

Vernon downed 7-3 by Bucks

The Vernon Essos' bid for sole possession of second spot was thwarted last night when they were humbled 7-3 by the Kelowna Buckaroos.

The Bucks were bolstered by the return of Dave Cousins from the Victoria Cougars and the three goal scoring of Larry Lanerduzzi.

The wide, open game saw Alexander block 44 shots in the Essos net, while Gary Osborne stopped 34 in the Kelowna nets.

Gerry Vachon opened the scoring to put the Essos into a 1-0 lead at 16:14 of the first period. His goal came on a breakaway play and was scored unassisted. Vernon held on to the lead until the end of the first period.

The Buckaroos came back in the second period with a goal by Lanerduzzi at 1:08 to tie the score. Lanerduzzi returned for another piece of the action at 6:38 to push the Kelowna squad to a 2-1 lead.

At 18:47 Wayne Dye was successful in his bid on the Kelowna goaltender and tied the score at 2-2. Assists on Dye's goal were awarded to Quechuck and Craig.

The Buckaroos, not to be suppressed, came back less than one minute later when Gene Carr scored unassisted and put the Essos down to a 3-2 deficit.

At the 15 second mark of the third period, Gordon

Ozinchuck scored to move Kelowna ahead 4-2. The lead was then extended to 5-2 when Chuck Carrigan scored at 11:34.

The Essos appeared to be making a comeback when Gordon Merritt beat Osborne for the third Vernon goal of the evening. Pat Becotte and Bob Craig picked up the assists on Merritt's tally.

However, the comeback really was short lived as Lanerduzzie broke through the Vernon ranks to complete his hat trick at 15:31. To wrap things up for the Bucks, Gene Carr hit the Vernon net with the final tally at 18:10 to finalize the 7-3 score.

The Essos scored one goal in each period, while the Buckaroos tallied three in the second and 4 in the third to win the encounter.

450 fans saw the game that featured some brilliant goal-tending in the Vernon nets by Al Alexander.

Additional

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Spectators needed for coast trip

The Vernon Essos will make their second Coast trip of the Junior Hockey season, Dec. 7.

However, on the upcoming trip the Essos will charter a bus to travel to Victoria for Saturday night and then back to New Westminster for the Sunday afternoon game.

There will be vacancies on the bus for approximately 13 spectators who wish to travel with the team for the nominal fee of \$20. This fare also includes sleeping accommodation Saturday night in Victoria. All that the individual spectator will be responsible for will be his own meals.

Anyone interested in making the trip, is asked to confirm a reservation with Vern Dye or Ernie Kowal at Ernie's Esso.