

Essos play on weekend

The Vernon Essos Junior "A" Hockey club will host two teams this weekend; one on home ice and one in Salmon Arm.

The first game, to be played Saturday night at 8:30 will see the Essos take on the reportedly powerful Victoria Cougars.

Monday afternoon's encounter has been moved from the Vernon Civic Arena to the Salmon Arm Arena because the New Westminster team has stated they will not cross the CUPE picket lines outside the Vernon arena.

In a phone call from the southern city, the New Westminster executive made it known to the Essos steering committee that under no circumstances would they cross the picket lines for the game.

With this in mind, the Essos were able to make arrangements for the use of the Salmon Arm ice-surface for the Monday game. Game time is at 2:00, with regular league admission rates in effect.

Junior hockey action

Vernon dumps Kamloops 9-6

The Vernon Essos hit their stride Wednesday night and led the action all the way to defeat the Kamloops Rockets 9-6, in the North Kamloops Municipal Sports Centre.

Wayne Dye and Lawrence Quichuck were the big guns of the game, picking up two goals and three assists each. Jack Marsh added to his personal scoring tally with two goals and one assist, while Bob Craig, Don Manson, and Gerry Vachon each picked up singles.

The scoring started at 4:10 of the first period, when Jack Marsh slipped the disk past John Bade in the Kamloops net. Just 13 seconds later at 4:23, Marsh made a return run and repeated the performance.

Wayne Dye closed out the scoring for the first period at 14:23 when he flashed the light to make it 3-0.

Kamloops opened the scoring in the second period when Larry Padenfede beat Al Alexander at the 4:44 mark.

Vernon returned at 7:27 when Bob Mayor scored to bring it back to the three goal advantage at 4-1. Gerry Vachon was the next Esso to beat Bade at the 15:51 mark.

Don Stewart, who played a great game for the Rockets closed out the period with a tally at 19:06, leaving the score at 5-2 for the Essos.

Lawrence Quechuck made no mistake at the 42-second mark of the third period, and bashed the Esso's sixth tally past the Kamloops net minder.

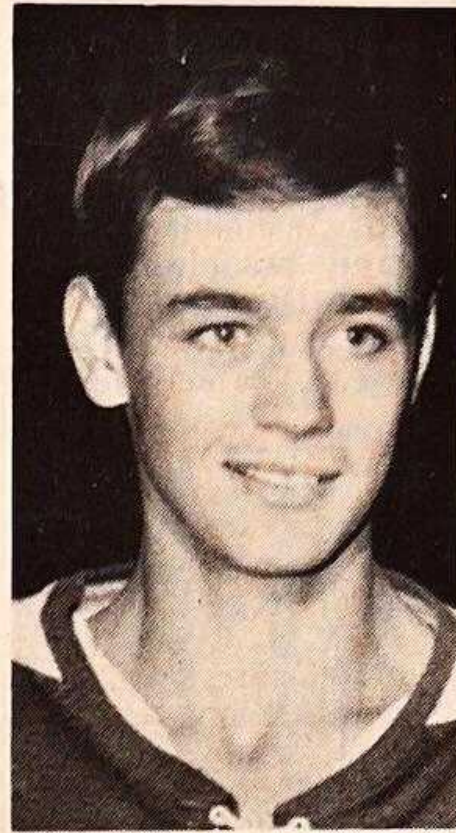
Don Stewart of the Rockets grabbed the puck at 1:03 of the third and slopped it past Alexander for his second goal of the evening.

At the 3:45 point of the final period Don Manson banged one in to make the score 7-3 in favor of the Essos.

Then everything broke loose in a flurry that saw three goals scored in less than 25-seconds. Larry Simon hit the light for the Rockets at the 8:25 mark. However the Kamloops excitement soon lost its edge as Quechuck and Dye returned to beat Bade at 8:38 and 8:49 respectively.

When everything settled down, the Essos were leading by a score of 9-4.

With the game so well in hand, the Essos eased up slightly and kept the game in check until the final bell. However, Don Stewart did break through the



Lawrence Quichuck and Wayne Dye picked up five points each in the BCJHA scoring race in Wednesday night's encounter with the Kamloops Rockets. Both players picked up two goals and three assists. Dye, at 15, is the youngest player on the Essos club.

defence and picked up his third and fourth goals for the evening at the 11:40 and 18:15 marks of the final period.

A total of 30 minutes were handed out in 12 penalties. Nine of the sentences to the box were handed out to Vernon, while Kamloops picked up three.

Al Alexander played an excellent game in the Vernon nets, stopping 36 shots, while John Bade of Kamloops was required to block 32.

Essos manager Vern Dye said the boys played

well throughout the game, and looked much better than they did for the league opener which they lost to Kamloops by a 4-3 margin last weekend.

He also said that he would like to see a good strong caravan of supporters make the trip to Salmon Arm for Monday's encounter with the New Westminster squad. Game time for that one is 2 p.m.

The Essos also see action at the Vernon Civic Arena Saturday night at 8:30 when they play host to the high-flying Victoria Cougars.

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