

Win home, lose away

Essos split two games

Vernon Essos over-came a two goal deficit late in the third period and then went on to win 5-4 against Kamloops Rockets before 1,300 wildly cheering fans in B.C. Junior "A" hockey action at Vernon Saturday night.

With only 42 seconds remaining in the game, Ivan Malinosky came through with his second goal of the game to score the winner.

Malinosky's goal climaxed a come-from-behind Vernon effort as Keith Rolston started the Vernon drive at 12:39 and again at 17:26 of the third to equal the scoring. Then Malinosky brought the house down when he drove home the winner at 19:18 of the final frame.

Malinosky opened the scoring at 3:06 of the first period when he and Rolston teamed to go in on the Rocket net, but the lead was short lived, however, as the Rockets ended the initial period 2-1 on single goals by Gerry Janicki and Ken Begg.

Kamloops jumped to a 3-1 lead at the 16 minute mark of the middle frame on goal by Randy Rota but had the lead narrowed when Tom Williamson scored Vernon's second marker with only a minute and six seconds left in the second period.

The Rockets again wasted little time as they came out strong in the

final period with Larrie Morrey lighting up the scoreboard 4-2 in favor of Kamloops. From then on until the final whistle it was strictly all Vernon.

One of the unsung heroes of the Vernon cause was rookie Jeff Wilson who assisted on three Vernon goals and was used by Coach Odie Lowe as a penalty killer on several occasions because of his strong skating and fore checking ability.

Vernon net-minder Jack Gilroy again put on a stellar performance for the Essos cause, but his effort was somewhat overshadowed by brilliant goal tending on the part of Rocket goalie Wally Deneault who time and again robbed the Essos of sure goals to come up with 37 big saves, 10 better than Gilroy.

It was a penalty studded game with the Rockets taking the edge with four majors and eight minors to their credit, while Vernon fared little better picking up seven, two of them majors.

Essos aggressive forward Tom Williamson, was the biggest penalty getter as he sat out a total of 15 minutes in the sin box. Fiery defenceman Greg Scriber for Kamloops lost his battle with the referee as he retaliated with bad words when he was sent off for a two minute inter-

ference call. He didn't like it and said so. For this he got a further 10 minutes in the box but not satisfied he tangled with linesman Bill Nielson and for this was waved out of the game.

In other weekend action, Vernon put on a poor showing on their first road trip as they suffered a humiliating 9-5 shellacking at the hands of Kelowna Buckaroos in a game in the Regatta city Friday night.

In the Buckaroo game, Vernon led 3-2 at the end of the first period, managed to keep the one goal lead in the second frame as each team traded goals but literally fell apart at the seams in the third period as they merely stood by as Kelowna pumped six goals past a defenceless Jack Gilroy in goal for Essos.

Vernon did make a weak effort in the dying seconds of the game to come back into contention to tally one little goal. This was a good effort on the part of Keith Rolston who was obviously trying to make up for a bad play earlier in the period when he put a perfect pass on a Kelowna stick only ten feet in front of the Vernon net that was quickly slapped past Gilroy.

Biggest test for Vernon comes next Saturday night at home when they play host to highly rated Penticton Broncos who have a three win, one loss record, the

Midget house league play

Wednesday, Oct. 25 -
Aces vs Lumby, 7:25-8:15
p.m.; Hawks vs Bantam
Reps 8:15 to 9:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 -
Wings vs Aces 7:25 to 8:15
p.m.; Bantams vs Lumby,
8:15 to 9:10 p.m.

loss coming Sunday night as they dropped a close game to New Westminster Royals Sunday night at the Royal city by a score 3-2.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Pen -----	3	1	0	6
Ver -----	2	1	0	4
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