

Over 1200 fans watch

# Vernon Essos take opener

Vernon Essos made a triumphant debut in their opening game of the B.C. junior "A" hockey league before more than 1,200 home town fans as they scored a convincing 7-5

victory over New Westminster Royals Sunday afternoon in the civic arena.

Essos led 3-2 at the end of the first period, 4-3 in the second and outscored the Royals 3-2 in the final

period for the win.

Centremen Tom Williamson led the Vernon attack with two goals and two assists, with Lawrence Quechuk and Larry Hackman scoring twice each

and Bob Mayer knotching the single marker for the big win.

Royals scoring came on two goals and an assist by Alan Dorohoy, with singles by George Watson, Ray Wallis and George Morneau.

Playing a standout game in the Vernon nets was Burnaby import, Jack Gilroy, who pushed aside 34 shots that his former teammates, New Westminster Royals tried to put past him. Crucial saves, particularly in the dying seconds of the game when the Royals pulled their own goalie, Lionel Trudel, in favor of an extra forward, brought cheers from the crowd on more than one occasion.

Every player on the Vernon roster played his heart out to take the home opener, but the kid line of centre Larry Hackman, and wingers Jeff Wilson and Jerry Vachon were the unsung heroes of the game

as they time and again worked in on the Royals' net with amazing agility. Hackman was particularly effective, scoring two goals with Vachon assisting on two of them and Wilson helping on another. The trio of rookies were also effective on defensive plays, breaking up New Westminster rushes time and again.

In Friday night's junior "A" action in Kamloops, the home town Rockets had to work hard for their 5-3 win over Victoria Cougars. Both teams displayed good form with end-to-end rushes, particularly in the first and second periods.

Twin bill action Saturday night in Penticton and Kelowna saw Penticton Broncos edge Victoria 5-3 in Penticton and Kamloops Rockets win 4-3 in a close match at Kelowna over the Buckaroos.

In another Sunday afternoon game, Victoria Cougars hit the win sheet with a narrow 3-2 win over Kelowna that saw the game go right down to the wire before Victoria emerged the victors.

Essos-Royals summary: First period: 1. Ver., Mayer (Serviss, Dye) 5:54. 2. New West., Morneau (Dorohoy) 9:49. 3. New West., Dorohoy (Knight) 10:07. 4. Ver., Quechuk (Malinosky, Vachon) 10:30. 5. Ver., Hackman (Serviss, Williamson) 13:33.

Penalties: Quechuk (V) 6:27, Kakoski (NW) 13:09, Collingwood (NW) 14:27.

Second period: 6. Ver., Williamson (unas.) 3:55. 7. New West., Dorohoy (Knight, Leswick) 10:50.

Penalties: Quechuk 1:58, Williamson (V) 4:12, Ser-

viss (V) Kakoski (NW) majors 13:30, Malinosky (V) 14:14, Morneau (NW) 16:43, Williamson (V) 18:15.

Third period: 8. Vernon, Quechuk (Serviss, Williamson) 2:24. 9. Vernon, Hackman (Wilson, Vachon) 4:19. 10. New West., Watson (Rogeliad) 5:12. 11. Ver., Williamson (unas.) 9:59. 12. New West., Wallis (Cutler) 12:58.

Penalties: Kakoski (NW) double major, 5 and 10, Serviss (V) double major 5 and 10, 11:28.

Goalie stops: Gilroy (V) 10 12 12 -34 Trudel (NW) 11 10 11 -32

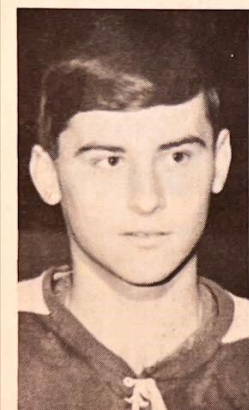
Vernon Essos travel to Kelowna next Friday night to meet the Buckaroos and play at home the next night, Saturday, Oct. 21. Game time for both sessions is 8:30 p.m.

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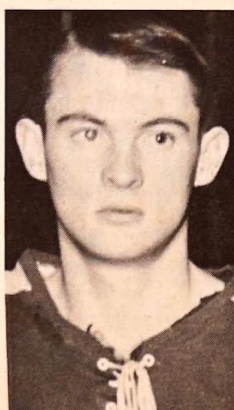
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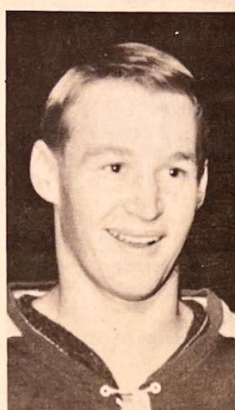
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... on kid line.



**Jack Gilroy—standout netminder for Vernon**

Import goalie Jack Gilroy in the nets for Vernon Essos when they took their opening game 7-5 over visiting New Westminster Royals Sunday afternoon before more than 1,200 fans, has his pre-game wish come true. It was Jack's fervent wish that he and his Essos teammates could take the game against the Royals because

most of the players on the Royals roster played with Jack up through the minor hockey ranks in Burnaby and New Westminster. Gilroy played all his early hockey in the lower mainland and he has several close friends now playing opposition to him in the new B.C. Junior "A" League.

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