

## Magic number is nine

# Pennant flag begins to wave

Vernon 3, Kamloops 0  
Vernon 2, Penticton 1

Vernon Essos are beginning to look for that magic number to tell them whether or not they have cinched the B.C. junior hockey league pennant for the 71-72 season.

With their 17 point bulge over second place Penticton Broncos, 28 point edge over third and fourth place Chilliwack Bruins and Kamloops Rockets (these teams currently share third) and big 38 point lead over fifth place Richmond Centennials plus 41 ahead of last place Kelowna Buckaroos, it looks at this stage of the regular schedule they have almost wrapped it up.

At the moment the magic number looks to be nine, that is, any combination of wins by the Essos and losses by Penticton totalling nine games will give them the title for the second time in three years.

Simply explaining, Broncos will have to win at least nine of their 17 remaining games while the Essos would have to lose an equal number in their 18 games to be played.

As each team continue in games played, this so-called magic number will be reduced to the point where either one will take the league command once and for all.

Another factor of course is how at least two of the remaining teams fare. It looks at this point Kamloops and Chilliwack are still in the running but with the odds do no better than place third or fourth respectively.

As mentioned, Essos are in the favoured spot at the moment with their current win streak running to eight straight victories since Jan. 7, and a league leading 66 point total based on 33 victories in 42 games played with only nine losses listed and no tie games, they are literally on the downward pull.

Over the weekend, Essos racked up wins 32 and 33 based on their 3-0 blanking of Kamloops Rockets on the Rocket ice Friday night, then came home to take on Penticton and edge the Broncos by a 2-1 scoreboard reading.

At Kamloops, Jim Lawrence

paced the Essos with a pair of goals with Glen Walton adding the single for the 3-0 victory.

Essos scored each of the goals by single periods and at no time found themselves in trouble, outshooting the Rockets 43-37, with most of the Rocket attempts coming on long shots from outside their blueline or at centre ice. Essos simply closed the door to any action in their zone worthy of mention.

While Lawrence and Walton were goal potting, the likes of Ernie Gare and Wayne Dye did the heavy work of fore-checking and out skating the Rocketeers to the puck at almost every instance.

As in most games of late, it was another team effort as others too were in on the action such as Bob Powell on the blueline keeping chippy style of hockey by certain Rocket members in line.

Good example of this came late in the final period when Ken Gassoff jumped Powell from behind in obvious frustration and ended up on the blunt end of Powell's muscle power.

At home Saturday, Essos didn't really look like the lion of the league. For the most part, they allowed themselves to be dragged down with Penticton's style of the moment which seemed to be; "get rid of the puck quick no matter who gets it".

Resulting play of the game left much to be desired from the fan point of view as the action wasn't really enough to get people shouting with excitement.

Essos took a single goal lead in the first period, played kitty-by-the-door with the Broncos in the second period with neither team able to find the mark, then swapped single goals in the final period to roundout the rather dull game.

Jim Lawrence was the goal scorer in the opening frame with John Price adding his 36 goal and 99th point of the season to give the Essos a 2-0 lead before the clock showed seven minutes gone in the third stanza.

As mentioned, the action was kept at centre ice most often

until Vernon's Lyle Brewer was sent off at the 11:27 mark of the third for elbowing allowing Broncos' Chad Campbell to tally a goal on the power-play and round out the games scoring action.

Getting back to the likes of John Price, his pace was slowed with a bad knee and it is understood, the pain was bad enough to keep most players sitting on the sidelines, however Price played with caution and still was able to give his followers something to cheer about when he scored what proved to be the winner.

One bright spot worthy of mention was the appearance of Vernon native Graydon Brown in the Essos lineup. This 18 year old right winger has already showed much promise in his first two outings and could be the key replacement to Ed Johnstone who is now with Medicine Hat Tigers.

With only 18 games remaining, Essos will be looking for that right combination of wins of at least half that number of fixtures to wrap up the leagues pennant title and they are sure to be ready for all comers.



## B.C. junior A standings

To and including Jan. 29, 1972.

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf.	Ga	Pts
Vernon	42	33	9	0	258	135	66
Penticton	43	23	17	3	185	157	49
Chilliwack	40	18	20	2	159	158	38
Kamloops	39	16	17	6	157	153	38
Richmond	40	13	25	2	142	210	28
Kelowna	40	10	25	5	148	235	25
total goals					1049	1049	

## Kelowna boy

# George Athens named male athlete of year

George Athens, 19-year-old World Water Ski Champion, has been voted as winner of the Norton H. Crow award as Male Amateur Athlete of the Year, by the Canadian Amateur Sports Federation.

This award perpetuates the

figure skiing (tricks) and jumping.

Athan's father, George Athens Sr., is a Kelowna doctor, who represented Canada in the British Empire Games on the Canadian diving team some years ago.

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...the Penticton ACT squad. Along with looking  
Winners named Sat.

# Sports awards nominees named

While the response was termed a disappointing too few, at least several sporting groups and individuals took time out to name 12 Vernon area citizens as nominees of the Sportsman and Athlete of the year awards held annually through the auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion.

With the third annual sportsmen's banquet less than a week away, Legion committee members and press officials were kept busy screening names of those people who have contributed most to sportsmanship and athletic ability this past year here in Vernon.

The names, as mentioned only 12, were submitted by others with a resume of their work and field of endeavor through sports and recreation work this past year.

All those named will be singularly honored at the

banquet this Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Legion auditorium with two of these named as the finalists to receive trophies, one for the top sportsman and the other to the best athlete in the area.

The names are as follows but not necessarily in the order of selection; for Sportsman; Kurt Wenzlaff of soccer fame, John Tykalovich for his work in youth bowling, Felix Henschke for his efforts with lawn bowling, Mickey McMahon and Reinie Holland for their work in Minor hockey, Mel Briggeman for his work with the swim club, Roy Surkan for his work in the North Okanagan hockey league and John Genier for his work in the gun club trap shooting program.

For Athlete; David DeBoer for his youth bowling ability, Mike Smithson as a star hockey goalie, George Beck for his

excellent years of hockey too and Peter Hrdlitschka for his excellent swimming feats.

As mentioned from this group will be named the two finalists but not before each and everyone of these people have been singularly honored for his work in the field of sports.

While there are many more people who should have been named, Legion officials expressed disappointment no one brought their names forward.

Hope was expressed that next year more organizations and individuals would submit names from within their own groups who have done outstanding work over the past year or years.

Tickets for the banquet, which by the way, begins sharp at 7 p.m. Saturday night can be obtained from the Legion office. Along with the nights presentations, special guest speaker, Jim Young of B.C. Lion football fame will be on hand to award the scrolls and trophies and meet everyone in attendance.

Additional entertainment will feature a dance to round out the evening activity.

## YBC bowling results

Week ending Jan. 22, 1972

### JET LEAGUE — Age 5 - 8

Boys' high single: Roger Genier .....	141
Boys' high double: Brian Biel .....	265
Boys' high average: Roger Genier .....	124
Girls high single: Ramona Krause .....	113
Girls' high double: Ramona Krause .....	215
Girls' high average: Ramona Krause .....	94

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