

Saturday proves tough

Essos split weekend set on Coast trip

Playing without the services of defenceman-captain Dick Marsh, the Vernon Essos split their two games with the coast teams over the weekend as they lost the Saturday game to Victoria Cougars 5-2 but came back to stop New Westminster 6-4 on Sunday.

The Saturday game was one of the roughest to date in the BCJHL as referee V. Martorino handed out 72 minutes in penalties plus two game misconducts.

Following a scoreless first period, the Cougars moved into the lead at 6:13 of the second as Grant Evans scored on a pass from Murray Kennett.

Lawrence Quechuck opened the scoring for the Essos at 9:01 as he picked up a pass from Don Manson then faked out the Victoria defenceman a total of four times before the appropriate opening presented itself.

At 12:54, Vernon took the lead in the contest as Wayne Dye teamed up with Bob Craig to go all the way and beat Ron Graham in the Victoria nets.

Murray Kennett made a fast comeback for the Cougars to beat Alexander at 13:39 and close out the period with a 2-2 score.

In the third period, the Cougars were able to outplay and outscore the Essos to a large degree as they jumped ahead at the 34 second mark then continued with further scores at 7:22 and 9:41. Goals were scored by Dave Williams, Grant Evans, and Lon Miles. For Evans, the third period goal meant his 45th of the season.

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As the final bell sounded to end the game, Grant Evans swung at Vernon's Dawson Waite with his stick to start a wild melee that saw all players from both teams on the ice.

The irony of the whole thing really came to light when the referee and linesmen had finally separated all the antagonists and issued game misconducts to Jack Marsh and Bruce Cowick, a decision that still has Vernon Coach Odie Lowe shaking his head.

Earlier in the game, Vernon's teacher in the school of hard knocks Bob Craig had given Victoria team Captain Gerry Bond a taste of his own medicine in a fight at 5:31 of the second period.

In the Sunday contest it was a different type of game with very few penalties and lots of good hockey as the Essos dumped the New Westminster Royals in a wide-open contest by a score of 6-4.

With Jack Gilroy making his first appearance in the Vernon nets in some time, the Essos held a commanding edge in the play although the Royals did most of the shooting.

New West jumped into a 1-0 lead at 2:25 of the first period on a goal by Ken Love and it wasn't until 17:11 that Esso marksman Don Manson was

able to find the desired opening and sink home the tie goal.

As the second period opened, the Royals jumped into a fast lead once again at 1:03 as Ald Dorohoy beat Gilroy on a three-man combination play.

At 14:30 Jack Marsh took advantage of a pass play set up by Bob Blanchette and Barry Bleakley to sink home the Essos second goal and tie the score once again.

Don Manson put the Essos in the lead for the first time in the wide open contest at 19:40 of the second period on a pass from Bob Mayer.

The Royals grabbed a

YBC plans bottle drive

YBC bowlers and their parents are asked to meet at Lincoln Lanes tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. for a bottle drive.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to send the YBC team representatives from Vernon to Vancouver for the provincial roll-offs.

Parents of bowlers are asked to bring along their cars and trucks to help carry the bottles.

Studies show that 85 per cent of fatal accidents occur in the home.

momentary edge in play in the third period as they jumped into a 4-3 lead on goals from Peter Kozuk and Al Knight at 6:29 and 9:53.

Reverting to their old familiar style, the Essos had held plenty of power in reserve for the final stage of the game. At 10:59, Barry Bleakley scored unassisted on Maurice L'heureux in the New Westminster nets to tie the score at 4-4.

The Essos poured on additional pressure and Bob Craig blinked the lights at 16:35 with assists going to Bob Mayor and Wayne Dye.

Gerry Vachon put the top on the game at 17:36 as he picked up his first goal of the weekend on a pass from defenceman Dawson Waite, to achieve the final 6-4 score.

Jack Gilroy stopped 37 shots in the Vernon net, while L'Heureux handled 30 for New Westminster.

This weekend, it starts all over again as the Victoria Cougars come to Vernon Friday to be followed by the New Westminster Royals on Saturday.

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