



Quechuk scores and Serviss makes goalie cover-up

Down two games

Vernon faced with tough uphill battle

Penticton Broncos, by virtue of back-to-back weekend victories against Vernon Essos took a strangle hold on the best of seven semi-final games in B.C. Junior "A" hockey action.

Friday, the powerful pennant winning crew managed to edge Vernon 2-1 on their own ice, and followed up with a 5-3 win at Vernon Sunday afternoon.

The two games gave them a virtual odds-on favorite chance to wrap up their series with Vernon in straight games.

However, those fans who watched both games, know the Peach city crew will have a tough fight on their hands because both clubs are playing top flight play-off hockey.

In the first game, both clubs played through two full periods before either team could find the mark. It was Vernon who finally took the initiative on a fine individual effort by second string center Lawrence Quechuk.

Quechuk opened the scoring early in the final period when he made an unassisted play to beat Doug Thompson. This goal came at 2:28 of the final frame. Quechuk's goal could be considered a pay-off to a fine first and second period effort by every member of the Essos squad who had several good chances to capitalize on their plays.

However, this was also true of the Penticton play and only net minder Jack Gilroy marked the difference in the Broncos failure to score. For example, he pushed aside 31 shots in the first two periods, double that of Thompson for Penticton. His play carried through into the third period when he also pushed aside 14 drives for a grand total of 45 saves compared to 23 by Thompson.

Penticton's tying marker came soon after Quechuk's initial effort. Jack Taggart, from a power play drive, drove a hard 25 foot shot through a mass of players with Keith Rolston sitting out a slashing penalty.

From then on a see-saw battle continued until, with less than two minutes remaining, Penticton's Wayne Schaab scored the winner on a brilliant unassisted play.

Sunday afternoon at Vernon, much the same pattern of play-off hockey resumed with both clubs making end to end rushes. Penticton, unlike the Friday night game made their plays pay-off early in the opening stanza as they scored three quick goals before Vernon managed to get on the score board.

By the ten minute mark of the period it looked like Penticton might run away with the game with three unanswered markers. One of them, a power play goal by 11-star defenseman Jack Taggart, his second in two games.

Adrian Blais opened the scoring at the 4:02 mark followed by Taggart's unassisted effort at 6:06 with Tom Serviss off on a hook-and-punch. Then it was Blais again three minutes later at 9:32 when he enlisted Bob Mowatt's aid for the second time to beat Gilroy.

Until this time Vernon gave the impression of not being able to do much about the smooth playing tactics of the Peach city crew although they did manage to come close one or two early period plays.

At 17:02 a break came for the Essos when Wayne Schaab was sent off for an interference penalty. One minute and fifteen seconds later their power play drives paid off when diminutive Jeff Wilson picked up a two-way passing play from

Tom Serviss and Ivan Malinsky to beat Thompson on the short side. This goal seemed to give Vernon much needed spark as they came on strong in the early stages of the second period with Quechuk scoring a picture-play goal as he worked across the Penticton line unassisted to beat Thompson.

Four minutes later it was a tie game as Keith Rolston picked up a corner pass-out from Jeff Wilson to the right of the Penticton net minder, and drove the puck

under Thompson into the net.

Again a see-saw type of hockey was enacted by both clubs until later in the period when Adrian Blais notched his third goal of the game. It was Mowatt again along with Wayne Schaab who helped set up a well earned goal.

Going into the final period of play, end-to-end rushes were again the main feature of the encounter with neither team able to find the mark although each club did have their opportune moments but failed to capitalize.

Down one goal going into the final minute of play, Coach Odie Lowe was unable to pull goalie Jack Gilroy in favor of six attackers with Penticton realizing they couldn't afford to allow the Vernon boys in their end of the ice.

Penticton's fifth and final insurance marker came on somewhat of a fluke when Jack Gilroy eased up after a close-in play near the net to let Blais score his fourth goal of the game by shoving a loose puck between the goal post and Gilroy's left skate.

Gilroy pushed aside 38 drives, 10 more than Thompson at the other end of the rink.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that this is good play-off style hockey, but one of the things that does concern the Vernon fans is the inability to maintain a balance of play between the first, second and third lines.

Some observers feel that

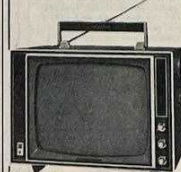
PANASONIC

from the

MUSIC CENTRE

where you can buy with

"No Carrying Charge"



9" BATTERY POWERED PORTABLE TELEVISION

"The Carbett" solid state portable with 57 square inches of viewing area. Uses barely 1 amp. fully portable. Can be battery powered for use anywhere, adaptable for your car lighter. In beautiful wood grain finish, it shows PANASONIC quality throughout. Buy now at the MUSIC CENTRE, where you have NO CARRYING CHARGE for an entire year. Only

\$199.95

The Music Centre Ltd.

3306-A 30th Ave. 542-5647

Bantam schedule

Bantam house league semi-finals, two out of three series.

Tuesday, March 12 — 6:40-7:40 a.m.: Vernon News vs Credit Union; 7:40-8:40 a.m.: Ernie Esso vs Renick Lbr.

Thursday, March 14 — 8-9 p.m.: Vernon News vs Credit Union.

Saturday, March 16 — 6-7:40 a.m.: exhibition by losers; 6-7:50 a.m.: Rocky's Husky vs Pee Wee Reps; 7:50-9:40 a.m.: Blue Bears vs Noca; 6:30-7:30

Softball club sets meeting for Wednesday

Vernon's entry into the Kelowna and District Softball League last season, has begun to stir with activity for another year.

Next Wednesday the club, under the banner of Vernon O'Keefe's, will hold their annual meeting starting at 8 p.m. in the Coldstream motor hotel.

The local senior "B" squad did well last season considering it was their initial entry into the well organized league.

O'Keefe's placed fourth in the six team league winning 11 and losing nine in the 20 game schedule.

In the best of three semi-final series against second place Willow Inn Willows, O'Keefe's won the opener, but ran out of steam to lose the next two and drop out of the picture for an otherwise successful season.

Officials hope for a good turnout Wednesday. Interested players and others are asked to be sure to turn out in force and if unable to do so, to phone 542-2203 after 6 p.m. during the next three days.

Midget schedule

Midget playoff schedule: Best of three semi-finals — Tuesday, March 12, 8:30 p.m., Wings vs Reps. Wednesday, March 13, 7:15 p.m., Reps vs Wings; 8:15 p.m., Lumby vs Hawks. Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 p.m., Hawks vs Lumby. Wednesday, March 20 (if necessary), Wings vs Reps; (if necessary), Lumby vs Hawks.

Finals to be announced later.

Armstrong news items The Kinettes will hold a fashion show in the United Church Hall March 26 at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Tickets are obtainable from any Kinettes member or at the door.

From then on a see-saw battle continued until, with less than two minutes remaining, Penticton's Wayne Schaab scored the winner on a brilliant unassisted play.

Sunday afternoon at Vernon, much the same pattern of play-off hockey resumed with both clubs making end to end rushes. Penticton, unlike the Friday night game made their plays pay-off early in the opening stanza as they scored three quick goals before Vernon managed to get on the score board.

By the ten minute mark of the period it looked like Penticton might run away with the game with three unanswered markers. One of them, a power play goal by 11-star defenseman Jack Taggart, his second in two games.

Adrian Blais opened the scoring at the 4:02 mark followed by Taggart's unassisted effort at 6:06 with Tom Serviss off on a hook-and-punch. Then it was Blais again three minutes later at 9:32 when he enlisted Bob Mowatt's aid for the second time to beat Gilroy.

NORTH SPORTS OKANAGAN

with the 40 game schedule under their belts, some of the players should be showing top form but they have yet to produce.

No doubt the Tuesday night game at Penticton could spell the death knell of the Vernon boys unless their scoring punch begins to improve.

Defensively, little fault can be found with the blue line patrolers and particularly Jack Gilroy, but they can't hope to win games and at the same time mark key defensive plays. Goals are what count and Vernon definitely needs to begin scoring.

Next home game is Friday at the Civic Arena and Tuesday night it just might be the final game of the year for Vernon.

In the Kelowna-Kamloops semi-final series the Kelowna Buckaroos edged the Rockets 3-1 in Kamloops Friday night and then suffered a 6-5 defeat Sunday afternoon at Kelowna to even the "B" series at one game apiece.

WATCH THURSDAY'S VERNON NEWS FOR IMPORTANT OPENING NEWS FROM THE SKY. WAY.

VERNON Skyway Drive-in 542-5731 Gates 7 p.m. Screen 7:30 p.m. AN ODEON THEATRE

RE-OPENS WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

SHOWING WED. THROUGH SATURDAY

COUNTRY MUSIC goes round the world! From Las Vegas to London it's...

Buck Owens and the Buckaroos On Tour EASTMAN COLOR Hear their Number One hit songs: TIGER BY THE TAIL, CRYIN' TIME, & others

FREE! BUCK OWENS RECORDS FROM RHETA NIGHTLY.



THINK FAST! THEY'LL GO FAST!!

If you're looking for a good used car, better hurry down to Shillam Garage. Lots of cars, all makes and models, all priced to sell. You'll never get a better deal!

1965 Ford Pick-up—Long wheel base style, 300 cu. in. 6, custom cab, a reliable workhorse for only

\$1795

1964 Dodge Polaris—4 dr. H.T., P.S., P.B., auto, V-8

\$1895

1963 Chevrolet 4 dr.—Biscayne, 6 cyl., standard, white exterior with red interior.

\$1295

1962 Pontiac Parisienne—4 dr., H.T., P.S., P.B., automatic, 8 cylinder, radio

\$1195

1962 Rambler Station Wagon—Custom roof rack, recently re-finished, a sound economical unit at

\$695

1961 Ford—6 cyl., station wagon, standard shift, a big roomy wagon for the tradesman

\$795

1961 Plymouth—4 dr., V-8, automatic, radio, lots of miles left at only

\$795

1965 Pontiac 4 dr.—Laurelton sedan, 8 cyl. auto, P.S., one owner, clean and immaculate

\$1995

1965 Ford Falcon—4 dr., red and white, 1 owner, locally owned and in top condition throughout

\$1895

1965 Oldsmobile F-85—Cruiser Convertible, P.S., P.B., bucket seats, console shift, auto, smart motorcar red, white convertible top

\$2495

Ford Tractor — Good tires, recently overhauled motor

\$595

Rear Mounted Blade for Ford Tractor

\$125

1960 Chevrolet Station Wagon—6 cyl., standard, 4 door, very clean and very reasonable at

\$595

1959 Plymouth—2 dr. H.T., V-8, standard. A real buy at

\$195

1962 Chevrolet Pickup—4-wheel drive, a real work horse, 4 speed transmission, free wheeling hubs. Only

\$1595

1959 Edsel—This is a collectors item, 6 cyl., standard shift, 4 dr., jet black and in beautiful shape, a real investment at

\$395

1957 Chevrolet—2 dr., 6 cyl., good transportation for

\$195

1960 Thames Pick-up—This is an economical tradesman's unit at only

\$495

SHILLAM GARAGE

2910 - 32nd Avenue
PHONE 542-2911