

Thanks to Kamloops

Essos are 1971-72 league champions

Penticton 6, Kelowna 5
Kamloops 3, Penticton 1

It's been nearly a week since Vernon Essos played their last hockey game and they took a loss in that particular game, but believe it or not, won the B.C. Junior A hockey league championships last night and they were at home practising at that.

Actually, they nearly won the league championship Tuesday night but a late goal in the third period of a game between Kelowna and Penticton gave the host club Penticton a 6-5 win and a slim chance to catch up to the Essos.

However, last night (Wed.) at Kamloops, The Broncos took a 3-1 defeat at the hands of the host Rockets thereby giving Vernon the pennant flag for the second time in three years.

How does this come about?? Well, Vernon currently hold a 77 point league lead and Penticton are in second place 15 points behind them with a 62 total.

The Broncos have seven games remaining in regular league play and even if they won all seven of these games, their grand total would only come to 76 points.

Vernon by the way have eight games remaining and are about to leave for the lower mainland this weekend for a three game stint, two with Richmond and a single match with Chilliwack.

As mentioned, they could lose all the remaining eight games and still be the league champs but bets are on they will want to at least wallop Chilliwack to help Kelowna gain a playoff berth.

Speaking of Kelowna, while they lost a heartbreaker to Penticton Tuesday night, they still have a good chance to make the fourth playoff spot, providing they can pick off Kamloops Rockets at home Saturday night and Vernon hold Chilliwack to a loss at the same time.

Buckaroos are only three points back of Chilliwack who dropped into fourth place when Kamloops moved one point ahead of them.

However, another big factor

before the weekend games will see Chilliwack host Richmond tonight (Thurs.) and if Bruins win, they would go one point ahead of Kamloops.

No matter which way one looks at it, Kelowna must win most of their six remaining games while Kamloops and Chilliwack find themselves on the losing end from now on.

Essos meet Richmond at the Centennials arena Friday night, travel back up the Fraser Valley to Chilliwack for a

Saturday game with Chilliwack game with the Cents Sunday at Bruins then return for another their home base.



B.C. junior A standings

To and including Mar. 1, 1972.

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	52	38	13	1	77
Penticton	53	28	19	6	62
Kamloops	52	20	24	8	48
Chilliwack	53	22	28	3	47
Kelowna	54	18	28	8	44
Richmond	52	16	32	4	36

Joins B.C. team

Vernon's Shelley Paulson heads east for ski meet

Vernon's Shelley Paulson placed 5th in the slalom in the last Western Pontiac Cup meet held at Prince George last weekend.

As a result she ended up with 28 points for the season, ensuring herself a position on the B.C. team competing in the finals held at Collingwood Ont. this coming weekend.

The only other Okanagan girl to join the 10-member girl's team is Jill Gatin of Kamloops.

Despite the disadvantage of having to use borrowed skis, due to her's being lost enroute, she stood first after the first slalom run.

A cautious second run, however, dropped her to a very respectable fifth place. The event was won by Banff's Jo-Anne Becker, with Pam Frazee of Vancouver second.

Meanwhile, members of the "B" team were also meeting with success in the Kimberly Downhill Derby.

Terry Watts led the team with a victory on Saturday over 64 boys entered, and a 6th place finish on Sunday. The next best performance for the Vernon boys was by Keith Wheeler who was 11th and 19th.

Linda Keckalo fell on Saturday, however, recovered to place 6th out of 14 girls on Sunday.

Results of the A and B Engvist slalom held at Mt. Seymour the previous weekend show Wayne Richardson in 7th, almost 10 seconds behind Dan Irwin of U.B.C. in 1st place. Dale Richardson was 15th and Terry Watts 20th out of 60 entries.

The Race-a-Ronis won the Silver Star Ski League play-offs defeating the Speed Freaks in the final. This climaxed a great come back, as the team was last in the league standings but

came on strong in the play-offs to win the Championships.

The number one Nancy Greene team defeated

Revelstoke on Sunday and now advances to the Okanagan Zone Championships at Big White this Sunday.

'Olympic' ski fun for school children

Silver Star Mountain was the scene of even more fun and bustle than usual on last Saturday, February 26, as the second annual School District No. 22 Elementary School Children "Olympics" was launched.

Skiing and tubing were the two events with the emphasis being on utter enjoyment for all involved.

The teachers who organized this event wish to extend a sincere thanks to the Silver Star Mountain staff as well as to Mr. Peter Basaraba, whose St. John's ambulance was in attendance though not required.

Winners of the slalom were as follows:

Boys: (10 yr.) 1st Greg Schmidt, 2nd Robert Fischer, 3rd Rick Harley, 4th James Weatherall. (11yr.) Chris Grant, Randy Harvey, Nairn Hay, Darrell Zimmerman. (12 yr.) Jim Harley, John Staal, Lorne Bradley. (13 yr.) Bobby Bibby, Mike Hrdlitschka, Neil Thomson, Neil Faulkner.

Girls: (10 yr.) 1st Susan Boyd, 2nd Terry Luknowsky, 3rd Perri Zimmerman, 4th Lois Chapman. (11 yr.) Sonja Johnson, Heather Skelly. (12 yr.) Janice Harvey, Patty Luknowsky, Elaine Balestra, Heather Boyd. (13 yr.) Ruth Dantzer.



Feb. 17 Ladies Matinee

High single: J. Rushton 248; high triple: J. Rushton 588; high average: J. Rushton 184.

Team high single: Question Marks 1212; high triple: Groaners 3497.

TEAM STANDINGS

Twisters	252
Groaners	246
Ookpiks	245½
Unluckies	228½

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