

Neilson goes

Essos trade and trim player roster

The Vernon Essos like the five other B.C. Junior 'A' hockey teams are faced with a deadline.

Actually two important dates loom for the six team league as player rosters must be trimmed to 19 by Monday, January 10 and then February 10 the final signing of players must be completed where inter-branch transfers are concerned.

Basically what it means is that most teams will bring their rosters down to 17 or 18 players by this weekend then save one or two player cards with the hope they might pickup extra help by the final cutoff a month from now.

The Essos have already made initial moves toward this end by making an outright trade of Gordon Neilson of Victoria to the Kelowna Buckaroos this past week.

Neilson played 22 games for the Essos this season as a utility forward on their third line, scoring three goals and

assisting on four others.

Who the Buckaroos will send to the Essos to replace Neilson has yet to be decided but it is known coach Odie Lowe would like more help on defence.

Essos also have in camp at the moment three new faces, two of them from Quesnel and the other from Vancouver.

Bob Marsh and Vic Sloan, both 18, hail from the Cariboo community and both have played with the Haney Monarchs of the lower mainland junior 'B' league this season but were in the Essos training camp last fall.

Third man is 17 year old Will Gagnon who has been out of action since early in the season with broken bones in his right ankle.

Marsh plays right defence while Sloan and Gagnon normally see duty at the Centre slot.



GORD NEILSON
... traded



BOB MARSH
... right defence



VIC SLOAN
... at centre



WILL GAGNON
... centreman too

Broncos coming

Scene set Saturday for battle of giants

What may turn out to be a battle of the giants takes to Vernon ice this Saturday as B.C. Junior A hockey leaders, Vernon Essos do the hosting

honor to second place Penticton Broncos.

While Essos hold a nine point bulge over Penticton, the difference in the two clubs when

they meet is remarkably close.

For example: In six previous meetings this season, Essos have only a three goal edge in the scoring statistics with the tally showing Vernon 25 goals for, while Broncos have come through with 22.

In the win and loss department, Essos again have the better record with four wins as against only two losses but Broncos have kept the games close down to the final whistle.

Penticton go into the Saturday night action with one game in hand and a win would suit them well as they take to the ice the following night at Kelowna with a good chance to climb within five points of the league leading Essos providing they can pick up the four points on the weekend.

Another reason the game here at Civic Arena should be interesting is the fact that both teams lost in their last outing and in the past three games played by each club, Essos, lost three straight while Penticton did only a little better by winning one, tying one and losing the other.

Game time Saturday is 8:30 p.m. with ticket office and doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

PIN POINTS



Dec. 14 - 9-11

Ladie Tuesday

Women's high single: M. Darbyson 281; and D. Just 281. Women's high triple: J. Rushton 673.

Team high single: The Try Hards 1285; Team high triple: Unicorns 3512.

Women's high average: I. Walker 197.

TEAM STANDINGS

1st	Montreal Expos
2nd	Pythians
3rd	Unicorns

Dec. 15 -

Wednesday Ladies Matinee

Women's high single: V. Wiebe 267; Women's high triple N. Kawaguchi 664; Women's high average N. Kawaguchi 206.

Team high single: Ball Points 1263; Team high triple: Ball Points 3629.

TEAM STANDINGS

Ball Points	113
Wild Bunch	97 1/2
Roundabouts	85
Kit Kats	80

Dec. 16 - 9 - 11 p.m.

Thursday Men's

Men's high single: John Tykalovich 326; Men's high triple John Tykalovich 777; Men's high average Art Black 257.

Team high single Lincoln Lanes 1348; Team high triple: Labatts 3706.

Eleanor Hahn 637; Women's high average Mavis Andretta 201.

Men's high single Val Andretta 365; Men's high triple Val Andretta 798; Men's high average Val Andretta 259.

Team high single: 12 Last Five 1403; Team high triple 12 Last Five 3722.

"300" Club: Val Andretta 365; Bill Kniaz 301.

TEAM STANDINGS

11 Moonshiners	90.5
3 Optics	86.5
7 Tebo Drivers	85.5
2 Kripps	83.5

Dec. 20 - 7 - 9 p.m.

Monday Mixed

Women's high single: Brenda Taylor 272; high triple: Brenda Taylor 631; high average: Jan Vaneck 215.

Men's high single: Art Beck 237; high triple: Art Beck 663; high average: Shig Tabata 250.

Team high single: Question Marks 1318; high triple: Question Marks 3743.

TEAM STANDINGS

4B's & J	135
Question Marks	121
Dandy's	117
Persuaders	114

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