

# Vernon records first tie in BCJHL action

Vernon 6, Penticton 6

Coach Odie Lowe would be the first to admit a single point is better than no points at all, but on the other hand two points are better than one.

So it was in B.C. junior A hockey action Tuesday night as the Vernon and Penticton clubs battled through an over-time period unable to break a 6-6 deadlock.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind, Vernon should have brought home both points but as usual of late, third period lapses on the part of Vernon defensive players have given opponents almost too easy access to the Vernon goal mouth.

Essos held two goal leads on four different occasions throughout two and a half periods of regulation time and then fell back to let the Broncos slip two goals past a hard working Charlie Briskham.

Interesting aspect of the tie as far as the Broncos were concerned, stemmed from the fact the single point kept them in the lead of the eight team B.C. junior loop.

While Vernon and Penticton were swapping goals at Penticton, Kamloops Rockets, kept to their winning ways, chalking up their 21st win in the last 22 games as they downed cellar dwelling Bellingham Blazers 4-2 at the Coast centre.

The Rocket victory places them just one point back of the Broncos with the only advantage in favor of the Peach City boys at the moment listing them with two games in hand over the second place Kamloops squad.

In another game played Wednesday night, Vancouver Villas finally put an end to their losing streak, as they bombed Bellingham Blazers to the tune of 11-5.

Villas had gone into the encounter with seven straight losses staring them in the face. The win gives the third place coast loop squad a 12 point edge over the sometimes hot and cold fourth place Blazers.

Meanwhile, back in the in-

terior section of the league, Vernon jumped into a quick two goal lead at Penticton with all-star defenceman Tim Sanche scoring both goals within a space of 10 seconds at the 1:31 and 1:41 mark of the initial period.

Sanche took advantage of a power-play to open the scoring on a sizzling drive from the left point and then, almost from the centre ice face-off, slipped another shot past Glen Bueckert when he worked the puck down the centre slot.

However, the ever dangerous Grant Mulvey put the game back on an even keel with a pair of quick goals of his own, with the second also coming on a power-play.

Mulvey's goals were just 40 seconds apart coming at 14:08 and 14:48 of the initial frame.

Essos were not to be outdone and the second period was theirs as they again took a two goal lead with Dave Caldwell and Don Murdoch scoring on a pair of long shots from outside the Penticton blueline.

Caldow was probably just as surprised as netminder Bueckert as he took his long drive from outside the blueline with the puck flipping over the outstretched glove hand of the Penticton goalie with the clock showing just 32 seconds played.

Then it was Don Murdoch's turn at the 16:39 mark as he tried the same thing from outside the Penticton line and again Bueckert boomed.

Third period saw Penticton come up with a quick goal from Mike Hiefield at the 2:18 mark only to see Ken Price answer that one just eight seconds later on a close in play.

Les Crozier came back for Penticton at 3:31 only to see Vernon move back with their two goal lead at the 7:25 mark with Greg Howe scoring on a shot he drove from behind the Penticton red goal line. Howe was actually trying to place the puck in front of the net but hit the pads of goalie where it bounced into the corner, rolling on its edge quite slowly.

This goal proved to be all for

the Essos and with the 6-4 lead at the time, seemed they would hold off the Broncos, however Penticton had other ideas and with help from defensive lapses on the part of the Vernon boys, banged in goals at 12:25 and 17:36 to tie the score at 6-6.

Both teams had little luck in the 10 minute sudden death stanza, so after 70 minutes of playing time, the score ended in the tie.

Essos now take off to the coast for a gruelling four game stint, meeting Bellingham tonight (Thurs.) Vancouver Friday night, Chilliwack Saturday and then the Blazers once more on Sunday.

## Osoyoos ski race results

The results of the giant slalom race held at Mt. Baldy, Osoyoos on Jan. 14 are as follows:

Okanagan Zone Team: Cindy Menzies of Penticton placed first overall; Sue Keckalo of Vernon placed second and fourth overall; and Pam Gatin of Kamloops placed seventh.

Other junior racer members, Suzanne Talbot placed eighth overall and Janice Harvey 16th.

In the men's giant slalom, Bob Fleming placed 11th, Wayne Richardson 13th and Keith Wheeler 15th.

In a Pontiac Cup Race held in Ontario recently, Steve Hamilton of Kamloops placed first, an exciting win for one of our Okanagan Zone team members.

Don't send, take your boy to hockey and stay to see him play.

Be enthusiastic about minor hockey week Jan. 20-27, go to the rink and watch your son play.



### B.C. Jr. A hockey standings

To and including January 24, 1973

#### INTERIOR

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Penticton	40	31	7	2	215	140	64
Kamloops	42	31	10	1	232	159	63
Kelowna	42	22	19	1	239	183	45
Vernon	39	16	22	1	186	181	33

#### COAST

Nanaimo	39	20	19	0	224	202	40
Chilliwack	42	18	23	1	176	211	37
Vancouver	42	13	29	0	161	236	26
Bellingham	34	6	26	2	125	217	14

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