

Ask Penticton . . .

Essos unbeatable

Vernon 8—Penticton 5
Vernon 5—Penticton 3

Vernon Essos had to come from behind both Friday and Saturday nights to edge the Penticton Broncos in B.C. Junior A Hockey League play but it was worth it as they now hold a 13 point bulge over the second place club.

At Penticton the first night, Broncos wasted little time in getting on the score board with a goal at the 31 second mark of the first period and when the initial frame was completed were leading 2-1.

However, Essos came back with four goals to a single by the hosts in the middle period then outscored Broncos 3-2 in the final session for their 26th win of the season, on an 8-5 final reading.



EARL BOWIE
... blanks Penticton

Penticton tried it again Saturday here in Vernon and were a little more convincing for the first half of the opening period when they banged in three quick goals before Essos could get on the track themselves.

Broncos led 3-1 in the first, held themselves and Vernon scoreless in the second period then fell apart as Essos scored

Still no losses

Pee Wee Reps riding high

The Pee Wee Reps of the VMHA continued in their winning way over the past weekend coming up with two more one-sided victories over the Lumby Reps and the Summerland Reps.

Vernon travelled to Lumby on Saturday night and skated to an easy 15-2 win. Top scorer for the Vernon club was Richard Creelman with four goals, Wade Atwood and Tommy Ouchi with three each. Ouchi also getting three assists. Also in that game Joey Alain assisted on six of the goals.

In the game against Summerland, Vernon scored a 16-2 win over a badly outplayed Summerland team. Top scorer in this game was Joey Alain with five goals, and Jim Harding and John Aiken with two goals each.

Tommy Ouchi and Gary Redman each had four assists and one goal each. Kelly Kaneda also assisted on four goals.

Other scorers for Vernon were Richard Creelman, Wayne Poplichak, Gary Field, Paul Guidi and Gary Edwards.

The Pee Wee Reps next league game is in Kelowna on Jan. 23, and then to wrap up the current season, against Penticton in Vernon on Jan. 30.

These latter two games are a must if Vernon is to win the title. To date the Reps have not lost a league game and require full support of their fans.

Minor hockey week starts January 22

Through promotion of Minor Hockey Week parents are encouraged to participate as sponsors, managers, coaches, league officials, referees, etc.

On weekend

National ski meet for Apex

TORONTO — While eastern competitors wrap up their first series at Mont Orford, the western leg will be getting underway with the men's and women's giant slalom and slalom events at Apex Mountain, Penticton, B.C.

The race dates have altered slightly from the original schedule and the events will now be held on January 14 and 15 rather than the 15th and 16th.

The races will consist of two runs for the men and one for the women in the Giant Slalom and two runs for both divisions in the slalom.

Starting times for the races will be 10 a.m., Friday, January 14 for the Giant Slalom and 10 a.m. Saturday, January 15 for the slalom events.

A total field of 90 entrants is expected for the race, with the majority coming from the interior of B.C. Representation will also come from Prince

Slater who was officially announced as the Penticton mentor Friday following word that former coach Bill Dineen was called to the Dayton Ohio, World Hockey League franchise team.

A great player in his own right and a former member of the 1956 world champion Penticton Veas, Slater was the first junior coach in Penticton before retiring after a three year stint in 1963.

At Penticton Friday, Ernie Gare paced the Essos with a hat trick with pairs coming from Ed Johnstone and George Fargher and the single by Jim Lawrence.

Ron Gerk scored twice for the Broncos with singles by Bruce Affleck, Brian Ayerst and Chad Campbell.

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The goal by Shirley had to be one of the better goals ever observed as he took a hard angle pass from Les Salo to the left of goalie Glen Bueckert and merely tipped it into the open side with the puck in the air about waist high at the time.

Essos now sit back and wait for their next game which takes place here Saturday night against the Richmond Centennials.

Richmond beat Vernon 6-3 at the coast two weekends ago but have lost nine of their last dozen games.

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Judges clinic to be held

The Vernon Figure Skating Club has announced that two informal Judges' Clinics are to be held at the Vernon Civic Arena.

The first clinic will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will cover C.F.-S.A. figure tests from the Preliminary Test to the Third Test.

The second clinic will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will cover Free Skating and Competition judging.

The clinics will be conducted by Mrs. A. (Pat) Wheatley, chairman of the Okanagan-Mainline Judges Bureau, and are being held for the benefit of those interested in becoming Canadian Figure Skating Association judges as well as those who are already judges.

It is also hoped that interested parents and skaters will attend so that they may gain an insight into the various facets of judging.

The clinics will take the form of informal lectures followed by demonstration sessions on the ice of the various figures and free skating moves and their evaluation. Demonstrations will be done by members of the Vernon Figure Skating Club.

Anyone wishing more information or wishing to register for the clinics is asked to contact Mrs. Wheatley at 542-7889.

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Johnstone to tier one

Quite a weekend for junior hockey

By DOUG BULWER

It was quite a weekend of hockey action in the B.C. Junior 'A' League as everyone seemed to lose one way or the other except cellar dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos.

While Vernon Essos were busy adding four points to their already big league lead, they received a severe blow with the announcement their star right



ED JOHNSTONE
... to Medicine Hat

winger, 17-year-old Ed Johnstone would leave the team today (Monday) to move into tier one major junior hockey and play for the Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada League.

For the second place Penticton Broncos, the weekend was a complete disaster for both the players and new coach Don Slater.

Broncos couldn't get uncracked and went down to three straight defeats, two of these games going to Vernon and the other to lowly Kelowna Buckaroos who have now won six games in 32 played so far this season. They do have five ties to add up their points to 17.



Sliding save

Making his debut on Vernon ice in B.C. junior 'A' hockey action with a stellar performance was Quessel native, 18 year old Bob Marsh, brother of Jim Marsh who toiled for the Vernon junior club the past four years. In the above photo, Marsh is observed making a sliding save against a Penticton Bronco, Bob Nicholson who let drive at Goalie Earl Bowie Saturday night here at Vernon. Marsh has been playing for Haney in the lower mainland junior B loop. Bowie also was one of the key men in the

Essos come from behind 5-3 victory over the second place Broncos. Bowie replaced starting goalie Mike Smithson who allowed Penticton to take a 3-0 lead by the halfway mark of the opening period before being replaced at the 12 minute mark of the first stanza. Essos then went on to score a single in that period and another four unanswered goals in the third period with Bowie making it his second straight shut-out appearance on Vernon ice.

— Doug Bulwer Jr. Photo

Bruins decimate Bears

In the first game of senior Pee Wee Pup hockey on Thursday the Bruins romped over the Bear Alignment team by the score of 4-0.

Ken Phelan, Mike Melbourne, Jerry Popowich and David Poplichak scored for the Bruins. Melbourne and Phelan also drew assists.

In the second game Art's Gulf registered another victory as they defeated Rendell Tractor 3-1.

Craig Demetrick, Bob Holland and Rod Kasubha scored for Art's. Rommie Hartman drew the only assist in the game.

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Bowlers of the week



JOYCE MITCHELL
... she came back

B.C. junior A standings

	To and including Jan. 9, 1972						
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon Essos	36	27	9	0	222	120	54
Penticton Broncos	36	19	14	3	158	136	41
Kamloops Rockets	33	14	13	6	141	126	34
Chilliwack Bruins	32	15	15	2	128	130	32
Richmond Cent.	33	11	20	2	118	173	24
Kelowna Buckaroos	32	6	21	5	113	195	17
Total goals					880	880	