

Tough competition

Vernon, Penticton split weekend series

The Vernon Essos and Penticton Broncos each walked off with a win from the two-game home and home series Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday night, the Essos met with defeat when they travelled to Penticton to see their first action after a two week layoff.

The time-lapse between games proved to be too much for the Essos as they came out on the short end of a 6-1 deficit.

Wayne Dye was the lone Vernon scorer as he went all the way at the mid-point of the second period for an unassisted tally.

However, Sunday night 1,300 fans saw the roughest, fastest game of the season as Vernon took an early lead and hung on to gain a 5-4 victory.

The Essos took a 1-0 lead in the first period as Gerry Vachon scored on a breakaway pass from Lawrence Quechuck.

Wayne Dye opened up the second period as he beat McLellend in the Penticton net at 2:18. Bob Craig and Don Manson were awarded the assists.

Vernon YBC tops in two divisions

Vernon's YBC bowlers had a tremendous weekend as they overwhelmed all opposition in two divisions in the Zone Championships.

The bantam division, which rolled off at Lincoln Lanes in Vernon was held down solidly by Vernon boys and girls over competition from Valley centres.

The senior division held its roll-offs in the Alpine

At 11:34 Bob Mayer picked an opening and made no mistake in putting his team into a 3-0 lead.

As the action resumed in the third period, the play went to the Broncos. Ed Hays scored at 7:15 to put his team on the board and to score a new BCJHL personal goal record. It was number 54 for Hays as he topped the 1966-67 record held by Gene Pecosh of 53 goals.

At 11:14 Quechuck picked up a pass from Gerry Vachon and Jim Inglis to beat McLelland and take a 4-1 edge.

Reg Cherenko, who had played a top game throughout for the Broncos narrowed the margin to 4-2 at 14:03 as he beat Alexander in the Vernon nets.

Just 28 seconds later, Penticton scored again from the stick of Duane Pentland to make the score 4-3.

With the game looking suddenly touch-and-go for the Essos, Gerry Vachon proved to be the man of the hour once again as he picked up a pass from Barry Bleakley and scored at 16:10.

However, not to be outdone, the Broncos came back to score 21 seconds later as Ed Hays deflected a shot off defenceman Bob Mayer to beat the unsuspecting Alexander, and leave the final score at Vernon 5, Penticton 4.

For the first two periods, Alexander had proved to be absolutely unbeatable on 17 extremely difficult Penticton shots.

By the time the game was over, Alexander had blocked a total of 27 Bronco attempts.

In the Penticton nets, Dave McLellend blocked a total of 33 Vernon attempts.

Referee Art Davidson handed out a total of 46 minutes in penalty time including a 10 minute misconduct to Penticton team Captain Tom Madden.

Jim Whitlam of the Broncos was added to the list of BCJHL players to be defeated in a scrap with Bob Craig. The Penticton defenceman jumped on Craig from behind but soon found out how strong the sturdy little Esso Winger really is.

In another round of fistcuffs Wayne Dye showed Duane Pentland what it was all about after being hit in the face by the Penticton players stick. In both cases each player was



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