



JOHN PRICE
... Star centreman



WAYNE DYE
... left wing



ED JOHNSTONE
... right wing



MIKE SMITHSON
... leads goalies



JIM LAWRENCE
... 2nd line centre



ERNIE GARE
... 2nd right wing

Coach Lowe too ...

Essos dominate all-star selects

It was almost a foregone conclusion a major portion of the B.C. Junior A hockey league's mid-season all-star roster would be made up of Vernon Essos team members. An announcement from league headquarters now located at Kamloops on Monday, listed eight members of the Essos as having been selected to represent the stars in an all-star game to be played on Jan. 21 at Kamloops.

Heading the list is coach Odie Lowe who has master-minded his charges to the first half schedule league leadership almost from the first game back in October.

With Lowe's team will be the first line of John Price at centre, Wayne Dye at left wing and Ed Johnstone at right wing.

Centering the second line will be Esso team captain Jim Lawrence with Ernie Gare sharing the spotlight at right wing and Mike Smithson fronting the all-star goal tending chores.

Apparently the selections were made by coaches of each of the six team league and were based presumably on the fact the seven players mentioned from the Vernon playing roster have led in almost every department of the league statistics.

Others on the team will be back-up goalie Glen Buechert of Penticton, Bruce Affleck also of Penticton and Ron Greschner of Chilliwack on the first line defence with Greg Fox of Kelowna and Gerry Sismey of Penticton the second line defence.

Other forward on the second line will be Jerry Holland of Kamloops who will work with Lawrence and Gare.

Strange part of the an-

nouncement is that so far only 12 players have been listed which includes the two goalies, which is not enough to field a full team that normally should include enough players to field at least three full forward lines, and extra defencemen, to spell off the first two lines of two men per line.

While it is only conjecture, it would seem the obvious ad-

defenders that could easily make an all-star team at this time are Lyle Brewer and Dennis Bergeron. Both players have yet to miss a game in regular play and they have been quite consistent in making all the moves any coach would want in his teams own zone.

Glen Walton and Les Salo should be easy choices on a forward line with Salo the eight best league point man as of mid-December and Glen Walton also at that time was running 12th in the league after 26 games but in the four remaining games to the end of December had added three goals to his 14 total and six assists to the 14 assist tally at that time, to make his record stand going into the new year at 17 goals and 20 assists for a 37 point tally which should put him into the best 10 player bracket.

Walton has been quite consistent in 15 of the last 16 games played by the Essos, this of course does not count the three games played this weekend, and with the exception of not playing in one of those 16 games because of the flu, has picked up points in the last 15 he has played.

With these kind of players on the Essos Roster and who, by the way, are showing the best individual records in the six team league, those who make the selections should have little trouble in picking the best ... but anyone care to bet they will make it.

LATE BULLETIN
B.C. Junior A League President Dennis Coates of Kamloops in a telephone conversation to The Vernon News early today indicated Coach Odie Lowe will be given a free hand in adding any player he wishes to the league all-star

team to bring the playing roster up to strength.

Coates also said he felt Jerry Holland of Kamloops Rockets would be dropped in favour of playing for his own team who will take on the stars in the big game at Kamloops on Jan. 21. This would then clear the way

for Lowe to bring up the players he needed, and from this quarter it would seem the obvious players would be from the Essos lineup.

In other league news, Coates said that while he still had not received an official report on the Jan. 1 game between

Penticton and Kamloops at Penticton, where rocket coach Joe Tennant apparently was given a misconduct penalty or penalties for unwarranted action during the game.

Coates indicated there might be game suspensions handed out to Tennant for what he did.

Still in front tho'

Essos drop three straight at Coast

Vernon Essos weekend road trip to the lower mainland territory of Chilliwack Bruins and Richmond Centennials ended in what could be considered a disaster as they found more opposition than what they obviously expected.

Essos lost all three games played, with Bruins picking up a pair of wins and the Cents finding the win column on the one occasion.

While the Essos didn't win any hockey games, they did keep a comfortable league lead intact with a nine point bulge still in their favor over second place Penticton Broncos who lost one and won one in a pair of games with Kamloops Rockets.

Essos started the new year off with a 6-3 loss Saturday to Chilliwack Bruins, then met the same crew Sunday and again found the going tough with a narrow 3-2 difference, then on Monday night were jolted with a 6-3 loss to the Richmond Centennials at Richmond.

The losses, their seventh, eighth and ninth of the season is still well below the double figures of the league loss column experienced by the other five teams and is the first time this season they have lost that many games in a row. On one other occasion they lost a pair of back-to-back games, that being back in October.

Their record now shows them with a 25 win, nine loss and no tie record for 50 points with Penticton a distant second with only 19 wins, 11 losses and three ties giving them 41 points.

While Chilliwack Bruins seem to have found the Essos mark, they are still way back in third place with 18 points behind the Essos for a 32 point total.

Another bright spot for the Essos in recent games and not reported so far because of the holidays paper schedule, was the whitewashing job they did on the hapless Kelowna Buckaroos to the tune of 10-0 just before they left on the coast trip.

This was the second game in a row they had blanked the Bucks with the other game going into the books showing the Essos coming through with a 15-0 victory.

So far this season they have scored 74 goals against the Bucks while allowing only 24 answers.

In that game on Dec. 30, Bill Vernon, Wayne Dye and John Price scored a pair of goals each to lead the Essos to the win with singles coming from Glen Walton, Les Salo, Ed Johnstone and Ernie Gare.

Price and Gare also had a big night in the assist column by picking up three each with Wayne Dye and Dennis

B.C. junior A standings

To and including Jan. 3, 1972

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon Essos	34	25	9	0	209	112	50
Penticton Broncos	33	19	11	3	146	115	41
Chilliwack Bruins	32	15	15	2	128	130	32
Kamloops Rockets	30	11	13	6	120	119	28
Richmond Centennials	31	11	18	2	114	160	24
Kelowna Buckaroos	30	5	20	5	102	183	15
TOTAL GOALS					819	819	

Bergeron also helping the cause with two big assists each.

Late arrival by press time today of the bus transporting the Essos back from the coast prevents more details on the coast games being expressed in today's issue of The News.

One thing is known, Essos still hold a one game winning edge over the Bruins with five wins

as compared to only three losses in their meetings to date.

In seven meetings with the Richmond boys, Essos also lead here with a five win, two loss record.

Essos have scored a total of 40 goals against the Bruins as against allowing 26, and against the Cents have scored 41 allowing 23 against them.

Pollution in mining

Wildlife branch not send submit

"As a matter of principle" the B.C. Wildlife Federation will not make a submission to the Pollution Control Branch Inquiry next March concerning technical measures for pollution control in the mining industry. The Federation made the declaration in a brief presented to the Provincial Cabinet recently.

The Wildlife Federation said the Inquiry "gives the appearance of soliciting public opinion but in fact the public is being asked to provide information which the general public does not have."

Their submission noted that Inquiry terms of reference make it clear that only evidence pertaining to matters of a technical nature may be presented.

The 1970 Pollution Control Branch Inquiry into Forest Industry waste control demonstrated that the public "is not equipped to supply specific technical information of the kind being solicited," the Federation submission said.

The motivation behind the Inquiry might be that "this type of hearing intentionally stacks the deck in favour of the particular industry under scrutiny."

They have the experts and they know their own business better than any outsider possibly can. "An even more likely explanation is that the Pollution Control Branch is anxious to put it bluntly to keep the public off their backs." The Wildlife Federation noted that the official Notice of

Inquiry stressed that the Inquiry should eliminate the need for subsequent hearings in considering individual applications for pollution control permits by the mining industry.

"The suspicion is strong that these inquiries are set up either to pander to the administrative convenience of the Pollution Control Branch, or to make a pretense of providing a vehicle for public opinion while so hedging and circumscribing the hearings with restrictive terms of reference that public opinion is actually being stifled."

Whatever the motivation, we do not believe the Inquiries are in the best interest of the public. It would be more efficient, and less costly for everyone if the Pollution Control Branch would consult the experts directly for technical advice, the Federation said.

"The most useful contribution

Kokanees fete New Years with a big splash event

Junior members of the Kokanee Swim Club celebrated Jan. 1 1972 with the "coaches challenge." Peter Tudhope, head coach, challenged his young age group swimmers to a swimathon. As a reward each "D" group swimmer to swim 500 meters non stop would receive a crested Kokanee swim shirt. "C" group swimmers had to swim 1500 meters to win a shirt. "B" group faced a 2500 meter challenge.

Eleven Kokanees including Norma VanOverbeek, Stephen Briggeman, Bruce and Paul Berger, Diane Baird, Chris Miller, Brenda Crookshank, Mark Kendall, Kathy Ferris and Patti and Dale Grant swam the required 2500 meters non stop and won crested shirts which read "Marathon Swim Award '72." The fastest time recorded was 41 minutes.

Four swimmers completed the 1500 meter challenge. James dePlyffer, Dale Kilborn, Donna Knoble and Gerry Briggeman with 11 other swimmers completed 20 and 40 lengths of the pool non stop.

The twenty six Kokanees who spent New Year's Day morning doing the 20.75 miles said it was a great way to start the new year.

Next major event for the local charges will be the Seattle Husky Invitational Meet this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Kokanees will send six of the clubs more experienced swimmers south for the meet. Ed Peter Hrdlitschka and Brad Shirley will lead the club. Bonnie Sofiak, Kathryn Little, Joyceelyn VanOverbeek and Pat Dantzer complete the local entry.

The Kokanee Club has had a successful season to date but realize the competitive season is really just beginning. The 79 club members have been training twice daily in most age groups since early September and coach Tudhope will now put

his club members on display in Provincial Meets twice monthly from now until May. Later in January the club will travel to Vancouver to compete against the New Westminster Y-Kings and Vancouver Coho Club. In February the club will host the Y-Kings and a Calgary team to be named during Winter Carnival Celebrations. More immediate concentration is presently being given to Inter-Club time trials scheduled for Jan. 15 and 16. Inter-club time results are the basis upon which swimmers are entered in out of town meets.

MINOR HOCKEY WEEK STARTS JANUARY 22

Briggeman again heads referees

Mel Briggeman of Vernon has been re-elected president of the Interior of British Columbia Basketball Referees. This is the second consecutive year as president after having served for three years as secretary-treasurer. Vice-president will be Gaile Brooks of Penticton.

Returning to the post of secretary-treasurer will be Ted Catlin of Vernon. John Ross of Kelowna will again be Interior Education Director.

Briggeman in accepting the presidency for the second year said, "this game has become increasingly popular among our youngsters and the officiating standard must improve to stay abreast of the Canadian Rule Interpretations." We must do something to increase our membership. On any given

Snowmobiles

Deaths increased

