

— One loss—two ties —

Essos impress crowds at Coast

If nothing else, Vernon Essos proved they are quite a hockey team in the eyes of a good many coast hockey fans following a three game swing from Penticton to Victoria and back to New Westminster in weekend junior "A" hockey action.

Hurting badly from the loss of three key players through injury and a suspension, Vernon Essos didn't let this fact bother them too much as they put on a superb display of top grade hockey that began in Penticton Friday night and ended in New Westminster on Sunday afternoon.

Their 5-1 loss to Penticton tells little for those who did not see the game. Essos kept pace with the powerful Broncos for two and a half periods before they finally ran out of steam in the late stages of the third period to allow Penticton to score three unanswered goals, one of them while Vernon were a man short.

At the coast, the Essos quickly won the hearts of a good many hockey buffs both in Victoria and New Westminster with their fine playmaking as they put on a dazzling display of passing and forechecking in the opposition zones with brilliant defensive tactics by goalie Jack Gilroy and his rear-guard crew.

Playing before 3,488 fans in Victoria, the hustling Vernon squad brought cheers and applause from the large crowd on more than one occasion.

Well aware of the tough schedule ahead of them, the Essos set out to prove if nothing else, that they are contenders in anyone's league.

At Penticton

Although Broncos held a one-goal lead at the end of the first period, the Essos managed to keep pace as they made repeated forays around the net of goalie Bob Belbin who had to make several key saves to keep the determined Vernon boys from scoring.

An early second period goal by Adrain Blais put Broncos ahead 2-0, but Jeff Wilson's rebound shot at the 7:41 mark with Lawrence Quechuk and Keith Rolston in on the play made the Broncos realize the game would be no walkaway.

Both teams fell into a see-saw battle thereafter as each crew made repeated end to end rushes. And it wasn't until at the 11:30 mark of the final period when Vernon were short a man did Penticton manage to forge ahead. Quechuk had been sent off the ice a minute before on an elbowing call when he apparently got too close to the Penticton goalie.

Short-handed with Ivan Malinosky and Ken Pollon out with injuries and the suspension of Tom Williamson, Essos ran out of steam with the Broncos scoring two more goals for the 5-1 win.

Tie Cougars 4-4

Playing in the impressive facilities of the Victoria arena Saturday night, the Essos served notice to the large crowd on hand that

they were going to be hard to beat.

Keith Rolston started things off for the Essos as he teamed with Tom Serviss to open the scoring in the game at 5:25 of the first period.

Essos maintained the lead into the second period, but not before the Cougars themselves had tested Gilroy in the Vernon nets with a massive attack with at least three shots bouncing off corner posts or crossbar.

At 9:16 of the middle period, Cougars' Jim Murdoch beat Gilroy with a low shot to even the game, but Rolston came up with his second Vernon marker a little better than three minutes later on a fine play with Serviss and Wilson setting him up at the Cougar blueline. He then went in on the right side and drove a hard shot from 20 feet out that skimmed past Goalie Murray Finlay's left elbow.

Victoria tied the game again late in the period with Vernon a man short. Graham Elliott was sitting out a two minute interference call.

Essos had the tables turned on them in the third period, when Victoria scored two fast mid period goals to take a 4-2 lead.

Thereafter, the game was all Vernon plays as the Essos really put on terrific pressure that finally paid off with less than three minutes to go. Victoria picked up a minor hooking penalty at 17:14 and three seconds later, Bob Mayer drove a screaming slap shot from the blue line that Finlay didn't try to stop.

Fired up, the Essos really swarmed around the Cougars zone following Mayer's goal, and with only 37 seconds left in the game, came through with a brilliant tieing marker that left the huge crowd stunned.

It was Lawrence Quechuk who scored the goal with Rolston and Serviss again in on the crucial play, but for those dying seconds with everyone banging away around the Cougar net it could have been anyone's game.

Tie Royals 5-5

Sunday afternoon at the Royal city, the story was much the same as New Westminster opened the scoring on two quick first period goals, with Jeff Wilson scoring for Vernon to end that period with Royals leading 2-1.

The second period, both teams scored singles with Royals managing to hold a one goal lead going into the final period.

It was a come-from-behind situation again for Vernon with just five minutes left to play and with Royals leading 5-3. Jerry Vachon's brilliant backhand shot narrowed the scoring with help from Serviss and Perepolkin and then at 17:08 Quechuk tied the game with a smart play from behind the Royals net as he came around from a Rolston-Wilson effort from the corner.

It is unlawful in Nebraska to hunt any game birds with rifle, pistol or revolver.

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN



English lads hunt B.C. big game

Two English youths, both 20, have made a dream come true. Andrew Rose, left, and his travelling mate, Richard Bigham, of Orpington, Kent, are adventurers of the truest sense. Three years ago, they decided they would take a holiday in Western Canada for the purpose of hunting big game. Finally in October this year with nearly \$500 apiece, they made their trip. They arrived in Armstrong where Richard's uncle, Vaughan Bigham resides and following a short visit, travelled to the Williams Lake area where they were successful in bagging a 1600 pound Bull moose, a four point mule deer and a year old black bear. Back in the Vernon and Armstrong areas, they were successful on several fishing expeditions and also managed to down a few pheasants, to end a most lucrative holiday. They returned to England on Oct. 30, two happy young men.

Mixed bonspiel season opener

LUMBY—Lumby and District Curling Club has opened its season with a mixed bonspiel last weekend.

Sixteen teams participated.

Topping the A event was the Mike Savoy rink with Mrs. R. Logan, Jack Rouck and Mrs. Jack Rouck. Second was Matt Adams with Kay Nabata, Alf Tonn and Roy Logan. Third was Dennis Duke with Brian Nakai, Ken Altwasser and Peter Vlasveld. Fourth spot went to George MacIntosh, Eileen Wejr, Bob Proctor and Emma Pierce.

The John Dyck rink took the Bevent with Bea Shumpka, Jim Rice and Laura Day. Second was Horace Brownley with Mary Dyck, Wally Howkins and Margaret Derry. Third was Frank Fellingham with Mrs. Neil Bekker, Shirley McLennan and Ted Sanders. Fourth was Sheila LeFrancois, Albert Murphy, Margaret Nakai and Jackie Elgood.

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Wejr with Madeleine Schwartz, Tom Nakai and Dianna Kostinoff. Second went to George Fisher with Francis Fisher, August Altwasser and Stan Cox. Third was Irwin Dilts with Loraine Johnson, Esther Proctor and Art Anderson while fourth spot went to George Major with Irene Inglis, Marsden Inglis and Gary Major.

Regular curling is to begin this week.

Volleyball schedule

November 9 at Clarence Fulton gymnasium: Teachers "B" vs Lumby; Safeway vs O. K. Tel; O.K. Tel vs Lumby; Safeway vs Tex's BA; Tex's BA vs O.K. Tel; Teachers "B" vs Safeway; Tex's BA vs Teachers "B"; Lumby vs Safeway.

November 9 at Bearstoa gymnasium: Kal Terrace vs Gee; Teachers "A" vs Gee; Kal Terrace vs Teachers "A"; Gee vs Kal Terrace; Teachers "A" vs Gee.