

Broncos here Tuesday

Vernon looking for third place with Kelowna Bucks

WEEKEND SCOREBOARD

Friday, Dec. 15—

Vernon 5, Vancouver 3
Kamloops 8, Kelowna 5
Penticton 5, Bellingham 2

Saturday, Dec. 16

Chilliwack 7, Vernon 3
Bellingham 10, Kelowna 8

Sunday, Dec. 17

Nanaimo 3, Vernon 2
Kamloops 5, Bellingham 2

Vernon Essos muffed an excellent chance to catch up and pass third place Kelowna Buckaroos over the weekend in B.C. junior hockey action as they managed only one win in a three game sweep to the Coast loop of the eight team league.

Friday night Essos did come up with a big 5-3 win over Vancouver Villas while Buckaroos were dropping an 8-5 decision to the strong Kamloops Rocket squad.

Then Saturday night, they could have tied the Bucks for second place because a surprising showing on the part of Bellingham Blazers at Kelowna gave the new entry in the league their second win of the season as they toppled the Buckaroos 10-8.

This particular win would have been much better to review if Essos could have done the same thing, however, they missed a chance by allowing

Chilliwack Bruins to dump them by a wide 7-3 margin.

Sunday afternoon at Nanaimo, Essos again muffed things as they found themselves with a short end of the score reading when the host Clippers edged them by a narrow 3-2 difference.

At Vancouver Friday, Essos came up with a lead off goal in the opening period, but saw the goal equalled late in the same frame. Then in the mid-period, both teams managed a pair of goals each with Essos coming on strong in the final session to score two unanswered markers to take the 5-3.

Saturday at Chilliwack, the Bruins jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first period, allowed Essos to match them with a pair of goals each in the second frame then outscored the Vernon boys 3-1 in the final period for the wide 7-3 margin of victory.

At Nanaimo, no score sheet was available on the game statistics and all that is known was Dennis Bergeron and Dan Kuntz did the scoring for the Essos in their 3-2 loss to the Nanaimo Clippers.

This game by the way, placed the Clippers into a fourth place tie with the Essos in the eight team B.C. loop with 24 points each with Vernon having played two more games than the

Nanaimo club at this point of the schedule.

At Vancouver, Greg Howe, Dennis Bergeron, Dan Kuntz, Dave Caldwell and Brian Wortley did the Vernon scoring honors for the win.

At Chilliwack it was Bergeron, Wortley and Kuntz in that order with Bergeron and Kuntz again scoring at Nanaimo.

With two straight losses now behind them, Essos will now

prep for the big home game here tomorrow (Tuesday) against the front running Penticton Broncos.

Essos have not too bad a record against the leaders with a big victory and two close losses of single goal differences prior to this.

Game time here tomorrow will be 8 p.m. with doors opening an hour early for an expected rush of tickets by Penticton supporters.



Santa at the Lanes

Youth bowlers in the Vernon area were given a special other than Santa Claus dropped in to wish one and all of the season's greeting. Along with his ho ho ho's, jovial Santa had



B.C. Jr. A hockey standings

To and including Dec. 17, 1972

Interior	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Penticton	25	21	4	0	142	79	42
Kamloops	28	18	9	1	159	124	37
Kelowna	26	13	13	0	152	111	26
Vernon	27	12	15	0	138	122	24
Coast							
Nanaimo	25	12	13	0	137	137	24
Chilliwack	28	11	16	1	114	146	23
Vancouver	27	11	16	0	108	138	22
Bellingham	16	2	14	0	55	120	4