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Junior A's at Kelowna Thurs.

Vernon Essos take to the road this Thursday as they travel to Kelowna to play a return exhibition match with the Buckaroos.

The action should be hot and heavy as Kelowna is looking forward to reaping sweet revenge on the 7-4 drubbing Essos handed them in Vernon prior to the league opener two weeks ago.

The game is also a welcome chance for Vernon coach Odie Lowe to iron out some of the kinks evident in the Essos lineup.

The Vernon management are now taking a second look at the roster and indications are that certain changes may be forthcoming following Vernon's loss to Victoria last Saturday before over 1,100 home town fans.

Game time at Kelowna Memorial Arena has been set for 8 p.m. and Vernon fans are urged to take in the game and give the local boys some moral support in an otherwise hostile atmosphere.

Over Vernon . . .

Victoria are the masters

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The proverbial saying, "They threw everything but the kitchen sink" aptly applies to Vernon Essos following their 4-2 defeat at the hands of Victoria Cougars at Civic Arena Saturday night in Junior A hockey action before 1,150 fans.

There was no doubt the local boys didn't lack for want of trying but their efforts were effectively blocked by the better team.

Adding to it all, Essos just couldn't seem to get unwound. Their passing plays have seen better times and clearing the puck from their own zone left much to be desired, particularly in the latter stages of the second and third periods.

However, it wasn't really as bad as it may sound as Vernon did hold their own for most of the 60-minute encounter.

Nemesis of the Essos loss proved to be none other than a Vernon boy by the name of Ed Forslund who did a stellar job of netminding for the Cougars. His quick hands and standup form in the Victoria net thwarted several picture goal efforts by Vernon.

Actually, it was a goalies' night at both ends of the arena as both Forslund and Vernon net man, Gary Osborne came through with some fantastic saves that otherwise may have broken the game wide open for either club.

Essos started things off with an excellent three-man effort when Jack

Marsh and Lawrence Quechuck worked the puck around the Cougar net and then out to centreman John Price who drove the rubber through a maze of legs from about 20 feet in front of Forslund.

This goal came at the 2:43 mark of the first period with Cougar defenceman Jerry Bond sitting out an elbowing penalty.

Victoria came back with the equalizer just under 10 minutes later when Bond drove a hard shot from the right point that caught the short side under Osborne's raised glove arm.

This too was a power play effort, with Vernon playing two men short at the time. Dale Craig had been sent off at the 9:18 mark on an interference call and Jim Marsh followed at 9:37 for elbowing.

Going into the middle frame, Cougars came through on the go-ahead marker with just three minutes showing on the clock with Don Blyth finding the opening after being set up by Williams Lake protege, Ted Plowe.

At 10:15 of the same stanza, it was a new game once more with the Essos coming through with one of the nicest goals ever observed here.

The play started after Vernon worked the puck into the Cougar zone, with Bob Craig slipping the puck to the right of Victoria's net where Ken Warner quickly passed it along the crease line with Don Manson smoothly flicking it into the open left side while Forslund was still trying to recover from the initial

move of both Craig and Warner.

Action got off to a fast start in the final period and within two minutes Victoria scored what proved to be the winner when Chris Ridell banged in a Ted Plowe pass that seemed to catch Osborne unawares as he was observed looking around for some defensive help after the red light came on.

Never known to be a third period club, Essos were stymied time and again on drives into the Cougar zone and as the period wore on became more frustrated in their efforts to come back with goals of their own.

Failure to clear the puck out of their own zone was also one of the major factors of their downfall in the concluding period.

With less than a minute remaining, coach Odie Lowe pulled Osborne from the net and put the extra man up front but this too proved to be useless as the move back-fired when Scott Munro scored into the open net from a pass by Lon Myles who cleared it into the centre ice area from deep inside his territory.

In the shots on goal department, both clubs were equally matched with Vernon holding a slim edge with 32 tries compared to the Cougars 31.

Vernon also took the major portion of the penalties, picking up eight of the 14 assessed by referee Alex Kashuba. One of these was a 10-minute misconduct to Pat Becotte who voiced bitter objection to a charging infraction given linemate Dale Craig in the third period.

After 17 months . . .

New Director named to post

Vernon has a new recreation director. Effective Dec. 1, Francis John (Jack) Boutilier, 28, of North Vancouver will officially take over the reins of the recreation management for this city.

Confirmation of the appointment came this morning at a committee meeting of City Council when the decision of the selection by the directors of the recreation commission was given formal approval by Mayor William Halina and members of his council.

The appointment brings to an end the 17 month absence of a director of recreation for Vernon, following the resignation of John Zahara July 15, 1968.

At that time, Mr. Zahara voiced his disapproval of recreational progress the city was making.

"Work is at a standstill and perhaps it is time for someone else to come in who has new ideas and who may be able to move things ahead. There is a little more to life than working all the time," he said in an interview at the time when he gave a month's notice of giving up the job.

Zahara also indicated he was unhappy with the lack of recreation funds and felt the city should have improved on beach and park facilities before spending so much on the recreation building in the city.

Reason for the long delay in replacing Mr. Zahara was indicated by a spokesman for the commission Frank Williamson, when he said their previous attempts had failed when interested parties disagreed on the position having the responsibility of both directing recreation and looking after bookings of the facilities such as at the recreation centre.

Mr. Williamson felt that

with the appointment of John Bruce to carry the load of the facilities management, the new director could then oversee the complete operation. "This plan has now been incorporated," he concluded.

Mr. Boutilier brings with him a wealth of experience with an impressive dossier of accomplishments dating back to his high school days in Regina, Sask.

Curling bulletin board

The executive of the Vernon Business Girls Curling Club held a meeting Oct. 7 at the home of president Mrs. Vona Schick to discuss activities for the coming season.

Other executive members are: vice-president, Ethel Chimko; treasurer, Lillian Galbraith; secretary, Daphne Thuillier; draw committee, Gladys Watson and Doreen Wills; entertainment, Joan Kramer; publicity, Vera Jensen; zone representative, Kay Hunter; directors, Myrtle Lewers, Iona Marsland, Marion Henry and Ella Copan.

A general meeting will be held Monday Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Curling Club room. Application forms will be available at the meeting with a \$15 deposit. Forms are also obtainable from Ella Copan at Bennett's Store and Ethel Chimko at the Yarn Shop.

Membership will be limited, so be sure and get your applications in as soon as possible. This is for evening curling which will most likely be on Mondays and Thursdays.

His experience includes three years general program of administrative and promotional work in facilities which include swimming pool, arena, curling rink, community centre, tennis courts and playing fields while at the North Vancouver Recreation Centre.

Part of his past employment record includes: assistant aquatic director at North Vancouver 1966-67, then director of the same group the following year. He was also director of the arena, pool and curling at the same centre in 1968 and acting program director for the same group and director of the community centre this year.

Mr. Boutilier was successful over 66 other applicants who applied for the Vernon job.



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