

Third time to Cougars

Victoria edges Vernon

The old cliché, 'They held their own', just can't be used this time to cover up Vernon Essos' inability to come through with much-needed goals for much more needed wins in the early stages of the B. C. junior A league schedule.

It was the same old story however, as the 'Essos battled through a scoreless first period with Victoria Cougars, allowed Victoria to take a 1-0 lead in the second period then managed to match two goals with the coast club in the final session to take a 3-2 loss Friday night before less than 700 fans at Vernon's Civic Arena.

By five minutes into the second period, the score should have read 3-1 in favor of the home town club as they missed three sure goals and came within a fraction of scoring more. However, that wasn't the way it was to be as Victoria finally took the initiative and blinked the score light at the mid-point of the middle stanza.

Ted Plowe was the big gun on the play as he took a pass-out from Bruce Cowick and Scott Munro from in front of the Vernon net and banged the screen shot past Gordon MacIntosh, so quickly the Vernon goalie never saw it coming.

Victoria made in 2-0 at the

40-second mark of the final period with Jerry Bond driving a hard shot from the right side with Ted Plowe and Bruce Cowick named as the organizers of the play.

Two minutes and six seconds later, the score stood at 3-0 and it was here that it seemed as if the Vernon players sat just a little lower in their seats at the bench. This time it was Lon Miles scoring from Shane Webster.

Vernon's big break came at the 6:53 mark of the final frame when Cougars John Kwasney found himself heading for the penalty box to serve a two-minute hooking infraction.

Working the power play advantage, Essos Don Manson picked up a loose puck deep inside his own territory, as a matter of fact from behind his own net, and proceeded to work his way up the ice, looking for someone to pass to. His quick manoeuvring carried him into the right corner of the Cougars zone from where he lifted a hard back hand shot under the arm of Victoria goalie Ed Forslund.

Taking heart, Essos came back within one goal of the fast moving coast club when Jim Marsh banged in a Bob Mayer-Don Manson set-up. This goal came at the 13:53 mark to end the game scoring.

In penalties, Victoria took the lead here too as they went off 10 times as compared with nine for the Essos.

Both goalies were kept more than just a little busy as Gordie MacIntosh stopped seven, 18 and nine shots consecutively in each of the three sessions for a total of 34.

Ed Forslund, (Summer home is Vernon) was called upon to come through with 15, 10 and seven saves respectively for a grand total of 32.

Essos take to the ice for their ninth game of the season tomorrow night here at home as they play host to league leading Kamloops Rockets. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Bantam house

Nov. 1
6:00-7:20 a.m.—Nalley's vs Ernie's Esso
7:20-8:35 a.m.—The Vernon News vs Rennick Lbr.
8:35-9:55 a.m.—A & W vs Noca.

Nov. 5
5:45-6:25 p.m. Rennick Lbr. vs Pee Wee Reps.
6:25-7:05 p.m. Nalley's vs A & W
7:05-7:45 p.m. Ernie's Esso vs The Vernon News.

Nov. 8
6:00-7:20 a.m. The Vernon News vs A & W
7:20-8:35 a.m. Pee Wee Reps. vs Ernie's Esso
8:35-9:55 a.m. Rennick Lbr. vs A & W

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Lbr. vs Nalley's
7:20-8:35 a.m. Pee Wee Reps. vs Ernie's Esso
8:35-9:55 a.m. The Vernon News vs A & W.

Nov. 18
5:45-6:25 p.m. Nalley's vs The Vernon News
6:25-7:05 p.m. Pee Wee Reps. vs A & W
7:05-7:45 p.m. Ernie's Esso vs Rennick Lbr.

Nov. 22
6:00-7:20 a.m. A & W vs Ernie's Esso
7:20-8:35 a.m. Rennick Lbr. vs Pee Wee Reps
8:35-9:55 a.m. Nalley's vs The Vernon News.

Nov. 25
5:45-6:25 p.m. Pee Wee Reps. vs Rennick Lbr.
6:25-7:05 p.m. A & W vs Ernie's Esso

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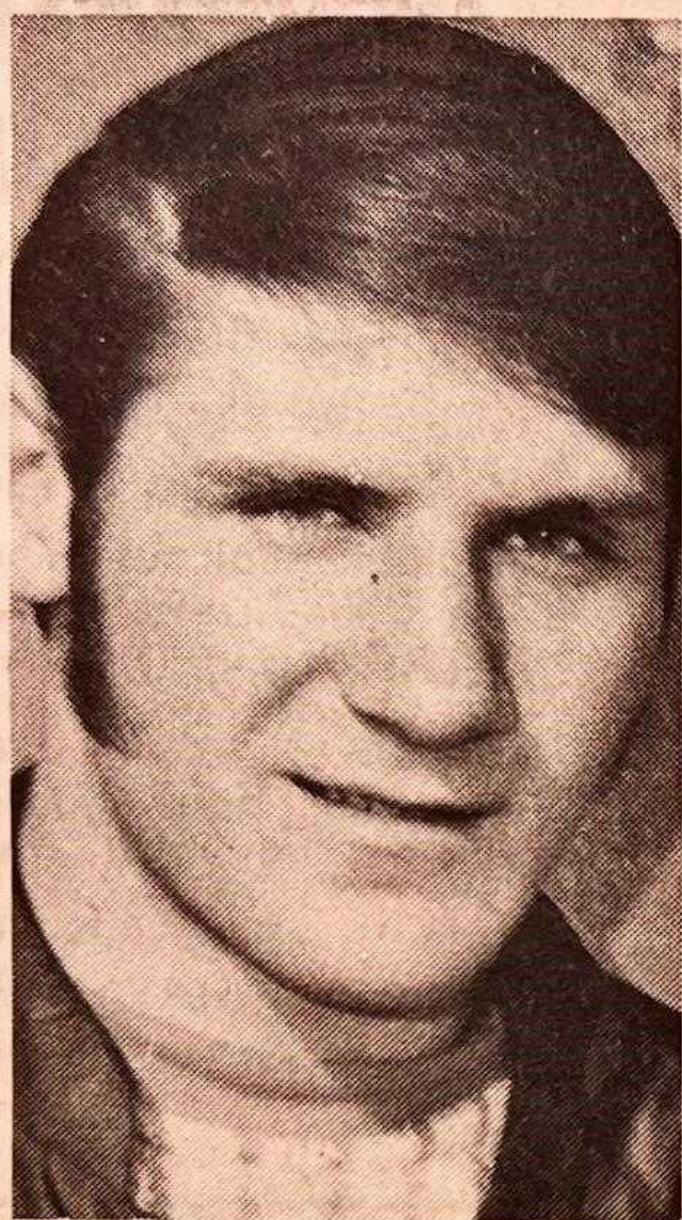
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Bentley proteges here for tryout

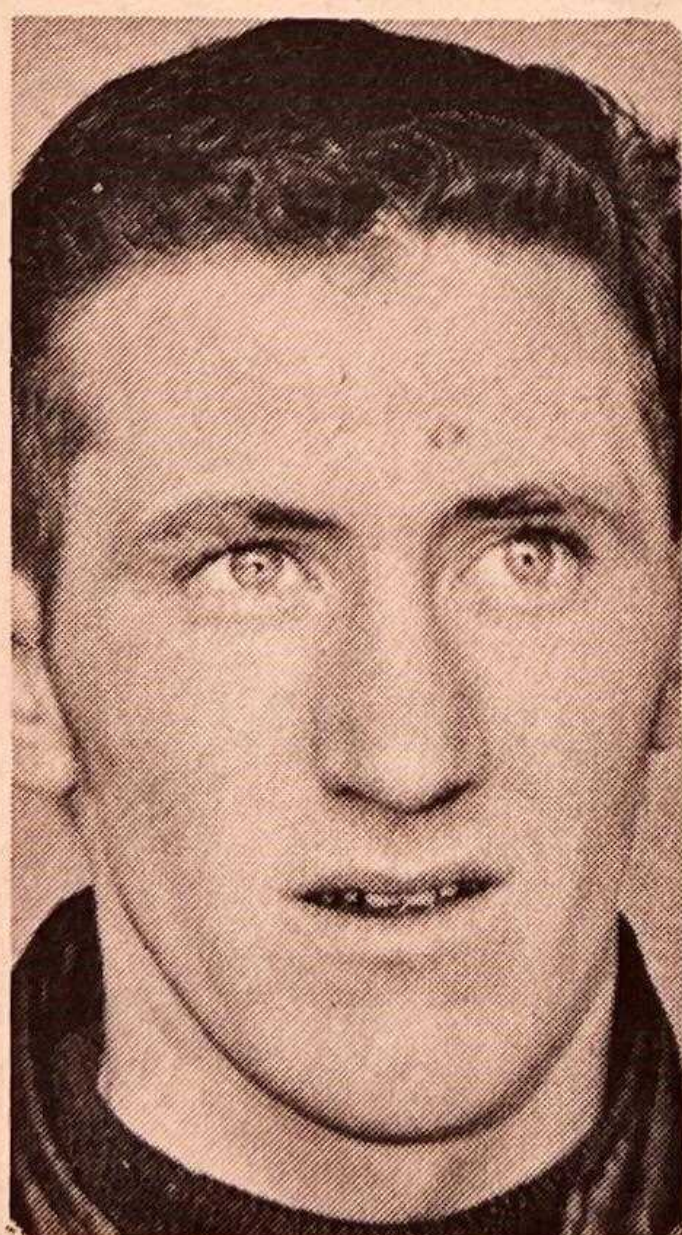
Max Bentley, coach of the Alberta junior A league, Ponoka Stampeders, hopes he has found a solution to a problem.

Faced with the necessity of



BILL OWENS

. . . 185 lb. forward



AL WAHLSTROM

. . . 185 lb. defenceman

trimming his power-packed club down to a working roster, finance and capacity wise, he got in touch with the management of the Vernon Essos last week, asking if two of his players could come to Vernon for a tryout with the local representative in the B. C. junior A league.

Manager Vern Dye of the Essos explained that the former NHL great and now one of Alberta's most popular coaches, got in touch with local officials hoping that two of his players could be fitted into the roster here because they were too good to sit out the remainder of the current hockey season.

Obviously interested, the Essos agreed and by Friday, Bill Owens, 18, a 185 lb right winger and Al Wahlstrom, also 18 and a husky 6'1", 185 lb. defenseman were on their way to Vernon, arriving here Saturday and appearing for their first practise Sunday morning.

"There is no doubt they could be what we are looking for. They looked good in their first practise and they may be just what we need to give us more depth." said Dye Sunday morning.

Both Owens and Wahlstrom already have ten junior A games under their belts so far this season with Bentley's Stampeders and both played with the Ponoka club for the past two season as regulars on the Bentley roster.

Owens is a native of Edmonton and makes his home in Leduc, while Wahlstrom hails Wainwright.

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Vernon back in number four spot

In the weekend summary of B. C. junior A games played, Vernon Essos, amongst other things found themselves back in their familiar fourth place standings.

Kamloops meanwhile managed to stave off a determined Victoria to maintain a two point lead over the Coast club and retain their first place hold on first place.

Penticton on the other hand, moved from fourth place up to third place based on two wins and a loss in a three game weekend stint.

Friday night at home they whalloped Kelowna 5-1, then moved into Vancouver Saturday to take a 4-2 loss to the resurging Vancouver Centennials, then handed winless New Westminster

Royals their ninth loss to the tune of an identical 4-2 tally.

Victoria kept pace with two wins and a loss by taking Vernon 3-2 at Vernon, Whomping Kelowna 7-4 at Kelowna Saturday night and then fatiguing out at Kamloops with the Rockets edging them 5-2 in a Sunday afternoon fixture. Cougars now have a 13 point total, one behind the Kamloops squad.

Penticton are in third place with 12 points, while Vernon are three points back in fourth with nine markers and Vancouver are closing in fast with a total of eight points.

Kelowna and New Westminster remain at the bottom of the totem pole with six points for sixth place standing for Kelowna and one point for the lowly cellar dwelling Royals.