

Essos stop Cougars 7-5

The Vernon Essos showed the Victoria Cougars the facts of life Saturday

night in Victoria with a 7-5 victory.

Vernon outplayed, out-

shot, and outskated the Cougars to maintain the lead throughout the game.

Bob Craig got things going on the right foot for the Essos as he scored at 9:54 and 14:01 of the first period. The first goal was assisted by Gord Merrit and Wayne Dye, the second was a lone effort as Craig scored unassisted.

Over 2,000 Victoria fans watched with awe as their home-town heroes were trampled in the Vernon Stampede during the first 20 minutes of the game.

At 2:19 of the second period, Van Horlick scored for Victoria to narrow the margin to 2-1. It was a short-lived margin however, as Wayne Dye boomed one past Forslund to take a 3-1 lead.

Bob Blanchette was the next man to hit the scoreboard as he scored from Jack Marsh and Barry Bleakely, at 14:40.

Down, but not out, the Cougars came back to score two goals at 15:22 and 17:50 from Van Horlick and Evans, to end the period with a 4-3 score.

The home-town Victoria fans were really cheering at 1:31 of the third period when Williams tied the game at 4-4.

However, the Essos are a tough team to catch after the five minute mark of the third period and they really showed their heels to the Cougars as they scored three goals from the sticks of Gerry Vachon, Jack Marsh, and Jeff Wilson to take a 7-4 lead.

Dave Williams of Victoria rounded out the score at 14:26 when brought in the final tally of 7-5.

Al Alexander blocked 30 Victoria attempts on the Vernon net, while another Vernonite, Ed Forslund was called upon to block 32 for Victoria.

The win left Vernon and Victoria tied for second place in the BCJHL.

Bantams stop Summerland

The Vernon Bantam Reps kicked off the first game of the semi-finals by trouncing Summerland 10-0 in a penalty filled encounter Saturday night at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Some 54 minutes in penalty time were handed out in the game which saw Summerland take a 1-0 lead at the five minute mark of the first period.

Vernon returned to tie the score at 12:37 of the first to end the period.

The Vernon reps picked up two more goals in the second period, then engaged in a wild scoring spree for seven more in the third.

Johnstone was the top scorer for Vernon with three, Henschke picked up two, while Maxnuk, Anderson, Flemming, Todd, and Simpson added singles.

The Vernon Reps travel to Summerland next weekend for a return game in the series.

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Vernon bows to Royals

The fact that Jack Gilroy stopped 32 shots wasn't enough for the Essos to take a win over the lowly New Westminster Royals on Sunday afternoon in New Westminster.

Unable to get into the

finals, the Royals are doing everything in their power to confuse things for the other teams.

The home-towners took a 3-0 edge in the first period on goals from Mickey Wilson, Rone Fines and Ken Love.

The Essos scored the only goal in the middle frame as Wayne Dye took a pass from Gerry Vachon to beat Maurice L'Heureux.

Vernon closed the gap to 3-2 at 5:02 of the third when Gordie Merritt scored from Jack Marsh and Bob Blanchette.

At 8:30 of the third period, the Royals put on the pressure once again and Fines picked up his second goal of the night.

At 8:45, Blanchette picked up a pass play from Jack Marsh and Dick Marsh and closed the gap to a

4-3 margin.

However, the Royals could see a victory in sight and hung on hard to finally score again at 17:09. Ken Love was the man who did

the shooting and gave the Royals a 5-3 victory.

This weekend, the Essos and the Royals tangle at the Vernon Civic Arena. Game time Saturday night is 8:30.

Medallion courses for pool

The Vernon Recreation Commission announced recently that it will be starting a new session of bronze medallion, bronze bar, and award of merit swim courses on Feb. 4.

These lessons will run every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. and Sunday from 5-6 p.m. for a period of six weeks.

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