

A real crowd pleaser

Vernon Essos dump Penticton Broncos 7-5

Five unanswered goals in the third period gave the Vernon Essos a 7-5 victory over the Penticton Broncos in a game played Wednesday night in the Vernon Civic Arena.

Approximately 425 fans saw the Essos trailing the Broncos until halfway through the third period. At that time, the score was a discouraging 5-2 in favor of the powerful southerners.

Lawrence Quechuck, top scorer on the Essos roster picked up three goals and an assist to lead the team to its first victory of the season on home ice.

The scoring opened at the 4:35 mark of the first period when Quechuck got the ball rolling and beat Penticton goalie Dave McLelland on a pass from Jim Mowat and Bob Blanchette.

Almost five minutes later, the Broncos regained their composure and came back with goal by Jim Whitlam.

Penticton moved into the lead at 16:25 when Ed Hays received a pass from Reg Cherenko and beat Al Alexander in the Vernon nets to move the score to 2-1.

At 18:15 Kerry Moss scored a third tally for the Broncos to move into a 3-1 lead.

At 19:40 of the first period, Bill Tarnow and Jerry Vachon broke through the Penticton defence to score the second tally for the Essos. After some indecision on the part of the officials, the goal was given to Tarnow and the assist to Vachon.

Only one penalty was called in the first period, a minor against Jim Gawrylets of the Broncos.

The second period was one quite unique to BCJHA action in that no goals were scored, and no penalties were called. It ended the same as the first stanza with the Broncos holding on to their 3-2 edge.

As the third period got under way, it was obvious that both teams were putting on more pressure. At the 5:30 mark, Brian Barrett beat Alexander to take a 4-2 lead for the Broncos. This goal was so controversial that the game was held up for over four minutes while the officials made up their minds whether to allow the goal or not. Several of the players felt that Barrett had in effect kicked the puck through the

goal-mouth with his skate which would have meant no goal.

When play finally resumed again, Norm Jackson broke through the Essos ranks unassisted to score at 7:31 and leave the Essos trailing by a discouraging 5-2 score.

Then at 9:08 the Essos began to play like they have played in every other victory this year. Lawrence Quechuck took a pass from Dick Marsh and made no mistake whatsoever in closing the gap to a 5-3 margin.

At 12:31, Jack Marsh picked up a pass from Jerry Vachon and Bob Craig and narrowed the grip to 5-4.

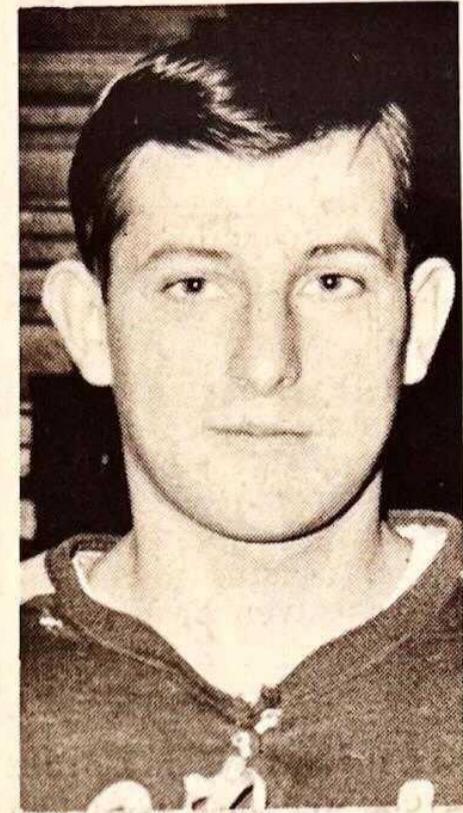
Just as the 15-minute mark of third period came up on the clock, the line of Vachon, Marsh and Tarnow broke through the Penticton defence once again in a flurry of action that saw Vachon finally beat McLelland and tie the score.

By this time, the fans were really in on the act, and lending more verbal support than in any previous home game.

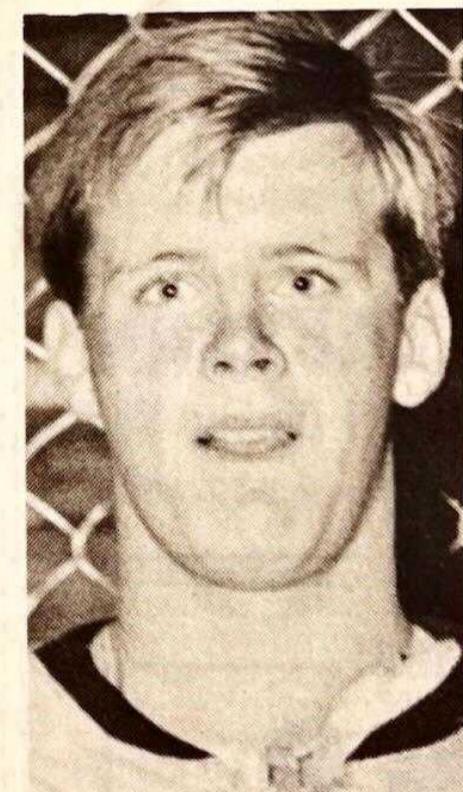
At 17:20, Quechuck picked up his third goal of the night, and scored what turned out to be the winning goal on a pass from Bob Blanchette.

Then, at 18:18 Wayne Dye added the insurance marker on a pass from the point manned by Dick Marsh.

On both of the final goals by Vernon, the Penticton defencemen lost complete control and began swinging at the nearest Vernon player. Blanchette was tackled by Penticton's McInnes, and in the scuffle that followed it was the Bronco player who came out on the receiving end. Both men were assessed five-minute fighting penalties.



LAWRENCE QUECHUCK
3 goals, 1 assist



AL ALEXANDER
stops 36

When the insurance tally was scored, Gawrylets of Penticton threw down his stick and gloves and attempted to take on Dick Marsh. However, Marsh did only what was necessary to defend himself and pinned the Bronco to the ice until the officials got things under control. In this instance, both men were given two-minute roughing penalties.

Penticton made 36 attempts to beat Vernon goaltender Al Alexander, while McLelland in the Penticton nets was only required to handle 27 shots.



GORDIE NUYENS

Nuyens has Vernon "B" team set

One of the most active fellows sport-wise around town these days is Gordie Nuyens who once again has taken over the reins of the Junior B hockey club.

However, the "Nuyens method" of coaching does have a slightly different approach. This "method" requires him to don full hockey equipment, and throw himself, body and soul, into the middle of all the practice plays.

Being of much the same physical stature as several of the team members, Nuyens sometimes finds himself flat on his back looking up at the lights. Yet, his comment after an incident such as this is always, "nice check, nice check . . . you're doing great." And what's more, the fellows are looking great!

It's very obvious that both the team and their coach enjoy working out in this fashion. There would appear to be a good bond of friendship between Nuyens and his team, yet he retains complete control at all times.

The Vernon Junior B team will see their first action this Saturday night at 8:30 in the Vernon Civic Arena, when they play host to Kelowna.



Sorry 'bout that chief

The action gets rough when the Vernon Junior "B" Hockey squad takes to the ice. Coach Gordie Nuyens keeps the boys checking each other in practice just as hard as they would check in a game.

The Bs will see action next Saturday, when they will host Kelowna at the Vernon Civic Arena. Game time is slated for 8:30.