

## Exhibition hockey

# Rustlers stop Vernon

Two first period goals set the pace for the high-flying, fast moving Red Deer Rustlers Sunday afternoon as they blazed to a 7-2 victory over the Vernon Junior Essos in an exhibition contest played in Vernon.

The story of the game could be told briefly in the fact that 67 minutes in penalties were handed out.

Twenty-one minutes went to the hometown Essos while the visitors netted an incredible 46 minutes in the sin bin.

Red Deer led 2-0 at the end of the first period, and stretched it to a 7-1 margin by the end of the second. Vernon scored one unanswered tally in the third.

The big guns for the Rustlers were Carl Sapinsky

and Jim Reid who shared the goal-tending duties for the visitors. Sapinsky turned aside 27 shots, while Reid who entered the fray in the third stanza blocked 14.

In the Vernon net, goalies Jack Gilroy and Al Alexander stopped 38 attempts.

Vernon goals were netted by Bill Tarnow and Don Manson. Red Deer scores were made by Grant Lentz, Barry Holmes, Craig Beveridge, Steve Richardson, Wayne Blunt, Wayne Zuk, and Doug Stumpf.

The Rustlers who have been practicing for approximately six weeks dominated the play throughout most of the game, opening the scoring at the 22-second mark of the first period.

The Essos playing their first contest of the season will now be settling down to more serious hockey as they prepare for the league opener against Kamloops next Saturday night.

Kamloops also tasted the Red Deer Rustlers bruising power, as they were overwhelmed 11-4 in an exhibition contest Saturday night in Kamloops.

The masked bobwhite gets its name from the black markings on its head.

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# From the Sports Desk

by WES RUSSELL

The sports scene locally has run into an all-time snarl, brought about in some cases by the CUPE strike.

Kamloops promoter Jerry Heartly left town after Thursday night's all-time record low wrestling attendance muttering phrases about "third party intervention," and "someone should be sued." He also stated that he will not attempt to bring another card into the area until the strike situation is settled.

Although some people complained about being "blocked off" by the picket line, my personal experience with the group in question was quite different. We exchanged quips and pleasantries during which time I took a couple of pictures of the group as they reminded people that a strike was in progress and urged them not to cross the picket line. However, no one was prohibited from crossing the line, either on foot or by car.

As the Vernon Essos prepare for their first league action Saturday night against Kamloops, it would appear that certain members of the group are having difficulty getting admitted into the local high school.

School board officials state that there's no room at their "inn of higher learning," and since the boys' parents do not reside here, they are not bound to accept them as students. At the latest word, application had been made to Armstrong to see if they would accommodate the boys.

This, in my opinion is a pretty sad state of affairs, because Junior Hockey in this area is the backbone of the Minor Hockey ranks as it supplies most of the necessary money. In making allowances in the case of four junior hockey players, local school board officials would be doing a great deal for the minor hockey locally.

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Still with the topic of hockey, not too many people in Vernon realize that the

Vernon Junior Essos are owned outright by the Minor Hockey Association. The Junior Hockey Committee has worked hard over the past years to overcome a large financial deficit and build a good strong competitive team. This is the reason, sports fans, that several boys are imported each year to bolster the ranks of the Essos.

It's a money-making venture to aid your sons who have entered the minor ranks. It's the Essos who pay the way.

The Junior hockey committee brought the team out of the red financially in the 1967-68 season, and gave the Minors \$500 to boot. On top of that, they had enough cash to successfully get the season underway.

Now, there's no money left in the coffers, but with fan support, the Essos are in a position to give Minor Hockey in Vernon the money that was formerly used to pay off the deficit.

However, if the strike continues and people refuse to cross the picket line, the club could be right back in the hole again. Lets hope for the kids of this town that the powers that be will soon get their heads together and come up with a mutual decision.

A letter of appreciation was turned in to The Vernon News last week by Vernon Luckies Baseball Coach George Nuyens. This letter had originally been written to one of the team members by Ern Fitzgerald of 1501 29th St.

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