

At Penticton . . .

All-Star game set for Thursday

Plans have been finalized for the second Annual B.C. Junior 'A' Hockey League All-Star Game.

The game will be played at Penticton, Thursday, February 1st, starting at 8 p.m. in the Penticton Memorial Arena.

The class of the league will be in attendance, with every team in the league having at least one representative on the squad.

Penticton was chosen as the site for the contest, because the Broncos had the most number of points in both divisions of the league by the cutoff date, Jan. 1, 1973. Last year the game was held in Kamloops.

The lineup for activities at the All-Star contest is as follows:

1. League meeting — 9 a.m. Not open to press.

2. Luncheon — 12 noon, Penticton Peach Bowl, with guests Walter "Babe" Pratt, vice-president of the Vancouver Canucks, and league president Dennis Coates of Kamloops,

addressing the gathering.

Tickets for this are \$5, and can be purchased from Don Ewart of Penticton. There should be lots of tickets available for the press, and if you have a fairly large gathering, give Don notice and he will put aside a number for you.

3. Meeting with the press — 4 p.m. at a location to be announced at the luncheon. League officials will discuss league matters with the press and answer questions regarding league operation, teams, players, etc.

4. All-Star Game — 8 p.m., Penticton Memorial Arena. Players will be introduced on the ice starting at 8 p.m., the game should start at approximately 8:15. Should you wish tickets for wife or friends, please contact Essos manager Vern Dye at 542-9931.

Tickets available here in Vernon at Vern's Billiard Centre.

Good road trip for Vernon Jr's

Seven out of a possible 10 points isn't too bad when one considers the Vernon Essos of the B.C. Jr. A Hockey League played five strenuous games away from home this past week.

While their sudden upsurge in the interior point race didn't change the standings, they did gain three points on third place Kelowna Buckaroos and they still have one game in hand over this club.

Recapping their five away games, Essos pulled off a 6-6 tie with Penticton Broncos at Penticton last Tuesday night then winged their way to the Lower Mainland, walloping Bellingham Blazers 10-0 on Thursday night, edged Vancouver Villas 5-4 Friday night, then in Chilliwack on Saturday fought a losing battle with the Bruins topping them with a 9-0

shellacking. However, they vindicated themselves Sunday night by coming up with a 6-3 win over the Blazers.

Big news of course in the overall BCJHL picture was the sudden demise of the front running Penticton Broncos.

The best they have done in their last four outings was the 6-6 tie with Vernon.

On the weekend they dropped three straight games, 3-2 to Kamloops, 7-5 to Nanaimo and 5-2 at the hands of the Kelowna Buckaroos.

While the Broncos were busy losing games, the ever tough Kamloops Rockets put 11 straight wins together this past week while two of them coming on the weekend when they edged Penticton 3-2 and Nanaimo 12-4 to give them a first place lead

over Penticton with a three point bulge. However, Penticton still has a game in hand over the Rockets.

Looking at the Coast league standings, front running Nanaimo Clippers kept ahead of Chilliwack winning two of their four games played since Thursday, with five points still separating the two clubs.

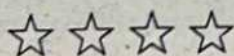
In their weekend action, the best Chilliwack could do was a win and loss, the win coming at the expense of Vernon when they blanked them 9-0 Saturday night before hometown fans.

Their loss came earlier in the week when Nanaimo doubled them 8-4 at Chilliwack Thursday night.

Further down the coast standings shows Vancouver in third spot 13 points behind the Bruins. Meanwhile, the cellar dwelling Bellingham Blazers made it four straight losses two of these coming on the weekend and at the hands of the Essos.

With only today to rest, Essos ready themselves to host the Penticton Broncos tomorrow night (Tuesday) in an 8 p.m. game at civic arena.

In seven previous games played against Penticton, Essos have shown much improvement of late, adding a win and a tie to a single win garnered earlier in the season. They have lost four games but are close in the goal scoring department with 28 in their favor while allowing the Broncos to score 33 against them.



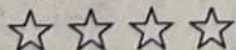
Weekend Scoreboard

Thurs. Jan. 25 — Vernon 10, Bellingham 0
— Nanaimo 8, Chilliwack 4

Friday, Jan. 26 — Vernon 5, Vancouver 4
— Kelowna 6, Nanaimo 5
— Kamloops 3, Penticton 2

Sat. Jan. 27 — Chilliwack 9, Vernon 0
— Nanaimo 7, Penticton 5

Sunday, Jan. 28 — Kamloops 12, Nanaimo 4
— Kelowna 5, Penticton 2
— Vernon 6, Bellingham 3



B.C. Junior Hockey Standings To and including January 28, 1973

	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts
Interior							
Kamloops	44	33	10	1	247	165	67
Penticton	43	31	10	2	224	155	64
Kelowna	44	24	19	1	250	190	49
Vernon	43	19	23	1	207	197	39
Coast							
Nanaimo	43	22	21	0	248	229	44
Chilliwack	44	19	24	1	189	219	39
Vancouver	43	13	30	0	165	241	26
Bellingham	36	6	28	2	128	233	14

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Juveniles win a playoff berth

A pair of well earned victories played on the weekend has assured the Vernon Juveniles hockey team a berth in the Okanagan-Mainline championship rounds later this season.

The local squad went into the weekend with a pair of tough customers on their hands but when the ice chips had settled, had rung up an impressive but close 8-7 win over league leading Salmon Arm Friday night then moved into the hockey hot bed at Kamloops Saturday night and came away with a well earned 7-5 win.

With the victories, Vernon not only assured themselves of at least a play-off spot, but could now be sitting in third place, depending how other games in the league fared.

Here at home Friday night, Vernon came back from an early first period 3-1 deficit to climb within one goal of the tough Salmon Arm boys at the end of the middle stanza with the scoreboard reading 5-4 in favor of the visitors. Two of these goals by Vernon were scored on the power-play.

Then in the third period, each team swapped goals before the halfway point with the hosts coming up with three quickies, two of them just 12 seconds apart to salt the game away.

A late period goal by the Salmon Arm boys proved not enough as Vernon hung on with the one goal lead.

Pacing the Vernon scoring was Bernie Marchand with two goals with singles from six others; Clay Anderson, Rick

Garbutt, Tony Sparrow, John Koktelo, Fred Perepolkin and Pat Maxnuk.

At Kamloops Saturday, John Koktelo paced Vernon to the 7-5 win with a big three goal effort.

Vernon single goals came from Barry Dye, Danny Flasch, Rick Garbutt and Fred Perepolkin.

Vernon led 3-2 at the end of

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