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Get breather

Kelowna help Essos remain in second

Vernon Essos fight for second place in the B.C. Junior A, Interior loop got a momentary breather Wednesday night as Kelowna Buckaroos contributed to a 3-0 whitewashing of Kamloops Rockets.

The story really begins Tuesday night with the Essos heading to Penticton where they dropped a 9-4 dousing at the hands of the Broncos. At that time the Essos had a game in

hand over Kamloops and with both teams tied for second place with 61 points each, Essos had a good chance of taking hold of the second spot alone.

However, as of today, the Essos are back where they started with still one game in hand over the Rockets and each team meeting here Friday night in what could prove to be the tale of where both teams will end their regular schedule in

the standings.

Vernon does have one major factor in their favour and that is they haven't lost a home game since No. 21. Their total wins here since then then stands at 15 and along with a pair of ties is very impressive in anyone's league.

However, the local boys should be well warned the bubble could burst anytime, and if Joe Tennant has his way, will have the Rockets really flying for the Friday night fixture.

Essos will also have to go at it again Saturday night when they host the Chilliwack Bruins and they too will be looking for points they proved of late they can take them away from the big teams at the coast.

With no game report to follow, what took place at Penticton is not known for sure. It is understood, Jim Lawrence scored a single goal and assisted three times to regain his hold on the first place in the individual standings of the eight team loop. Others believed to have scored for Vernon were Rod Cox with a single and Ernie Gare with two.

Fights were also apparent again in the game with local players being quite vocal against the way the game was officiated.

It is understood a rookie referee was used in the game, a man that has never, to anyone's knowledge, ever refereed a junior A game but has been a linesman on several occasion.

Vernon players were also quite mad at the way the fans acted at the end of the game when a man struck one player as he left the game and several others had to ward off blows.

Kayak-Canoe clinic planned

The Vernon Department of Parks & Recreation are sponsoring a Kayak and Canoe Clinic at the Vernon Community Centre on Sunday, March 21, at 9 a.m.

The course will be conducted by members of the B.C. Kayak & Canoe Association.

Fundamentals of paddling and handling the kayaks will take place.



JIM LAWRENCE
... leads in assists



WAYNE DYE
... hat-trick leader



BOB CRAIG
... 5th for penalties



BOB GASSOFF
... most penalties

In future the Essos will insist on police being stationed at the player exits to stop such acts and prevent possible injuries.

In league statistics released Wednesday several interesting factors are now apparent, Jim Lawrence should quite easily top all assist marks for the year while defenceman Bob Gassoff has run up an unenviable record for having the most penalties in the eight-team league. Bob Craig is also not too far behind and stands in fifth place for penalties.

Wayne Dye has a good record that he may just improve in the next few games and that is the sharing of the most hat tricks in the league. He and Ted Plowe of

hockey assoc

ARMSTRONG (Staff) — The first real roots of a minor hockey association in the area will be planted here Friday when the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Minor Hockey Association meets to elect and install its first executive.

Meeting in the Armstrong Centennial Hall at 7 p.m. the meeting will elect a president, first and second vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, ambassador and a number of directors.

First duty of the new executive will be to organize the area's 1971-72 hockey season.

Action on the association has come thick and fast due to the progress now being made on installing artificial ice equipment in Hassen Hall ready for next winter.

In attendance at the meeting will be Art Fisher, president of the Okanagan Minor Hockey Association who will instruct the new executive in their duties and answer questions on the association.

Victoria have both picked up hat tricks on five different occasions so far this season.

B.C. JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STATISTICS (up to and including games of Mar. 1)

(Top 10 and in last position)						
STANDINGS						
Coast Division						
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Victoria Cougars	35	11	5	304	157	75
Vancouver Centennials	28	16	9	246	187	65
New West Royals	21	26	5	231	239	47
Chilliwack Bruins	10	38	4	159	320	24
Okanagan Division						
Penticton Broncos	31	14	5	231	159	67
Vernon Essos	28	19	5	235	214	61
Kamloops Rockets	28	20	5	208	169	61
Kelowna Buckaroos	7	44	2	162	331	16

	Individual Scoring				PIM
	G	A	Pts.		
Ted Plowe, Victoria	51	304	99	58	
Jim Lawrence, Vernon	33	66	99	109	
Vic Mercredit, Penticton	39	49	88	32	
Chris Riddell, Victoria	33	51	84	18	
Jim Dalzell, New West	30	50	80	50	
Neil Murphy, Vancouver	45	34	79	69	
Gary Donaldson, Penticton	32	46	78	32	
Fred Parent, Penticton	34	40	74	63	
Ed Johnstone, Vernon	34	40	74	109	
Ray Todd, Vancouver	38	35	73	84	

Penalty Leaders	
Bob Gassoff, Vernon	278
Gord Girrard, Kamloops	267
Bill Margetts, New West	205
Jack McIlhargey, New West	198
Bob Craig, Vernon	197
Jon McCracken, New West	194
Ross Smith, Chilliwack	193
Bruce Gerlach, Kelowna	192

Hat tricks (three-goal games or more)	
Ted Plowe, Victoria	5
Wayne Dye, Vernon	5
Gerry Vachon, New West	4
Kelly Pratt, Kamloops	4
Harry Turk, Penticton	3
Scott Munro, Victoria	3
Vic Mercredit, Penticton	3
Doug Manchak, Kelowna	3