

*Changed from Sunday*

# Essos play Penticton here Saturday night

Vernon Esso fans are asked to revamp their schedule this weekend because the Vernon club have brought their upcoming game with Penticton one day closer.

Rather than have the game played here at civic arena this Sunday, the Essos will take on the second place Broncos Saturday night with the game due for a 9 p.m. start.

Additional news for the Essos fans is that a local minor hockey product, 18 year old Graydon Brown has been signed to play with the team.

Brown, a 200 lb. right winger comes to the team with a fine background in minor ranks having worked his way up through each division with flying colors. Reason for his late arrival with the club stems from the fact he has been in Eastern Canada working.

Brown is also one of the top lacrosse players in the area and starred with the Vernon senior team last season.

With Brown now on the list, the Essos roster has now been brought up to 18 players carded.

Importance of getting the news of the change of game dates to the public is to also inform them, North Okanagan hockey league action goes at it's regular time starting at 7:30 Sunday night. Essos and the NOHL had previously swapped starting times for the afternoon and night games, but with an important inter-city game also scheduled at 4:15 p.m. Sunday between the Vernon Juveniles and Penticton, Essos brought their game one day ahead.

As mentioned, Essos will host Penticton Broncos which should prove interesting with the Essos winning six of eight games

played between these two clubs this season.

A calculated guess Penticton Broncos step onto the ice here Saturday night fired up to try and win a game for a change.

Reasoning of course stems from the fact they took it on the chin last Tuesday at home by a 4-3 score at the hands of none other than cellar-dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos and in their last three meetings with the Essos, found themselves on the losing end also.

Essos now have two games in hand over the Broncos, and this is another thing that stings a little in the minds of the Penticton boys. As of last Sunday, Broncos could have moved within nine points of the idle Essos who sat back and waited results of the Penticton-Richmond game and then the Kelowna encounter.

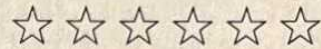
When the news came out that Broncos had lost to Richmond Sunday night for the first time in eight meetings with the coast team, then lost for the third time to Kelowna you had better believe the smiles around Vernon town were broad indeed.

Another little gem against the visitors, comes with the knowledge they could have strengthened their second place hold on the standings by extending their lead over followup Kamloops by 15 points rather than the present 11 points.

At this writing Essos will have made up one of those games in hand over the Broncos when they travelled to Kamloops Friday night. Depending how that game resulted, Penticton may have a 15 point ladder to climb or 11, no matter, they will have a tough row to hoe as Essos have won 21 of 22 games played before local fans.

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Essos will welcome all area minor hockey players to attend their game with Penticton Broncos Saturday night by allowing the youngsters to see the game for a nominal admission price of only 25 cents and a chance to win one of two Vancouver Canuck jackets as door prizes.



## B.C. junior A standings

To and including Jan. 25, 1972

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts
Vernon	40	31	9	0	253	134	62
Penticton	42	23	16	3	184	157	49
Kamloops	38	16	16	6	157	150	38
Chilliwack	38	17	19	2	148	151	36
Richmond	39	12	25	2	137	207	26
Kelowna	37	9	23	5	138	219	23



**GRAYDON BROWN**  
... inks with Essos

