



Carnival trophy shared

What better way to treat an honor city during carnival time than to let them share a big trophy with the host town. Actually the competition for the coveted Vernon Winter Carnival hockey trophy was for real as important points were at stake for both Penticton Broncos and Vernon Essos who are two of six teams in the B.C. Junior 'A' Hockey League. Essos, current league leaders went into the game last week with an envious record of having won the trophy for the last four years and when the final horn sounded, had just barely salvaged a 5-5 tie with the visitors. Above photo shows team captains, Bruce Afleck (left) and Essos' Jim Lawrence holding the trophy while Mayor Stuart Fleming looks on after making the dual presentation.

Plenty of action in Okanagan hockey

While many extra and exciting sport events were staged during the Vernon Winter

Bowlers of the week



IRENE GENIER
... tops women



GEORGE DICKENS
... best man

Irene Genier tops the women in bowling this week and has an average 204, triple 759 for a total 167 Pins over her average.

Irene bowls Monday 7-9 Mixed League for Alley Runners.

George Dickens for the men has an average 182, triple 725 and had 179 pins over his average.

George bowls Thursday 7-9 Mixed League for the Lotus Gardens.

Carnival these past 10 days, regular sports action also carried on.

In hockey, one of Vernon's major individual and spectator sports, there was plenty of exciting action covering nearly a dozen different leagues and twice as many teams.

Junior 'A' action saw league leading Vernon dumped for the second straight time at the hands of cellar-dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos and would you believe by an outlandish 8-2 difference.

This game, played at Kelowna on Sunday, saw the Buckaroos jump into a 3-2 first period lead, then blank the Essos from then on while adding two more in the second period, and another three in the final stanza.

Reports of an ultimatum being handed coach Odie Lowe by team manager Vern Dye indicates Lowe has just one week to get his boys back in shape.

Other news from inside the Essos camp says the Essos have signed another Vernon boy by the name of Wally Bevan. Bevan currently plays for the Vernon Merchants of the senior North Okanagan hockey league. By the way, he is a husky defenceman and it sounds like this is what they need.

In Sunday night NOHL play, The same Mr. Bevan helped his teammates to a convincing 5-3 victory over Head of the Lake Stampeders to put the Vernon Merchants almost within reach of the league pennant as they move ahead of the Stampeders by four points.

With only three games remaining for each team in the four team loop, Stamps must win all three while the Merchants must lose theirs.

In the second game of the night, Winfield Raiders just barely topped ever pressing Armstrong Cougars by a narrow 4-3 difference.

While both these teams are much further down the point list, their type of exciting hockey ability has kept fans on the edge of their seats throughout the season.

As mentioned, they may not have as many points as the two leaders but they have in turn kept both clubs honest and have made them work for every

victory that has come their way.

In the Monashee hockey league action last weekend, Lumby Flying Frenchmen came through with another strong game before home town fans Sunday afternoon and edged visiting Salmon Arm Aces 7-5.

Vernon resident Jerry Vachon paced Lumby to the win by scoring four goals with Pete Vlasvelt coming through with a pair and the single by Rick Hopkins. The Aces leading scorer in the game was Russ Scott who scored a pair.

Lumby are now within three points of the league leaders, Revelstoke and Golden, who have a 30 point total.

Well back in fourth place is Salmon Arm with 15 and in last place is Grindrod Elks with eight points.

In minor hockey action, sad news comes with knowledge the Vernon Juveniles have been knocked out of competition for the season after taking a 4-1 loss at Kelowna Saturday and then tying the same club here at home Sunday by a 1-1 count in the two game total goal semi-final series in the Valley.

In Bantam action, Vernon Reps trounced Summerland by a 13-2 score Sunday and sit back and await the results of the other semi-final series currently under way and leading to the Okanagan finals.

Little League assisted

A unique fund raising campaign to provide money to sponsor Little League baseball teams and minor hockey clubs is being devised by Vernon Jaycees.

The scheme, outlined by Jaycee vice-president Wilf Tantrum, would be to sell books of tickets for \$3, which could be exchanged for special discount prices at participating stores.

Sale of the books, known as jaybooks, should give the Jaycees about \$4,000 with which to sponsor the teams.