

Down three games

Vernon must win

It will be do or die hockey Friday night for Vernon Essos when they take to the ice in the fourth game of their best of seven semi-final junior hockey playoffs against Penticton Broncos here in Vernon civic arena at 8:30 p.m.

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Minor ball registration on Saturday

Registration for minor baseball players in Vernon and district takes place the next two Saturdays at the recreation centre.

Starting at 10 a.m. each day the registration will run through to 2 p.m. with proper forms available to fill out.

Parents or an adult must accompany each boy. Birth

Essos dropped the third game of the series Tuesday night at Penticton by a wide 8-3 score and gave the powerful Broncos a three game stranglehold on the win column. Essos lost previously by scores of 2-1 and 5-3.

Tuesday night, much the same pattern of play was exhibited by both clubs. Essos put on a good showing in the early stages of the game but fell back to the better ability of the Broncos who showed good balance in every line that took its turn on the ice.

Penticton scored twice in the opening period, added three in each of the next two stanzas while the best Vernon could do was to notch singles in each frame.

Ken Conner opened the scoring for the winners early in the first period, but Jeff Wilson evened things up at the three-quarter mark of the same period when he scored on a power-play effort with Lawrence Quechuk. Jackie Tag-

gart was sitting out a tripping penalty at the time.

Penticton went ahead in the period however, a little better than a minute later when Eddy Hays scored with help from Bob Mowat.

In the second period, Penticton again opened the scoring, this time it was their turn to take advantage of a power-play with Reg Cherenko scoring while Dick Marsh was warming the penalty box for an interference call.

Two more goals by the Broncos in the first half of the period began to set the pattern for their eventual victory.

Dick Marsh rounded out the period scoring for the Vernon cause on a blue-line shot with the aid of Jeff Wilson.

The early moments of the final period did have Vernon holding some of the edge in play, but they were aided by the Broncos who had Dale McBain off for the first two minutes because of a kneeing infraction pick-

ed up just as the horn sounded to end the second period.

It was Jeff Wilson again who took advantage of the power-play with Tom Serviss aiding.

Penticton got this one back within the minute however and added goal number seven a minute after that. Broncos final goal came with only seconds remaining in the game when Ken Conner shoved his second marker past the skate of Gilroy.

Penticton's scoring was shared by Conner, Ed Hays and Wayne Schaab with two each while singles came off the sticks of Reg Cherenko and Gary Smith.

Vernon's big man was Jeff Wilson with two and the single by Dick Marsh. Wilson also picked up an

assist as did Serviss and Quechuk.

Jack Gilroy in the nets for the Essos, did his usual outstanding job, coming through with 47 saves to bring his three game total up to 130 stops in the series to date. He has allowed 16 goals.

In the second series currently under way, Kelowna Buckaroos came through with a 6-4 win over Kamloops Rockets at Kamloops Wednesday night to take a 2-1 game lead in their best of seven semi-final series.

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