



### Stick handling wizard

One of the best ways to describe Vernon's John Price, who leads the B.C. junior hockey league with 114 points based on 43 goals and 71 assists is his wizardly movements when stick handling the puck. In the photo, Price's stick and the puck are a blur of movement as are the players in the background as this veteran player makes with his now famous shift of body as he moves into the Kamloops Rockets territory. It is no secret many people come to see the Essos play because of this popular player. Along with his quick ability to size up a situation and then make good use of it to most often score goals or assist in one, 'Wire' as

he is fondly nicknamed, is also the spark of the team in the dressing room. He has brought many a laugh to an otherwise serious moment when things could be going better with the team. His good humor and playing ability makes him one of the better leaders on the team roster of 19 young men. After the game Tuesday, one of his first comments was to say with a beaming grin "... guess how many points I got tonight?" and with that he held up one hand with his fist clenched indicating he had been held pointless, which by the way doesn't happen too often.



### The action was swift

Kamloops Rockets had more than just a game at stake Tuesday night here at Vernon. They came to town with an important factor to over-come, that of winning and picking up a pair of points to maintain a firm hold on fourth place in the B.C. junior hockey standings. Their pre-game worry stemmed from the fact the upstart Kelowna Buckaroos have suddenly come to life in the past seven games with six wins and a tie to their credit and had climbed out of the league cellar to within six points of the Rockets, making it imperative the Rockets would have to

get on the winning track themselves. As it happened the Rockets lost to Vernon by 5-4 and at the same time at Kelowna, Buckaroos managed a 5-5 tie with visiting Pentiction Broncos. In the above photo, the action was swift with hard skating by both clubs as can be observed, with Rockets attempting to move out of their own zone while being well covered in this instance by Essos' ace skater, John Price. Others in the photo in the white sweaters are number 18 Wally Bevan and Les Salo in the centre background.

## Six points away

# Essos within grasp of league pennant

Vernon 5, Kamloops 4  
Kelowna 5, Pentiction 5 (tie)

Vernon Essos contributed Tuesday night in B.C. junior hockey action not only for themselves and their pennant race but helped Kelowna Buckaroos gain a point in their drive for a fourth place playoff spot.

Playing before another of the small crowds Essos have experienced late at home (an estimated 500 or less) the front running Vernon boys edged visiting Kamloops Rockets 5-4 in a game that lacked finesse for

## Riding club at Armstrong has election

On Monday, Feb. 14, the annual meeting of the Armstrong-Enderby Riding Club was held at Kindale school in Armstrong.

The principal business of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year.

Walter Peterson, Armstrong, was re-elected to the president's chair, to be joined by Dreil Smith as vice-president, Guyan Bennett as Secretary, Ruth Lindsay as treasurer. Directors elected to serve with the executive were John Petty, Jim Davison, George Soderberg, Jack McCartney, Alma Marshall, Dorothy Payne, Bonnie Staska, Rod Horsley, and Irma Needoba.

Mrs. Needoba and Mrs. John Petty will serve together as conveners and Pete Kingmill; publicity.

Of major importance was the election of Bill Farris and Gerry Langton as leaders of the newly formed 4H horse club, which will be sponsored by the riding club.

Mr. Kingmill told The News, "We will endeavor to keep the public informed of details pertinent to the new club which

the most part but did provide several instances of excitement, particularly when Kamloops tried to tie the game in the final minutes of the encounter.

Both teams battled through 1-1 first period with Essos coming on strong in the second stanza with three goals to a single answer by the visitors, then allowed Rockets to outscore them 2-1 in the final period.

Ernie Gare paced Vernon with a pair of goals and added one assist for the best point night with single goals coming from Les Salo, Jeff Shirley and Jim Lawrence.

It took over 15 minutes of the first period for either team to find the mark with Vernon starting the ball rolling with a power play goal at 15:47 with Les Salo scooping in a loose puck from a goal mouth scramble.

Unique part of this goal came with the Essos taking just seven seconds to score after Curt Brackenbury had gone off for holding at 15:40.

Essos repeated the quick goal act with their fifth and final marker, this one also proved to be the winner.

Rocket's John Philips was sent off for tripping at 6:02 of the third period and Essos took just 12 seconds to score the goal. This time it was Ernie Gare who did the honors with Salo and Jim Lawrence aiding.

Gare's goal gave the Essos a 5-3 lead at the time which was a

good thing because Rockets bounced right back to score their fourth and final marker of the night just a minute and four seconds later.

Down by the single margin of one goal at this point, Rockets slowly built up momentum and as the period and the game came to an end could have tied and then gone ahead in the same time as the Vernon Kamloops game, was 5-5, an identical score these teams ended with the last time they met.

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visiting Pentiction Broncos before another packed house in Kelowna.

Kelowna led the game scoring right up to the 18:35 mark of the final period before succumbing to a tying goal and had to be satisfied with a single point gain on the Kamloops Rockets.

Final score in this game which was being played at the same time as the Vernon Kamloops game, was 5-5, an identical score these teams ended with the last time they met.

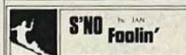
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Here is a tale to prove "all that sparkles is not powder;" or, "Hans Gmoser has troubles too."

Last week he had a group of 32 booked into the Monashes. These were all super skiers, to whom the Bugaboos are old hat.

The plan was to stay in Revelstoke and helicopter up each day. He only goes into the Monashes for two weeks of the year — February and an exploration tour in May.

The first day, Sunday, the weather was soaked in so they skied the poma at Mt. McKenzie in the morning. In the afternoon they got off the ground for one 3,500 foot run.

Second day, foggy. So they climbed four miles up Mt. Fidelity and skied down.

Third day, Hans decided to move his base of operations to Golden in hope of better weather. A slide on the Rogers Pass delayed his busload of skiers 2½ hours.

Fourth day, Still unable to fly so they skied Lake Louise. Fifth day, Finally clear. Everyone skied.

Sixth day Weather stormy again. Group back to Lake Louise.

Seventh day, I don't know what happened. By this time my spy had hitch-hiked home.

Bob Brewis got a gold in last Sunday's Molstar race. For the rest of you who entered, watch TV tonight at 7 p.m. You may see yourself.

A first for me last week was night skiing. It was a lot of fun and Jill Goudge tells me that best skiing at night is while the flakes are falling. I believe her, and next year my Silver Star pass will include the extra benefit of skiing at Tillicum after dark.

## Curling that is ...

# Plumbing boys ready for rock throwing

With its usual hoopla of fun and feasting, amongst other things that is ... the 18th annual Plumbing, Heating and Gas Industry bonspiel gets under way officially tomorrow with three days of serious curling intermixed with a banquet and friends meeting friends of the plumbing and related industries.

Actually, the popular event gets under way tonight with the annual challenge game taking place between the Interior and Lower Mainland.

This game will feature Bibby Brothers from the Okanagan taking on last years over-all champions, Wallaceburg Brass of Vancouver.

They will vie for the 'Eloco trophy' which is emblematic of the returning best from the past year. Game time is 7 p.m. at the Vernon Curling Club.

Perennial chairman and the founder of the bonspiel, Dolly Bertelson, reports there will be 32 rinks on hand again this year and she expects the spiel will be better than ever.

First draws will take the ice sharp at 1 p.m. Friday with the finals due to be completed by noon on Sunday followed by a gala awards banquet.

There will be five events over the three days with the Crane trophy going to the 'A' event winners, Bibby Bros. trophy to 'B' winners, Canada Metal cup

to 'C' winners with Noranda Copper trophy going to the 'D' event and Cronkite trophy to the 'E' event champs.

Mrs. Bertelson also reports she understands Glen Pierce of Briar fame will be here. "Did you know he is a plumber by trade?" she asked.



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