

Essos split pair at Victoria - New West

The touring Vernon Essos took a loss and a win over the weekend as they were dumped by the Victoria Cougars Saturday, but came back to down the New Westminster Roy-

als in an afternoon contest Sunday.

In Saturday night's game, 1,488 fans saw Victoria jump into an early lead at the 2:16 mark when Doug Gibson scored unassisted

on Al Alexander.

The Essos made a brief comeback to tie the score at 3:03 when Bob Blanchette beat Ron Grahame on a pass play from Don Manson and Dick Marsh.

However, the powerful Cougars came flying back to score two more at 4:45 and 6:34 to take a 3-1 edge.

Coach Odie Lowe pulled Alexander from the nets in favor of the talents of Jack Gilroy, following the third Victoria tally.

At the 12:17 mark the Cougars came back again to increase the margin to 4-1, then at 12:23 they did it again.

Down 5-1, the Essos put on a pressure spurt once again and Jeff Wilson finally notched the Essos second encounter at 18:38 to make the score 5-2.

The teams played to a scoreless draw during the second period and for most of the third until the 13:28 mark when Victoria scored again to make the final score of 6-2.

In Sunday's encounter, the Essos jumped into a 2-0 lead over the Royals as Bill Tarnow scored at 13:25 and Gerry Vachon flashed the light at 15:06.

Al Reid came back for the New Westminster squad at 16:35 to make the score 2-1.

Jack Marsh regained the two goal lead at 17:30 when he scored on a pass from Don Manson to beat Maurice L'Heureux.

At 19:18 Peter Kozak took the puck all the way for the Royals and beat Gilroy to bring the score back to 3-2.

Gerry Vachon opened up the second period as he scored at the 53-second mark from Don Manson.

At 5:54, Vachon was back again for his hat-trick as he scored unassisted to give Essos a 5-2 safety margin.

At 9:17, Wayne Dye blinked the light for the Essos, with assists going to Quechuck and Becotte.

Jack Marsh took his second kick at the cat at 10:45 when he scored from Bob Blanchette and Barry Bleakely.

The New Westminster Royals topped off the period . . . and the game when Bruce McGill scored at 17:04. Neither team was able to score during the third frame so the final score rested at 7-3.

Essos manager Vern Dye was especially pleased with the performance of Barry Bleakely on defense. Said Dye, "He's passing well, and really seems to know what he's doing at all times."

Bleakely had been working out with the Essos for over a month but was unable to play in the BCJHL because of the difficulty in obtaining his release from the Edmonton Oil Kings.

Essos have 3 in top ten

The latest results from the junior hockey league statistician show that Lawrence Quechuk, Wayne Dye, and Gerry Vachon are among the top 10 goal-getters in the league. The Essos will see home ice action this Saturday, when they take on the Victoria Cougars at 8:30 p.m.

Scoring statistics: Games played up to and including Dec. 1, with the exceptions of the New Westminster-Kelowna game played Nov. 29 and the Victoria-Penticton game played Nov. 30.

	G	A	P	PIM
Ed Hays, Penticton	27	19	46	26
Grant Evans, Victoria	20	21	41	45
*Laurence Quechuck, Vernon	20	19	39	42
*Wayne Dye, Vernon	15	16	31	57
Pat McMahon, Kelowna	12	18	30	19
Marv Ferg, Kamloops	7	23	30	2
Mick Wilson, N.W.	15	13	28	29
Tom Madden, Penticton	3	25	28	29
*Gerry Vachon, Vernon	20	7	27	2
Ken Conner, Penticton	10	16	26	23

PENALTIES: Individual—Larry Lenarduzzi, Kelowna, 69 minutes; Bob Craig, Vernon, 60 minutes; Al Reid, N.W., 60 minutes. Team—Kelowna, 343 minutes; Vernon 342 minutes.

GOALIES AVERAGES—

	GP	GA	Ave.
Ron Grahame, Victoria	7	24	3.4
Gary Osborne, Kam./Kel.	3	11	3.7
Ron Pyle, Kelowna	15	63	4.2
Dave McLelland, Penticton	9	39	4.4
Lorne Hudson, Kamloops	9	40	4.4
Steve McDonald, Penticton	6	27	4.5
Ed Forslund, Victoria	9	44	4.9
John Bade, Kamloops	8	42	5.3
Jack Gilroy, Vernon	10	53	5.3
Al Alexander, Vernon	9	48	5.3
Maurice L'Heureux, N.W.	16	87	5.4

LEAGUE STANDINGS—

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Penticton	15	11	4	0	93	66	22
Victoria	16	8	6	2	92	68	18
Vernon	19	7	9	3	92	105	17
Kelowna	16	6	5	5	70	66	17
Kamloops	18	5	8	5	66	90	15
New Westminster	16	4	9	3	69	87	11

NOTE: Revised to include disputed game between Vernon-Kelowna Nov. 15. Vernon receives win and 2 points. Kelowna loses 2 points.

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