

Vernon trims leaders

Vernon Essos are beginning to convince everyone, including themselves they want to be in the B.C. junior "A" playoffs come next March.

They proved this Wednesday night when they took on pennant winning Penticton Broncos at home before more than 1,200 fans and trimmed the powerful visitors 5-4.

It was one of the most crowd pleasing games this year as Essos fell behind a 2-1 deficit in the opening period only to come back strong in the middle frame with four unanswered goals and never looked back.

Larry Hackman, Jeff Wilson and Keith Rolston were the big guns for Essos as they dominated most of the winning points.

Hackman scored twice and assisted once, Wilson came up with four assists and Rolston scored one and assisted on two others.

Other Vernon marksmen were Mike Perepolkin, and Bob Blanchette with single goals, while Blanchette assisted on one with league leading scorer, Tom Ser-

of 6-3, 11-3 and 4-1 in straight games.

Kamloops will go on to meet Penticton in the final series to determine the valley champion to be represented in the provincial playoffs sometime in March.

In the final game, Kamloops scored once in the first period, three times in the middle frame and then scored one more in the final stanza before Vernon got on the scoresheet.

Vernon's only tally came with only 36 seconds remaining. Brian Kakoske teamed with Glen Baron and Gary Best to score the lone marker.



New Royalty officiates
... Queen Wendy drops puck

viss working on two assists.

Serviss was put out of temporary action near the midway mark of the second period when he stopped a hard drive on his right leg just above the protective padding on his knee. Although suffering a painful bruise, he was able to return to the game.

Another Vernon player received an injury when star goalie Jack Gilroy stopped a hard drive on the unprotected side of his left knee a short time later.

Extent of Gilroy's injury is still not known but he is sure to miss at least a few games.

Rookie netminder, Ed Forslund came in to relieve Gilroy and played a stellar game, stopping several hard drives, particularly late in the third period when Penticton was pressing for at least a tie in the game.

The win moves Vernon back into alone second spot once more as they go two points up on Kamloops Rockets.

This weekend should see more interesting results in the league standings, as Vernon plays host to Victoria Cougars in a Sunday afternoon fixture, Kelowna goes to Kamloops and Penticton is in Victoria Saturday night.

Vernon came on fast in the early stages of the game and literally kept the Bron-

cos off balance for most of the game. The somewhat shaky defence Vernon is prone to have at times came through with several key moves led by veteran Ken Pollon who is still not fully recovered from his own knee injury suffered some time ago.

Game time this Sunday is 2:30 p.m.



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Big day for new queen

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Civic Arena. Queen Wendy, seated, is shown with retiring Queen Phyllis Binnie, both wearing royal robes.—Dorothy Sawicki photo