

Six straight wins

Essos take firm hold of first in BCJHL

Wednesday
Vernon 7—Kamloops 4

Friday
Vernon 5—Chilliwack 1

Sunday
Vernon 8—Richmond 3

Vernon Essos have racked up six straight wins, three of them since last Wednesday to consolidate their first place hold in the B.C. Junior A Hockey League.

In 14 games played to date, Essos now have an 11 win, three loss record for 22 points, three more than their nearest rivals the Penticton Broncos.

Most impressive of all is the 5.35 goals average per game they have scored as against only allowing 3.14 being scored against them in their 14 games registered at this point of their 60 game schedule.

Along with an excellent team record, six team members are riding high in the top 10 league scoring race.

Three Essos share number one spot with 29 points with Wayne Dye leading the way with 16 goals and 13 assists, four of these goals he picked up Sunday when the Essos stomped on Richmond Centennials to the tune of 8-3 and at

the same time adding three assists.

Others with Dye are John Price with a nine goals, 20 assists record and team captain Jim Lawrence with a league leading 23 assists record coupled with six goals scored so far.

Also not taking a back seat to anyone is Ed Johnstone, Ernie Gare and Les Salo who have also gone past the 20 point mark.

Gare has scored 12 goals along with 13 assists for 25 points, Johnstone has 11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points and Les Salo has second most goals on the club with 13 while adding eight assists for 21 points.

The Sunday game was the highlight of the three game sweep of victories started last Wednesday night in Kamloops.

In the Sunday game, Wayne Dye, Jim Lawrence and Ed Johnstone, all playing on the first line, banged in a total of 16 points based on four goals by Dye, two by Johnstone and a single by Lawrence with Lawrence leading with five assists, Dye with three and Johnstone with a single assist, to bring their personal totals over the three games to 12

B.C. Jr. A standings

Team	To Nov. 14, 1971						Pts
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	
Vernon Essos	14	11	3	0	75	44	22
Penticton Broncos	14	9	4	1	62	43	19
Richmond (Van) Cents	17	7	8	2	58	82	16
Chilliwack Bruins	13	3	8	2	47	51	10
Kamloops Rockets	12	3	5	4	47	52	10
Kelowna Buckaroos	12	2	7	3	46	64	7

points by Dye, 11 by Lawrence and nine by Johnstone.

Another big factor for this high flying line, was they scored 13 of the 20 goals banged in by the Essos over the last three games, and picked up 17 of the 32 assists awarded.

While the Essos were flying with a 20 goal output, their defensive tactics improved to show they only allowed eight goals to be scored against them. In this respect, goalie Mike Smithson played a major role as he maintained an excellent league leading goals against average of only 2.36 in 12 games he has been featured in.

In Kamloops Wednesday night, Essos jumped quickly into the fray and before anyone could really appreciate what had happened had scored four unanswered goals, three of them with the Rockets sitting a man in the penalty box.

Wayne Dye, Ernie Gare and Ed Johnstone each scored a pair of markers in this game

with John Price adding the single.

Friday night at home, Essos five goal output came on single efforts by Jim Lawrence, Glen Walton, Les Salo, Ed Johnstone and Ernie Gare to edge the Chilliwack Bruins by a handy 5-1 difference.

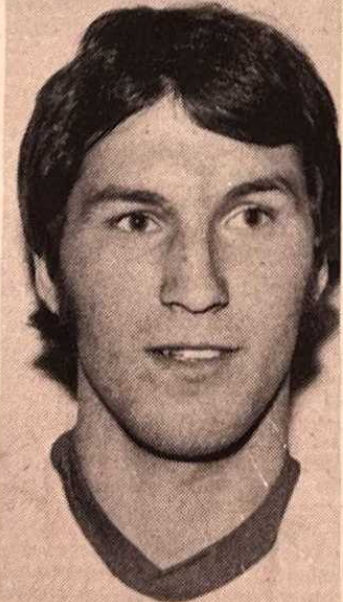
Ernie Gare also added another power play goal to his credit Friday night to bring the total to seven so far this year with two of these scored in Kamloops Wednesday as well, for another outstanding individual weekend.

In all, Essos have taken advantage of 17 power play goals this year as against only nine being scored against them.

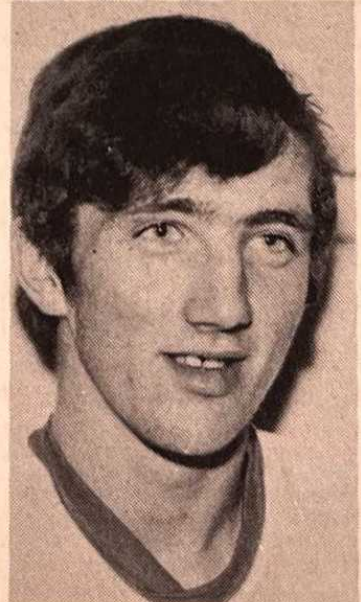
Next game for the Essos will see them in Kelowna tomorrow night (Tuesday) then back home against the same Buckaroos Sunday night with game time at Kelowna set for an 8:30 p.m. start and here in Vernon Civic Arena for an early 7:30 p.m. start time.



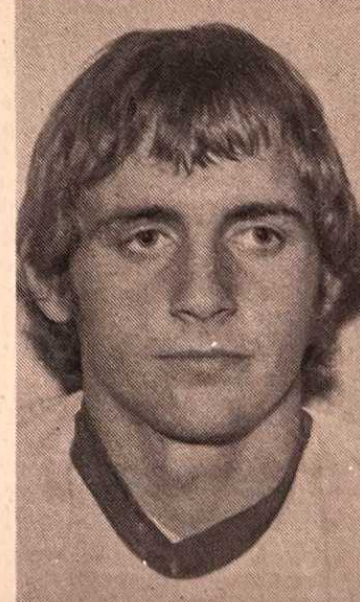
WAYNE DYE
... 12 points



JIM LAWRENCE
... 11 points



ED JOHNSTONE
... 9 points



ERNIE GARE
... 7 power-play goals

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