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Boxing Day game

Vernon blanks Kamloops 5-0

Vernon Essos goaltender Jack Gilroy notched his first shut-out and scored his second assist of the season as the Essos blanked the Kamloops Rockets 5-0 in the Boxing Day encounter at the North Kamloops Municipal Arena.

Gilroy's assist came on the first goal of the game when he passed the puck out to Jeff Wilson who skated past the scrambling Kamloops forward line before handing the puck to defenceman Bob Mayer. Mayer made no mistake as he let go a powerful drive from just inside the blue line that took John Bade in the Kamloops nets entirely by surprise.

The Essos led 1-0 at the end of the first period, but opened up to a 4-0 lead by the end of the second frame.

Lawrence Quechuck picked up the second goal at the eight second mark of the second period with

assists going to Wilson and Vachon.

At 12:59 Wayne Dye found the mark and made the lead 3-0 in favour of the Essos. Quechuck and Wilson were awarded assists on Dye's tally.

At the close of the period, the line of Quechuck, Vachon, and Wilson made another rush on the Kamloops net. The end result, was another score for Quechuck with assists to Vachon and Wilson.

The Essos held on to their lead throughout the third period, and even notched an additional goal to make the final score 5-0.

Dick Marsh picked up the last tally with assists going to Bob Craig and Don Manson.

It was a wide open game throughout with Jack Gilroy blocking 44 Kamloops shots, while John Bade in the Rockets' net was called upon to block 53.

At the five-minute mark of the second period, Ed Banantyne of the Kamloops Rockets cross-checked Eso defence man Bob Craig across the face. Knowing that Craig was going to retaliate, Banantyne threw down the gloves and stick and started swinging.

It was the same old story as Craig downed another opponent who felt the need to trade punches. Both men were assessed five minute majors for fighting.

Goalie Jack Gilroy was slightly shaken up on a Kamloops break away at 9:18 of the second period. As Gilroy skated out to intercept the breakaway, Vernon defenceman Dawson Waite did the only thing he could do break up a play that had passed him. He stuck out his stick and tripped the Rockets player who smashed head-on into Gilroy.

Spurts goalie Al Alexander who was also dressed for the game was brought in for the next five minutes until Gilroy was able to return to the lineup and defend his shutout.

Twenty minutes in penalties were handed out by referee Sarg Sammartino. The Essos were given the larger portion with 11 minutes.

The Kamloops Rockets will be out for revenge when they appear in Vernon at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. A full house is anticipated for this New Year's Day game in the heated Vernon Civic Arena.



Caught in the act

BCJHL scoring leader Ed Hayes of the Penticton Broncos is caught in the act as he attempts to steal both the puck and Eso forward Lawrence Quechuck's stick during the action on Saturday night. However, Quechuck managed to pin both Hayes and the puck against the boards for a face-off. With the temperatures below zero inside and outside the Penticton arena, it took the main part of the first period for the teams to warm up. The spectators in the stands never did warm up during the entire game as many came and went again as the cold grew unbearable.

Basketball spectacular Saturday

The Annual Alumni Basketball game is set to go this Saturday night at the Chancery Hall (Polson Park) gymnasium.

At this time of the year, the past graduates converge on the town and get up a team to face the current edition of the High School Tartans girls team and the Panthers of the Senior Boys' loop.

A good crowd is anticipated for this full evening of basketball action which gets underway at 7:30. The girls game will be the first action, with the Panthers vs. Alumni game set to go at approximately 8:30.

It is hoped that a good number of the past grads and parents will attend to cheer on the teams in this annual basketball special.

Juniors cut two in mid season

Vernon Essos Manager Vern Dye announced this morning, (Mon.) that defenceman Jim Mowat has been cut from the team and will be returning to the Gladview Steelers of the greater Vancouver Junior B division.

Earlier this month, Bill Tarnow was released from the club by mutual consent so that he could return to school in Kamloops.

Tarnow is now in the line up of the Kamloops Rockets who currently hold down fifth spot in the BCJHL.

Wednesday afternoon, the Kamloops Rockets travel to Vernon for action at 2 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Eric M. Tait, Chairman of the Boards of Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company and B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company announces the appointment to the Boards of Mr. Arthur R. Garrison of Oliver, B.C., and Mr. James B. Kidston of Vernon, B.C.

Mr. Garrison is known throughout the province as the past president of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association, having served in that position with distinction over a period of 15 years, until his retirement in 1968. He is a prominent orchardist in Oliver.

Mr. Kidston operates a modern and successful orchard in Coldstream district near Vernon. He served as Reeve of the Municipality of Coldstream from 1950-59, a period of progress and expansion, and brings to the Boards a wealth of administrative experience.

Also announced is the election of Mr. Douglas P. Fraser of Osoyoos as Vice-President of B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company, filling the vacancy created by the recent death of Mr. John Luthy of Oliver, B.C.

Saturday night

Essos draw with Broncos

A pitifully small group of fans gathered at the unheated Penticton Arena Saturday night in sub-zero temperatures to watch the Penticton Broncos and the Vernon Essos play to a 3-3 tie.

The Broncos moved into a 2-0 lead in the first period as Comers scored at the 49 second mark and Whiteman tallied at 10:02.

The Essos, who had a

very short warm-up period

before the game, went on to the ice in the second period showing plenty of fire.

They held the Broncos in

their own end despite a

series of penalties including a 5-minute spearing infraction to Dick Marsh.

While short-handed the

Essos managed to pick up

their first tally as Gerry

Vachon scored on a pass

from Bob Mayer.

At the end of the second

period, the Essos still

trailed by a 2-1 score.

Between the second and

third period, coach Odie

Lowe advised the Essos to

start shooting at the

Penticton net from a little

further out, at to shoot as

hard as possible.

Maybe we can shake up that

Penticton goalie so he'll make a few mistakes."

Up to this point, McClelland in the Broncos' net had been doing a tremendous job of blocking the Essos' close-in attacks.

During the third period,

the Essos sent 21 shots at

the Penticton net.

At 9:20 of the third period,

the Broncos rushed the

Vernon end and

scored past Jack Gilroy

to take a 3-1 lead.

Many of the Penticton

fans thinking that the game

was all sewed up for the

home team began filing out

of the frigid arena.

However, this was far

from true as Wayne Dye

led a rush on the Penticton

zone flanked by Lawrence

Quechuck and Bob Mayer.

Dye scored at 12:38 to narrow the game to 3-2 in

favor of the Broncos.

The biggest and most diffi-

cult goal of the game was the tying marker that was

notched by Jack Marsh at 15:35. Marsh, Manson and Merritt cleared the puck into the Penticton end and a scramble started that lasted for a good three minutes before McClelland was finally beaten.

Each of the Vernon for-

wards made two or more

attempts to score only to

be beaten by either the

goalie or a Penticton de-

fenceman.

However, the boys finally

got organized and pulled off a fast play-play man-

euver that found the Penticton

goalie flat on the ice.

Jack Marsh had very little

opportunity to miss as he

scoped the puck up and

over the prostrate McClelland,

for the final score of

the game.

Field Team. He is a mem-

ber of the British Columbia

and Canadian Sports Halls

of Fame.

A physical education and

general science teacher in

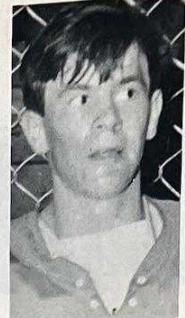
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JACK MARSH
...scoring goal

The tie leaves the Essos in third place, two points behind the Broncos who are five points behind the league leading Victoria Cougars.



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BCJHL action

Hockey galore

There's an unusual amount of hockey action in store for local fans this week as the Vernon Essos will play three home games in five days.

On Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m., the Essos will host the Kamloops Rockets. The Rockets will be out to settle the score of the 5-0 defeat they suffered on home ice on Boxing Day at the hands of the Essos.

On Friday, Jan. 3 at 8:30 p.m., the Essos will host the UBC Thunderbirds in what should be one of the most exciting exhibition matches of the year. Last year's Esso Tom Wil-

liamson will be re-appearing in the Vernon Civic Arena, only this time in a T-bird uniform.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, the Essos take to the road for their final game against the Kamloops Rockets in Kamloops during regular season play and return to Vernon to host the Penticton Broncos at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5.

Following an extremely tough week of four games in five days, the Essos will have five days off before travelling to Kelowna to take on the Buckaroos.

The next home game for the Essos following this

from Jan. 1st

week's action will be Jan. 25 when they will host the New Westminster Royals.

The Essos, who have taken five points of a possible six in the last three

games, would appear to be on a winning streak, and will be going all out to maintain that pattern when they take to the ice Wednesday afternoon.

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