

Host Centennials

Essos to celebrate carnival Saturday

With the first big weekend of the 12th annual Winter Carnival upon us, Vernon Essos of the B.C. junior A hockey league will get into the act of the celebrations as they host Richmond Centennials Saturday night at civic arena.

This regular league fixture ties in nicely with the many events of the first weekend such as the All B.C. Pee Wee hockey tournament with eight teams playing out a double knockout series over three days from Friday to Sunday, and of course the big Parade Saturday and

Jr. B'mton club shines ala Golden

Vernon's Junior Badminton Club made a fine showing at the Golden Junior Tournament on Jan. 28-29.

Nine players from Vernon senior high and W.L. Seaton Jr. High School represented the club.

The Vernon players won the following events: Under 19 Boys Doubles — Mark Corbett and Jim Arthur, Under 19 Mixed Doubles — Mark Corbett and Linda Cunning, Under 15 Boys Singles — Larry O'Keefe, Under 15 Girl Singles Linda Cunning, Under 15 Boys Doubles — Larry O'Keefe and Bob Corbett, Under 15 Mixed

the Queen crowning ceremony Friday night.

Essos will be looking to add yet another victory to their big point bulge over all others in the six team league and will be out to win game seven over the Richmond boys.

Richmond could be tough themselves, coming into Vernon fresh from a 5-1 victory over Chilliwack Bruins who have been a thorn in the Centennials side all season. Mind they will have to play Kamloops Friday before they reach Vernon and Rockets too will be tough as they just barely edged Kelowna 4-2 Wednesday night.

While Essos put their ninth straight victory on the line and the 23rd win in 24 games on home ice, they have little else to worry about as they currently hold a 17 point edge over second place Penticton which could be extended to 19 after tomorrow night's (Friday) game with Penticton at the Peach city centre.

Game time here Saturday will be 8 p.m. with several added features. Most notable will be the guest appearance of all the eight teams of Pee Wee players in the tournament. Well over 120 of these 11 and 12 year old boys will be on hand to see the big game courtesy of the Essos.

Another added feature of the junior game will be the appearance of a marching band

from the lower mainland who will be in town for the big parade earlier in the day. This group will entertain fans from 7:30 p.m. to game time.

Kokanees prep

Vernon Kokanee swim club members are looking forward to their hosting of the annual Winter Carnival swim meet two weekends from now and have been busy preparing for it with daily workout and time trials.

The time trials were a warm up to the Winter Carnival Meet to be held February 12. The opposition will be New Westminster Y-Kings and Calgary Killarney.

Following the Carnival Meet, the Kokanees will swim "Operation Olympics". It is the club's wish that a team from Calgary Renfrew will participate. Dates to be announced later.

Results of the week end time trials:

8 and Under Boys

50 Meter Freestyle: (1) Mike DePfyffer, (2) Johny Barber (3) David Trant.

25 Meter Butterfly: Mike DePfyffer, David Trant, Johny Barber.

25 Meter Backstroke: Mike DePfyffer, David Trant, Johny Barber.

25 Meter Breastroke: Mike DePfyffer, David Trant, Johny Barber.

100 Meter Individual Medley: Mike DePfyffer, David Trant.