

Essos-3, Cougars-3

Vernon Essos tie Victoria Cougars

"What a shooting gallery!" was the only comment Vernon goalie Jack Gilroy had to make about the Junior A hockey game that ended in a 3-3 tie with Victoria Saturday night.

The game was what racing circles would call a "dead heat" with even play, and no team having the edge in scoring for any great length of time.

Gilroy's comment was brought about by the fact that he was required to stop a total of 42 shots during the game, while Victoria's Ron Graham was called upon to deal with 48 Vernon attempts.

Vernon's Bob Mayer opened the scoring at 3:59 of the first period on a pass play from Wayne Dye and Lawrence Quechuck.

Not to be outdone, Grant Evans came back for the Cougars and beat Gilroy on a screen shot to tie the score at the 8:15 mark. He then made a return trip to slip another one past Gilroy at 13:14. At that point, Victoria settled down to a solid defensive playing and held their lead until the end of the period.

At 4:03 of the second stanza, Lawrence Quechuck took a pass from Bob Mayer and made no mistake in tipping it past Grahame to tie the score at 2-2.

Gerry Vachon, who had played a very steady game for the Essos took the puck at the 7:50 point and hit the

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top corner of the Victoria net.

It was Vernon's turn to play defensive hockey, and they broke up repeated attacks by the Cougars. The score remained at 3-2 in Vernon's favor until mid-

way through the third period.

Once again, it was Grant Evans who beat Gilroy. This time, at the 12:20 mark.

According to his teammates, this is not the first

hat-trick for the little Cougar, nor will it be his last, if he keeps up the style he displayed in the Vernon Civic Arena Saturday night.

A total of 13 penalties were handed out by referee Ernie Poggemiller, seven of which came to the hometowners.

Although both teams played excellent hockey throughout the encounter, almost everyone present seemed to feel that if it wasn't for the top quality goal tending at both ends of the ice, the game would

have broken wide open.

Jack Gilroy was outstanding for the Essos, blocking shots that seemed absolutely impossible.

The game was played with plenty of stiff checking, and a few rough-house tactics that kept the 750 fans on the edge of their seats. The only fight in the game was at 9:30 of the third period when Vernon's Bobby Craig and Victoria's Bruce Cowick traded blows behind the Vernon net. The three game officials had all they could do to separate the pair. For their efforts, Craig and Cowick each picked up five minutes in the cooler.



Everyone gets in the act

Some of the Vernon Youth Bowling Conference bowlers were caught in action as they participated in a Canada-wide tournament over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. In the centre of the photo, master bowler Ben Anderson gives a young hopeful some hints on how to improve her game. Youth bowling, which is sponsored in Vernon by Lincoln Lanes, is helped along by the people such as Mr. Anderson, and the many parents who turn out to cheer on the kids and help them keep score.

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With the minor hockey season now under way, the Vernon Civic Arena has released its schedule for the month of October in the

Pee-Wee division.

Oct. 17—Practice:

5:30-6:15 — Kiwanis vs Archie Flemings

6:15-7 — Hudson's Bay vs Bear Alignment

7-7:45 — Sport and Marine vs Butcher Boys/Toppers

7:45-8:30 — Rocky's vs Reliance/Capitol Tractor

Oct. 19—Game:

10-11:45 — Kiwanis vs Archie Flemings

4-5:10 — Hudson's Bay vs Bear Alignment

5:10-6:20 — Sport and

Royals dump Essos in afternoon contest

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The New Westminster Junior Royals put on the pressure all the way to out-point the Vernon Junior Essos 5-3 in Junior Action Monday in the Salmon Arm Memorial Arena.

The Royals, who would not play in the strike-bound Vernon arena, led off the scoring at the 9:03 mark of the first period when Peter Kozak scored on a pass from Mike Mason.

It wasn't until 10 minutes later that the Essos managed totally, when Jack

Marsh slipped through the Royals defence and scored unassisted. The period ended in a 1-1 tie.

As the teams took to the rubbery Salmon Arm ice for the second period, Terry Thomson grabbed the puck to beat Al Alexander at the 1:21 mark.

Lawrence Quechuck retaliated for the Essos at 8:41 on a play set up by defenceman Dick Marsh and winger Jeff Wilson.

The Royals battled back at 12:01, when Micky Wilson scored on a screen play to regain the lead at 3-2.

In the third stanza, Lawrence Quechuck picked up his second marker of the day as he made no mistake on a pass from defenceman Dawson Waite and banged it home to tie the score.

For the next few minutes, the teams battled with a determination that made it anyone's game. Then at 13:04, Al Knight proved to be the man in shining armor for the Royals, as he let a shot go at the Vernon net that took Alexander completely by surprise.

Vernon pushed the play from that point on, swarming around the Royals net in every effort to shoot the tying score.

Shortly after the 19-minute mark of the third period, Vernon Coach Odie Lowe pulled Alexander

from the nets to make use of a six man attack. The Essos increased the pressure but were unable to obtain their fourth marker.

Suddenly, as the time had almost expired, Al Knight charged down the ice once again for the Royals and popped his second unassisted goal of the day into the open net. The game ended, Royals 5, Essos 3.

Eleven penalties were handed out by referee Ernie Poggemillar, five of which came to the Essos. There was one misconduct awarded, when Prior of the Royals received 10 minutes in the sin-bin.

Three major penalties were also awarded. Quechuck and Dye each picked up five minutes for the Essos, while Andruff spent his five on behalf of the

Royals. Quechuck's penalty came early in the third period when he got the gate for spearing. At the 4:11 mark of the third, Wayne Dye and Mike Andruff found they were in each others way, and when the fists started flying, referee Poggemillar assessed them each five minutes.

Each goalie was required to block 31 shots during the game which was attended by a relatively small crowd of approximately 450 persons.

The ice surface at the Salmon Arm arena gave some of the players a few bad moments with its rubbery texture, credited to its newness.

The Essos next game is Friday night when they travel to Kelowna to take on the Buckaroos.

Additional SPORT

Student bowlers hit stride

ENDERBY (Staff) — A total of 44 teams hit the maples in the school bowling league every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Enderby Lanes.

Last week's high singles and high averages went to Tony Vetter for the boys and to Karen Skykora for the girls. Tony rolled a 219 for the high single



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