

Essos split pair

# Coast trip partial success for Vernon

The Victoria Cougars demoralized the Vernon Essos by a score of 9-2 Saturday night before a hometown crowd of 1,349 fans.

During the three-period upset, referee Dave Hill handed out 18 penalties of which Vernon received 12.

Victoria opened the scoring at 1:17 of the first period when Grant Evans beat Vernon's Jack Gilroy.

At 3:08, Jerry Vachon teamed up with Jeff Wilson to put Vernon on the scoreboard and tie the score at 1-1. However, it was the last time Vernon was to score in the period, while the Cougars came back with five unanswered goals to take a 6-1 first period lead.

In an effort to salvage a win out of the remaining two periods, Vernon goaltender Jack Gilroy was replaced by Al Alexander.

At the 30-second mark of the second period, Jeff Wilson moved in on Ed Forslund in the Victoria net to score unassisted. However, the Cougars bounced back to put on the pressure and picked up one more goal late in the second period, leaving the game with a 7-2 lead.

In the third period, Victoria picked up two more goals, while Vernon picked up eight penalties. The final score, a crushing 9-2 for the Victoria Cougars.

Total shots on goal by Victoria 39, by Vernon 18.

On Sunday, it was a different type of contest with both the Vernon Essos and the New Westminster Royals playing wide open end-for-end hockey.

Vernon won this one by a 9-7 margin after scoring five goals in the third period.

In the first period, the Royals jumped into an early 2-0 lead with goals at 5:51 and 6:55 with goals by Mick Wilson and John Campbell.

Vernon's first tally came at the 15:18 mark when defenceman Jim Mowat fed a pass to Don Manson who made no mistake in beating Maurice L'Heureux in the Royals net. The period ended with the Royals leading 2-1.

New West opened the scoring in the second stanza, when Mick Wilson scored his second goal of the evening on a forward line rush, giving the Royals a 2 goal lead.

However, the Essos kept on the pressure and at 6:18 it paid off with an unassisted tally by Jerry Vachon. Then at 13:30 Lawrence Quechuck took a pass from Wayne Dye and tied the score at 3-3. Less than three minutes later, Jeff Wilson put the Essos in the lead for the first time in the game, connecting on a pass from Bob Craig at 16:05.

The lead, however, was short lived as the Royals bounced back to tie the score 4-4 at the 18:07 mark with a goal by Ken Love.

The third period proved to be a real crowd pleaser with a total of eight goals being scored.

The Royals jumped into a 5-4 lead at the 1:36 mark with a goal off the stick of Al Knight.

Wayne Dye retaliated for the Essos at 2:20 to tie the score 5-5 on a pass from Lawrence Quechuck. Then, New West hit the light again at 3:24 when Terry Thomson scored to give the Royals a 6-5 lead.

Then two goals within eight seconds saw the Essos tie the game then regain their lead. Don Manson scored at the 8:30 mark on a pass from Pat Becotte. He then returned the favor and passed to Becotte who beat L'Heureux at 8:38. The Essos then had a 7-6 edge.

At 12:45 the Royals swarmed in once again and Ron Fines tied the game at 7-7.

Just over one minute later Bill Tarnow pushed the Essos ahead once again, scoring what proved to be

the winning goal with assists from Jeff Wilson and Jerry Vachon. At 19:31, Jeff Wilson added the insurance marker with an unassisted goal.

Jack Gilroy in the Vernon nets was called upon to block 21 shots, while L'Heureux stopped 36 for the Royals.

Seven penalties were handed out by referee Norm Usselman, three of which were awarded to the Essos. Bob Craig picked up a major penalty for the Vernon squad when he became in-

volved in a fight with Al Reid of the Royals at the 19:11 mark of the third period.

Manager Vern Dye said the Essos played good hockey on Sunday, and specially praised the performance of new left-winger Pat Becotte.

The Essos see action Wednesday night when they take on the Penticton Broncos on Vernon ice at 8:30.

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By the way, my apologies to Vernon Essos newcomer Pat Becotte. Not only did I spell his name wrong on the last sports page, but I mentioned the fact that he was from Moose Jaw instead of North Battleford. What a way to welcome a fellow into our fair community.

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Moscow's subway was built in 1932.

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