

Games here Fri. and Sun.

# BCJHL has interesting points

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One could say things are happening in the B.C. Junior A Hockey League these days, some interesting and some not so interesting.

Most interesting aspect as far as local fans are concerned is the current see-saw battle waging between Vernon and Kelowna.

In four previous meetings, Essos have won three and lost one, this, just last week by a 5-3 difference and when they tangle here in Vernon Friday night, the game will be considered worth four points to the eventual winner.

Reasoning on this conjecture stems from the fact Kelowna have a two point edge over Vernon based on their league record to date of 11 wins as compared to only eight losses in 19 games played for a third place position in the eight team league with 22 points. They have also won their last five games.

Vernon, on the other hand, have played one more game with a total of 20 and are running their average at .500 with 10 wins and 10 losses for a share of fourth place with Vancouver Villas who have an identical record.

So, if Vernon takes the game, they will hold a share of third and if not will drop four points behind the Buckaroos.

In other weekend games throughout the league, Vancouver could also be a thorn in Vernon's side providing they can defeat Penticton Broncos on home ice Friday, who in turn are beginning to taste defeat (they lost to Kamloops 3-2 on

home ice Tuesday).

Kamloops Rockets could also take a strangle hold on second place providing they can extend their two game winning streak. They meet with Chilliwack Bruins who have won only one game in five meetings with the Rockets to date.

The over-all Chilliwack record sees them running hot and cold with 13 of 21 games played going into the record book as losses.

Along with the Bruins doing battle at Kamloops, they also see action in Kelowna on Saturday night then meet with Vernon here at Civic Arena on Sunday night to complete a three game sweep of the interior this weekend.

One questionable aspect of the running of the league is why Bellingham has been forced to cancel out five of their home games at this writing, and looking at the schedule will miss another two games this weekend.

It is known, the U.S. entry does not have its ice arena ready to play in and won't have until mid-December, but why hasn't the league insisted they play in some nearby arena, surely there is plenty to pick from in the lower mainland?

The lack of games played by Bellingham makes the league look a little on the bush side with this team having played only a dozen games and with only a single win to their credit, their cellar-dwelling position looks a little on the ridiculous side when one views the league standings.

Another question is, how will the teams involved with the Bellingham home games make up these non-played encounters? One can answer this with the thought, Vernon for example, would have to stay over one or two extra days at the coast and at much extra expense at that.

Don't forget to take in the Vernon home games this Friday and again Sunday evening.

B.C. Junior A Hockey Standings to and including Wed. Nov. 29, 1972

Division	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
<b>Interior Division</b>							
Penticton	19	16	3	0	109	57	32
Kamloops	22	12	9	1	117	99	25
Kelowna	19	11	8	0	106	58	22
Vernon	20	10	10	0	108	86	20
<b>Coast Division</b>							
Vancouver	20	10	10	0	87	100	20
Nanaimo	21	9	12	0	111	117	18
Chilliwack	21	7	13	1	80	111	15
Bellingham	12	1	11	0	38	93	2

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