

# Fight looms for two playoff spots

Vernon Essos were two-thirds successful on their weekend coast trip as they stopped Chilliwack 5-4 Saturday and Richmond 7-6 Sunday, but took a 10-4 drubbing at the hands of Richmond in their opening game Friday at Richmond.

While Essos have little to worry about as far as winning games are concerned because

they have already wrapped up the league title, their win over Chilliwack was of particular interest for Okanagan fans as it helped Kelowna Buckaroos stay in reach of both Chilliwack and Kamloops for a playoff berth in the B.C. junior A hockey league.

Chilliwack's 6-2 win over Richmond last Thursday put them back in third place one point more than Kamloops Rockets who were frustrated in their two attempts to pick up points, losing 5-4 to Kelowna Saturday and then taking a whipping at the hands of Penticton Sunday by a wide 6-1 margin.

The win by Penticton gave them undisputed second place in the standings with only three points now separating third, fourth and fifth places as Chilliwack have 49 points, Kamloops 48 and Kelowna 46.

Kelowna Buckaroos have come on strong of late and have threatened the other two clubs for the past 10 days for the fourth and final playoff spot.

They could join Kamloops in fourth place this Tuesday night as they host Vernon Essos.

This game, while it means little to Vernon, will see Kelowna come out strong in an attempt to pick up those all important points.

John Price led the Vernon scoring parade at the coast with four goals Sunday and another Friday.

Others in on the Vernon scoring was Glen Walton with four in three games, Ernie Gare with three, Wayne Dye with two and singles by Vic Sloan and Jim Lawrence.

Getting back to Kelowna, they have topped fan attendance in their most recent games with a reported more than 2,400 at the game Saturday and over 2,000 at other games.

Tuesday night, Kelowna expect the biggest crowd of the season when they host Vernon and indications are that tickets will be at a premium with many Vernon fans hoping to see the game.

## Riding club names new committees

At the executive meeting of the Vernon and District Riding Club held on March 1, the following were named as heads of the various committees:

President, Irene Nahm; past president, Russ Postill; recording secretary, Geoff Dunn; corresponding secretary, M. H. Symonds, RR 1, Vernon; treasurer, Sally Parkinson.

Committees: entertainment, Lois Demetrick; lessons, Joanna Hay; memberships, Carol Tipler; rides, June Osborn; newsletter and publicity, June LaLonde; phoning, Susan Dunn; grounds and Fun Days, Archie Delange, Geoff Dunn, Russ Postill; food, Gert Russell; senior advisor to Junior Club, George Beaton.

Delegates to Okanagan Light Horse Improvement and Show Association are as follows: Irene Nahm, Jay and June LaLonde, June Osborn and M. H. Symonds.

On Thursday, March 2, there was a showing of the film

## B.C. junior A standings

to and including March 5th

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	55	40	14	1	81
Penticton	54	29	19	6	64
Chilliwack	55	23	29	3	49
Kamloops	54	20	26	8	48
Kelowna	55	19	28	8	46
Richmond	55	17	34	4	38

### Weekend score-board

Thursday, March 2 — Chilliwack 6, Richmond 2.

Friday, March 3 — Richmond 10, Vernon 4.

Saturday, March 4 — Vernon 5, Chilliwack 4; Kelowna 5, Kamloops 4.

Sunday, March 5 — Vernon 7, Richmond 6; Penticton 6, Kamloops 1.