

# Key junior game here Friday night

With eight more B.C. Junior A hockey games on tap this weekend, actually starting tonight, a pattern of things to come is now beginning to show.

One major aspect to look to will be how Vernon Essos will do for the remaining half of the 62-game schedule.

While Vernon fans have had little to cheer about at times, Essos on home ice record doesn't look that bad as they have won 10 of 19 games played in the civic arena.

What does look much worse at the moment is the dismal away games record the Essos have scored to this date.

In 14 games played while on the road, they have only won three while dropping 11 which according to coach Odie Lowe is somewhat par in most hockey leagues, however, coach Lowe will differ with the opinion to win 10 of 19 home games is normal.

He maintains home ice is usually the haven for any club even if they are not doing well in league standings. His theory is for a team to win a wide majority of home ice fixtures thereby allowing some measure of losses when away.

At the moment Essos are not holding to their coaches desires and the league standings show why.

In 33 outings so far this season Essos have won only 13, losing 20 to keep them firmly entrenched in the cellar of the four team interior loop.

Their position in the overall eight team B.C. league is also on the wane as they now sit in sixth place, still three points back of fifth place Chilliwack Bruins.

Home ice game number 20 comes up this Friday as the Essos prepare to host Coast loop leaders Nanaimo Clippers who also sit in third place on the eight team league.

Clippers will begin a three

game series in the Interior here at Vernon and with their current record of 34 points (Vernon have 26) based on 17 wins and 13 losses, stand a chance to maintain themselves in the standings.

The win-loss record between

Against Nanaimo, Essos have slipped 30 goals past the Clipper netmen while allowing 26 to be scored against them by Nanaimo sharp shooters.

With game six here Friday night due to start sharp at 9 p.m. fans can be sure to see

## LATE FLASH

Vernon Essos have come through with a major player trade which was finalized mid-morning today.

Manager Vern Dye told The News he had made what can be considered a very important player trade with the Kelowna Buckaroos with the acquisition of high scoring right winger Tad Campbell of Trail.

Campbell, 18, a second year veteran with the Buckaroos had already wrung up an impressive 16 goal, 20 assist record in 25 games he had played this season with the Bucks.

The trade in discussion stages the past several days completes an agreement

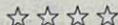
started last season when the slumping Buckaroos at this time of the year, acquired Gordon Neilson, 19, a Victoria native with a promise of a future transaction.

Along with the Neilson-Campbell exchange, Vernon has given up the services of defenceman Doug Davis who has been hot and cold while with the Essos this season, scoring three goals and assisting on 10.

Manager Dye said Campbell will arrive in Vernon today, will get one practise under his belt tonight and then see his first duty with the Essos Friday night here in town when the Essos host Nanaimo Clippers.

the Vernon and Nanaimo clubs show the Clippers with three wins to their credit and in the goals for and against tally have scored four goals less than Vernon when they have tangled in those five previous meetings.

some exciting action as the Essos have their backs to the wall and word has it they are looking to gain some measure of favor from their coach and manager as the player cut-off date nears.



### B.C. JUNIOR HOCKEY STANDINGS To and including Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1973

Interior	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Penticton	31	26	5	0	176	106	52
Kamloops	32	22	9	1	183	133	45
Kelowna	32	16	16	0	183	145	32
Vernon	33	13	20	0	158	156	26
Coast							
Nanaimo	30	17	13	0	178	154	34
Chilliwack	33	14	18	1	135	164	29
Vancouver	30	11	19	0	115	162	22
Bellingham	21	2	19	0	74	153	4



# Sports

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## Weekend Sports Menu

### Junior Hockey

Vernon Essos will host Nanaimo Clippers this Friday in one of three scheduled BCJHL games of the evening. Game starts sharp at 9 p.m.

Essos will then take a weeks rest before resuming action on Jan. 12 in Kelowna and Jan. 13 (Sat.) on home ice when they host Bellingham Blazers.

### Basketball

Vernon senior high school basketball squad, the Panthers, open the Okanagan basketball league with a home and away series with Kelowna Owls.

Friday, Panthers travel to Kelowna and then Saturday, both teams do battle on Vernon's home floor.

Also, in other basketball action, both 'A' class boys and girls teams of Vernon will see action this Friday as they host Lumby in a twin bill with games set for the high school gym.

### YBC Bowling

Both Bantam and Jet league bowlers will windup their pairs competitions with parents as partners this Saturday morning at Lincoln Lanes.

### Curling

The annual Men's Calcutta bonspiel takes to the ice at 5 p.m. this Saturday with 32 rinks taking part.

Of important interest in this spiel will be the auction of teams Friday night starting at 9 p.m. in the rink lounge.

In out of town curling action, Vernon will be represented by the Keith May rink in the zone Molson Broom playdowns when they vye for honors against teams from throughout the Okanagan and Mainline areas this Saturday at Penticton and in Kelowna on Sunday.

### NOHL Sunday hockey

Double header hockey action this Sunday night at civic arena will see league leading Head of the Lake Stampeders take on Winfield Raiders in the first game and Armstrong Cougars tangle with Vernon Merchants in game two of the evening.

First action takes to the ice at 7:30 with the second feature starting at 9:15 p.m.

Fans can expect excellent Intermediate level hockey to unfold before their eyes in this highly competitive league. Prices are a reasonable 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students with children under 12 free.

### Midget hockey

Vernon Midget Reps resume their league schedule this Saturday evening when they travel to Penticton.

The local lads, fresh from a tremendous tournament victory at Quesnel, will be out to gain points on league leading Kelowna who are currently a mere three points ahead of second place Vernon.



## Pin Points

### Monday Mixed, 7-9 Dec. 11, 1972

Women's High Single: Helen Rachekewich, 238; High Triple: Helen Rachekewich, 658; High Average: Irene Walker, 202.

Men's High Single: Ken Owen, 292; High Triple: Ken Owen, 767; High Average: Shig Tabata, 230.

Team High Single: Pin-Ups, 1301; High Triple: Rigor Mortis Five, 3602.

### TEAM STANDINGS

Pin-Ups	42
Sasquiches	39
Hi Rollers	39
National Hotel	37

### Monday Mixed, 9-11

## 10 Little Hunters

10 little hunters, feeling fit and fine . . .  
One forgot his safety catch, and then there were 9.

9 little hunters, flirting with their fate . . .  
One started clowning, and then there were 8.

8 little hunters, in a shooters' heaven . . .  
One was "triggered" by a fence, and then there were 7.

7 little hunters, wise to feathered birds . . .