Vernon wants second spot

Broncos here tonight for junior "A" action

New Westminster Royals took over sole possession of second place in B.C. junior "A" hockey standings Tuesday night when they salvaged a 6-6 tie with Victoria Cougars at Victoria.

The single point gained by the Royals was enough to put them one point ahead of Vernon Essos with a total of 14 points.

Tonight at civic arena, the Essos will have a chance to move ahead of the Royals, however, when they tangle with league leaders, the Penticton Broncos.

Many people believe the Essos could take the game, providing they continue to put on strong offensive drives, such as they have been exhibiting in the last few games they have played.

Coach Odie Lowe and his charges are optimistic of a win over the virtually unchallenged Broncos. The fired-up way the Essos have played their last two games tying Kelowna 4-4 last Friday and then moving into Kamloops on Saturday and coming away with a convincing 9-6 win, indicates they can win hockey games even with key players sidelined with injuries.

Defenceman Ken Pollon is still out with a torn knee tendon and it is debatable whether Bob Mayer will dress for tonight's game. He has a badly-pulled leg muscle that has kept him out of the last three games.

Other Vernon players ailing are goalie Jack Gilroy with a severe throat infection, Rick Reilly with a swollen elbow, Larry Hackman with a badly bruised heel and Dick Marsh with a wrenched shoulder. All of these boys will most likely see action tonight, but will do so because of the intense desire, like all the rest of their teammates, to win hockey games, especially against Penticton.

Comments from other hockey centres, such as Kelowna nd Kamloops indicate that the Essos, at the moment, have the best chance to topple the front running Broncos.

In two previous games against Broncos, the Vernon crew have given the leaders a good battle, losing only in the dying minutes of the final periods.

It is now felt that if Vernon can sustain themselves such as they have done lately they will win tonight.

Game time is set for 8:30 p.m. at the civic arena with all seats going on sale at 7:30 p.m. The arena is heated for fan comfort.

Ski Tips

by Gerry Goudge, C.S.I.A.

This is our second lesson and we want to cover ground at a speed faster than walking. We call this sliding. We use our poles to propel rather than support. Each long step is aided by a strong push off with the back foot. Now we make full use of our poles by placing them alternately in the snow, halfway to the leading ski tip. As the pole passes the body there is a powerful thrust backwards. Make sure your poles are not placed too far forward as all propelling action is done behind the body.

If at any time you lose your balance, do not try to prevent a fall, simply relax the body, fall to the side and slightly backwards in a sitting position. Try to keep knees and feet together. Landing this way in a neat package will prevent injury. When rising, place the skiis horizontally across the slope and below the body. Then draw the knees up under the body and with the aid of the upper pole, regain your upright position.

We have now progressed to the point where we climb the slope. To do this we must first learn to use our edges. Place the skiis across the slope. Now roll the knees and ankles into

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Vernon well down in Jr. 'B' race

TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	P	Pim
Penticton	6	0	1	43	21	13	134
Kamloops	3	1	1	35	19	7	86
Kelowna	1	5	0	27	38	2	100
Vernon	1	5	0	18	45	2	110

TOP TEN LEADERS

	G	A	P	Pim
Ken Salinger, Penticton	9	4	14	11
Bob Arrance, Kelowna	5	6	11	2
Jim Ericsteen, Kamloops	4	7	11	4
Gerry Bond, Kamloops	4	7	11	0
Bill Tarnow, Kamloops	4	7	11	20
Fred Lawless, Penticton	6	4	10	2
Dave Millington, Penticton	6	4	10	19
Allen Bogetti, Kamloops	5	4	9	4
Bill White, Penticton	4	5	9	22
Jeff Reimer, Penticton	4	5	9	12

GOALIES STATISTICS

	GP	GA	Avg
Ron Fitspatrick, Penticton	2	3	1.5
Gary Osborne, Kamloops	3	8	2.6
Bruce Johnson, Penticton	2	6	3.0
Stu Gover, Penticton	3	11	3.6
Al Alexander, Vernon	2	10	5.0
Bart Holinger, Kamloops	2	11	5.5
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	4	25	6.2
R. Retslaff, Kelowna	2	13	6.5
Eddie Forslund, Vernon	3	25	8.3
Robert Sibilleau, Vernon	1	10	10.0