Pts
3	0	12	2	4	6
1	2	10	13	2	2
1	2	4	10	2	2
1	2	9	10	2	2

Another top entry is the young Jack Tucker rink from Richmond, fresh from a third-place finish in Vancouver's recent Evergreen Tournament of Champions. Tucker, who formed his own rink this year and then beat his former skip, Pierce, for third place — will have Jim Armstrong, an Evergreen all-star, at third.

Jerry Peckham at second and Jim Heinz as lead. Armstrong and Peckham were members of B.C.'s bronze medal rink at last winter's Canada Games.

Other new Totem entries also means the coast is up. Frank Crealock and Ed Rising, both of Seattle, Merv McEwen of Geraldton, Ont., Ozzie Isfeld of North Vancouver and police curler Gord Duholke of Edmonton. Also entered are rinks from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Oregon and California.

A highlight of Vancouver's Grey Cup and Centennial activities, the Totem features the Centennial and Confederation events with \$1,850 in Centennial event. Opening ceremonies and the championship event will be at the Arbutus Club with other events at Greater Vancouver rinks.

Entries should be forwarded to Centennial Totem Bonspiel, P.O. Box 2111, North Burnaby, B.C.

## Collegiate hockey tourney

TRAIL — The first ever provincial Collegiate hockey tournament will be staged on December 24 at Trail and Nelson as part of the first annual British Columbia Festival of Winter Sports.

British Columbia Festival of Winter Sports will be held December 1-12, in Centennial Year, and bring together more than 10,000 athletes who will participate in events in all parts of the province.

The 16 major sports in the Festival are all Canada Winter Games events.

Ten British Columbia schools will participate in the single knockout hockey tournament. The teams will be seeded in two groups with the winner of each group meeting in the final at Trail Arena.

Each team will play five games during the two and one-half day tournament.

Participating schools are Royal Roads, Malaspina College (Nanaimo), UBC Okanagan, SFU Clansmen, BCIT Coquitlam, Douglas College (New Westminster), New Caledonia College (Prince George), Cariboo College (Kamloops), Selkirk College (Castlegar) and

Notre Dame University (Nelson).

"The teams are all faced with a gruelling schedule over a short period of time," said tournament co-ordinator, Jerry Lloyd, of BCIT. "But, it's an exciting challenge. Thanks to the Festival, we'll have for the first time a true provincial collegiate champion."

Other major sports participating in the Festival are badminton, Winter Sports are badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, fencing, figure skating, gymnastics, judo, skiing, speed skating, synchronized swimming, table tennis, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

In total, the B.C. Festival of Winter Sports will have 80 events in more than 40 communities.



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## B.C. Jr. A Hockey Standings

To November 7, 1971

Team	Gp.	W	L	T	Gf	GA	Pts.
1. Vernon Essos	11	8	3	0	55	36	16
2. Penticon Broncos	12	8	4	0	52	40	13
3. Richmond-Van. Cents.	13	6	6	1	44	56	13
4. Kamloops Rockets	10	3	4	3	39	40	9
5. Chilliwack Bruins	10	3	6	1	42	40	9
6. Kelowna Buckaroos	10	1	6	3	36	55	5

## Essos team standings

Individual Team Stats. To Nov. 6  
VERNON ESSOS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts.	Pens.	Pims.
Bill Vernon	11	1	3	4	4	27
Cliff Lane	10	1	1	3	14	
Lyle Brewer	11	0	5	5	7	20
Gary Stankievich	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Neil	9	2	1	3	8	24
Jim Lawrence	11	4	14	18	5	69
Wayne Dye	11	10	7	17	12	69
Glen Walton	7	2	2	4	2	27
Gord Neilson	8	2	2	4	3	6
John Price	11	8	16	24	9	26
Les Salo	11	12	7	19	4	16
Ed Johnstone	11	6	14	8	24	24
Jeff Shirley	9	2	1	3	7	22
Ernie Gare	11	0	3	3	2	7
Dennis Bergeron	8	0	3	3	14	51
Bob Powell	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bill Martin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ken Reid	1	0	0	0	1	10
Earl Bowie	11	0	0	0	4	29
Mike Smithson	11	0	0	0	1	2
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Totals

	55	85	140	103	423
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GOALIES

	Gp	Min	P	Saves	SO	Ga	Ave.
Earl Bowie	4	220	101	0	18	4.50	
Mike Smithson	8	540	205	1	18	2.25	

Leaders:  
Most goals — Les Salo 12  
Hat tricks — Wayne Dye 2 Ernie Gare 1  
Most assists — John Price 16  
Most Points — John Price 24  
Most Penalties — Bob Powell 14  
Most Pen. Minutes — Wayne Dye 69  
Most power play goals for: Ernie Gare 4; Les Salo 3; John Price 1; Wayne Dye 1 Total 9

Most power play goals against: — Bob Powell 3; Jim Lawrence 1; Lyle Brewer 1; Cliff Lane 1; Ed Johnstone 1; Total 7

Other Statistics:  
A total of 20 players used in 11 games for 10,560 game minutes played.  
10 players have shared in scoring 55 goals.  
15 players have shared in assisting 85 times.  
15 of 20 players have contributed to team total points of 140

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