

Essos all the way

B.C. leaders really flying

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Essos opened their action at Kelowna Friday night and when the air had cleared were victors by a wide 13-5 margin over Kelowna Buckaroos.

Saturday night at Kamloops, the Essos again came out on top but they had to work for their 3-2 win as the Rockets were in command until the final period.

The Sunday wrap-up game saw the Essos put on a strong display of team work before a large home town crowd of nearly 1,000 fans with the final score showing the Essos with a 4-1 shellacking over the hapless cellar dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos.

With the weekend series now under their belts, Essos can boast an impressive 18 victories in 24 games played and with the wins, their goals for tally shows with a league leading 160 as opposed to allowing the least goals to be scored against them which stands at 80. Essos goals average per game is now 6.6.

In the individual scoring list, Vernon now has the first five players leading with John Price holding two points in front with 23 goals and 39 assists for 62 points.

Next in line is Jim Lawrence with a 60 point total on 14 goals and 46 assists. Third place in the league is Ernie Gare, who has picked up 17 goals and assisted 34 times for 51 points.

Number four man on the talent pole is Ed Johnstone who has tallied 23 goals and assisted on 23 others for 46 points.

Right behind Johnstone is Wayne Dye, who missed a pair of weekend games but his point totals show him with 25 goals and 20 assists for 45 points.

Only other player in the league that is close to the above five leaders is Jerry Holland of Kamloops who has picked up 22 goals and added 16 assists for 48 points.

Also on the Essos top scoring list is Les Salo who stands sixth with a 35 point total based on a 12 goal, 13 assist record. And right behind him is Glen Walton who has really perked up of late to bring his point total to 24 with 12 goals and 12 assists listed.

Getting back to the three games on the weekend, Essos banged in five goals in each of the first two periods then added three more in the final session for their 13-5 win over the Bucks Friday night.

In this game, Jim Lawrence and Les Salo paced the win with a hat trick each (three goals apiece) with Glen Walton adding a pair and singles from Dave Neil, John Price, Ed Johnstone, Jeff Shirley and Ernie Gare.

This game was marred by the way, with a rash of 26 penalties, 10 of them going to Vernon which included misconducts being handed out to goalie Mike Smithson and Walton for their part in a penalty ridden second period.

Saturday night at Kamloops, what has to be one of the finest games played so far in the B.C. league unfolded before the

home town fans at Kamloops as the host Rockets held the Essos scoreless for the first two periods before giving way to Vernon in the final period with Essos banging in two power-play markers and then winning the game with only a minute and 45 seconds to go.

Goals at 15:07 and 18:21 of the first period with a defensive lapse the main cause gave the Rockets their only goals of the game as both teams then played exciting end to end rushing plays in the second period with neither able to find pay-dirt.

As mentioned it was all Essos as Ed Johnstone slapped in a blue-line drive with only 32 seconds gone in the period with Rockets Ivan Christenson sitting out a holding penalty he picked up a minute and 10 seconds before the second period ended.

Then at 11:27 a picture play by Ernie Gare set up another goal with Glen Walton doing the honors after Gare had worked past the goal then moved the puck back on a sharp angle to Walton who was left alone for a fraction of a second which gave him time to bang the rubber under the Kamloops goalie's pads to tie the game at 2-2. This was the goal of the power-play variety.

It was Gare again making with some excellent moves as he slipped in the winner with a minute and 45 seconds remaining after the Essos had literally swarmed all over the Kamloops defensive zone in the

B.C. junior A standings

(to and including Dec. 12-71)

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Vernon	24	19	5	0	160	80	38
Penticton	25	15	8	2	113	82	32
Kamloops	23	8	9	6	94	92	22
Kelowna	10	12	2	2	92	27	22
Richmond	25	9	14	2	87	129	20
Kelowna	23	3	16	4	79	145	10
		goal totals		625		625	

Weekend scoreboard:

Thurs. Dec. 9	Penticton 3 at Chilliwack 5
Friday Dec. 10	Vernon 13 at Kelowna 5
	Penticton 6 at Richmond 1
Saturday Dec. 11	Vernon 3 at Kamloops 2
	Penticton 3 at Chilliwack 4
Sunday Dec. 12	Kelowna 0 at Vernon 15

Local swimmers do well in school meet

Twenty-one swimmers from Vernon and Armstrong schools travelled to Vancouver on the weekend to take part in the B.C. High School Swimming Championship at the Percy Norman pool.

Competition was stiff with several swimmers from the Canadian National team swimming for their schools.

The most prominent result by a Vernon swimmer saw Peter Hrditschka win the 100M Breaststroke event in a meet record time of 1:12.3.

Also swimming for Vernon Senior Secondary a medley relay team of Rick Tall, Jerome Malysz, Brad Shirley and Peter Hrditschka finished a surprising third.

Other Results by Schools were as follows: (The top twelve places counted for points)

Vernon Sr. Secondary
Brad Shirley — 3rd — 200M Individual Medley, 2nd — 100M Freestyle, 6th — 100M Backstroke.

Peter Hrditschka — 2nd — 50M Breaststroke, 2nd (Consolation) 200M Individual

latter stages of the period. While it seems unimportant at this writing, the Kamloops game did have one bad aspect and this came particularly noticeable in the third period as the ice conditions were so bad (because of poor cleaning equipment) the puck was hard to control making both teams look foolish at times in the way the puck was handled.

As a matter of fact, the third period action was delayed well over 40 minutes because shovels were needed to scrape large lumps and other ice particles from the ice surface.

At home Sunday night, Essos seemingly toyed with the Buckaroos for the first two periods as they opened with a pair of goals in the first period, added three in the second period then almost at will went ahead with the demolition by scoring a 10 goal onslaught in the final period to complete the whitewash and give goalie Mike Smithson his second shutout of the season.

Another pair of hat tricks were featured in this game with Ed Johnstone and Glen Walton featuring with John Price and Les Salo adding two each and singles by Bill Vernon, George Faragher, Dave Neil, Wayne Dye and Jeff Shirley.

Tuesday night, Essos will again play the host as they take on Kamloops Rockets once more but this time it will be on home ice with the game due for a 8 p.m. start.



Bantam league standings

BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE STANDINGS (Including games played December 4th 1971)

TEAM STANDINGS	GP		W		L		T		GF		GA		PTS
Noca	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	28	9	10	8	10	
Nalley's	5	3	2	0	0	0	28	13	6	6	6		
Vernon News	5	2	2	1	1	1	13	5	6	6	6		
Ernie's Esso	5	2	3	0	0	2	14	8	4	4	4		
Peewee Wee Reps	5	2	3	0	0	2	17	24	4	4	4		

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

NAME	PTS.
Greg Garrett, Nalley's	8
Kelly Kanada, Peewee Reps	7
Bernie Jacek, Nalley's	7
Cam Torgerson, Noca	7
Dave Delaney, Nalley's	7
Robert Donald, Rennick's	6
Garry Redman, Peewee Reps	6
Jim Smith, Peewee Reps	6
Mike Faryuk, Ernie's	6
Wally Fisher, Noca	6
Dennis Deleux, Nalley's	5
Mike DeVries, Ernie's	4
Gary Field, Peewee Reps	4
Kevin Mitchell, Ernie's	4
Tom Ouchin, Peewee Reps	4
Chris Morris, Rennick's	4

GOALTENDING	GP	GA	SV	AVG.
Lyle Finch, Noca	5	8	1	1.60
Irvine Shaw, Rennick's	5	13	1	2.60
Les Salo, Vernon News	5	12	0	2.40
Darrell Waple, Nalley's	5	14	1	2.80
Ken Mayer, Ernie's Esso	5	18	0	3.60
Jim Smith, David Schroter Peewee Reps	5	24	0	4.80

Star ski club set out plans

Nancy Greene Ski League... This year an attempt will be made to expand the Nancy Greene ski league program to include a four-team league competing once a week on snow-plow or better ability and 13 and under as of August 31, 1971 are invited to attend practice sessions and time trials to be held every Saturday and Sunday (except December 25) between 10 a.m.

Another shutout for Bruins

Leonard Overbeek registered another easy shutout in the first game of senior peewee Pup hockey on Thursday as the Bruins blanked Athens Pizza 1-0.

The Bruins completely outplayed the pizza boys but were unable to score until late in the game when Derrick Smithson scored assisted by Mike Melbourne.

Arts Gulf defeated a short handed bear alignment team 4 to 1 in the second game.

Craig Demetrick scored three goals for the winners and Lloyd Poley netted the Fourth.

Rod Kasuba collected two assists with Craig Demetrick and Lloyd Poley also getting an assist each. David Popliach scored the only goal for Bear Alignment.

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Tennant vows total revenge

Kamloops Rocket coach Joe Tennant has vowed in no uncertain terms he will bring his Rockets into Vernon tomorrow night and again Friday night and do one major thing, wreck any plans Vernon Essos have of maintaining their domination of the B.C. Junior A Hockey League.

Tennant was not just talking for the sake of talking after his boys lost a 3-2 decision to the Essos Saturday night before one of the best crowds ever to see a game in the North Kamloops arena and this, despite the fact so many people were tied up with civic elections the same night.

The Rockets have yet to win over the Essos and according to Tennant there is no reason why a team with such low calibre players and even worse type of men to run a team can keep on winning.

The Rocket coach has been saying loud and clear he will get the best of Vernon yet particularly of manager Vern Dye who has kept Tennant off balance for two years now in out maneuvering in getting players to come to Vernon rather than to Kamloops.

"You think I am kidding when I say these things, but just wait, I fixed Vernon last year in the playoffs by making my boys force the Essos into stupid penalties and I will do it again starting Tuesday. Those Vernon players are so dumb they can be made to do anything, especially take penalties.

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Another thing, I have got the youngest team in this league but they happen to be the toughest as anyone can remember when we played in Vernon the last time. We beat them with our fists then, and we will do it again this week.

You can also tell Vern Dye to stay out of my sight because I will take the smile off his face the next time we meet, concluded the hot tempered Kamloops coach.

Vern Dye indicated Sunday he will be glad to see the Kamloops Rockets in town and according to his opinion, can hardly wait for the high flying Essos to trim the Rockets and their big mouthed coach once and for all.

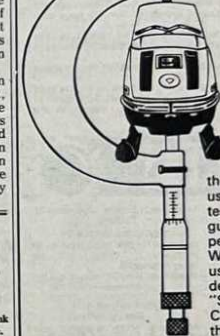
Game time has been set for 8 p.m. with main ticket office opening at 7 p.m.

Holiday skating schedule

The Vernon Department of Parks and Recreation has planned additional skating and swimming sessions during the Christmas holidays.

Copies of these schedules may be picked up at the Vernon Community Centre swim pool office.

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