

Eight straight for Penticton Broncos

Penticton 3, Vernon 2

Penticton Broncos continued their torrid undefeated streak in B.C. junior A hockey action as they came up with a 3-2 win, their eight straight victory and they did it right here in Vernon Tuesday night.

While the Broncos were enjoying their winning ways, Essos slipped further down the point list of the eight team league, suffering their fifth straight loss.

Meanwhile at Kelowna, the Buckaroos bruised their way to a fight studded 10-5 win over Kamloops Rockets in a game

Exceptional showing by senior boys

In volleyball action last weekend Vernon Senior High boys did exceptionally well, finishing second in a four team tournament in Salmon Arm.

The girls however, did not fare so well as they finished a disappointing fourth. Other teams competing were Salmon Arm, Kelowna and Revelstoke.

After their big tournament last Saturday the Vernon girls grasshockey team travelled to Revelstoke for a single game Monday. In a hard fought match, the girls came home victorious with a 2-0 win. Scoring for the girls were Shelly Kirk and Debbie Herrling.

In soccer action Monday the Vernon boys played at home against Kamloops and came away with a 2-1 victory. Goal scorers for the home team were Rick Anaka and Bob Fleming.

Badminton enthusiasts out in force

Shuttlecocks are flying again! A good turnout of old members and new faces are signing up with the Vernon Badminton Club for the winter season.

which produced a rash of 26 penalties including six game misconducts.

Then Wednesday night it was Nanaimo visiting Vancouver and coming away with a 6-4 win which enabled them to join the Vancouver club in a share of second place in the league standings with eight points each, half as many as league leading Penticton.

Here at Vernon, play was ragged for the most part with the Essos showing little ability in passing and defensive plays for the first two periods and only coming through with a little spark in the late stages of the final period.

Actually the spark emanated from a pair of Vernon juvenile players brought up for a try-out by coach Odie Lowe.

Grant Sidnick and Martin Stein both showed well on the wings of the third line and it was Sidnick who finally got the Essos on the score sheet at the mid-point of the second stanza after Broncos jumped into a first period lead on a pair of goals scored by U.S. import Henry Taylor who hails from Birkley California.

For a time it looked like the Essos might pull off an upset over the visitors when Bob Marsh came up with a sizzling drive with 10 minutes left in the game to tie the score at 2-2, but three minutes later Grant Mulvey waltzed over the Vernon blue line and calmly placed an ice skimming shot under the legs of goalie Mike Smithson for what proved to be the winner.

First period goals by Broncos' Taylor were also of the soft type, particularly the first which came from a sharp angle to the right of the Essos net near the face-off circle in which for some reason Smithson failed to cover the short side of his net, leaving better than a foot of open space between his stick side and the goal post.

One pleasant aspect of the game was the surprising lack of useless penalties so common in junior hockey these days. Only two Vernon boys were sent off for infractions as Tim Sanche picked up a minor tripping penalty in the first period with Cliff Lane going off along with Mulvey of the Broncos in the third period for two minute minors and five minute fighting infractions. Penticton had a total of five penalties.

Friday night Essos travel to Kamloops then take on Vancouver Villas at home Saturday night with game time here set for 8 p.m.

YBC group will aid retarded

Vernon Youth bowlers will join many similar groups across Canada as they work towards assisting young bowlers who have a mental retardation problem.

Many of these children are being assisted and encouraged to take part in sport activity such as bowling and some financial aid is coming from YBC children across the country.

At the present time a tournament involving both coaches and youth bowlers is underway with the children challenging the adults with funds gained being sent in aid of the mentally retarded.

The following is a report sent in by Debbie Woodruff of the Vernon YBC association and is as follows:

Coming events — National Shell Out Day. "I Beat My Coach Tournament."

This is a new event with all proceeds going to help the mentally retarded youth bowlers across Canada to set up a free crestring program for them.

The entry fee is 25 cents per