



“Mac the Stick”

“He might be a little guy but he sure wields a mighty big stick.” said an observer at the Vernon-Penticton junior A game at the Peach city Tuesday night. “Yes, you might call him “Mac the stick” said another as the pair watched Gordon Mackintosh come through with another big save when Bronco forwards closed in on him during one of their rushes into the Vernon Essos territory. There was no doubt about it, diminutive Salmon Arm import, Gordon Mackintosh

was playing a good game and to prove it he and the rest of the Essos roster walked out of the host clubs arena sporting a 7-4 victory. The win gave him a 2.0 goals against average in three official games played so far this season. Also a two win, one loss record, with only four goals getting past him during those games. He alternates netminding chores with Gary Osborne, ex-Kamloops goal tender.

Vernon rides herd on sagging Broncos

The meagre, less than 500 crowd at Penticton's Memorial Arena didn't really have much to cheer about, instead they got little chants going to try and harass members of the Vernon Essos as it became more and more obvious that the Essos were going to win their hockey game against the host Broncos.

Vernon did go on to take the game and by a comfortable 7-4 margin at that, but it wasn't really that much of a contest so left little to cheer about.

Essos played well but found themselves from time to time reduced to the ragged style of the not so strong anymore, Penticton Broncos.

For a non-partisan Penticton fan, the style of play by the hometown team was a far cry from the blustering type of hockey of former years when everyone from the management down were shoving quite literally the Bronco prowess down everyone else's throats.

Penticton did take a short lived lead with just over a minute gone in the opening period, but it didn't last long as John Price swooped in on the Penticton net 13 seconds later to tie the score at 1-1.

Four minutes later, Gordon Merritt moved Vernon ahead but the Broncos showed a flash of life to even the score and end the period, 2-2.

In the middle frame, Wayne Dye, Bob Mayer and Jack Marsh scored goals for the Essos with answering tallies by Rob Udell, his second of the night, and one other by Randy Nelson.

Going into the final period, Essos had the game won on a 5-4 score board reading but just to make sure, Bob Mayer

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added his second of the night and new-comer Bill Owens introduced himself to the league by scoring the seventh and final goal of the game.

Owens, by the way, featured on Wayne Dye's second period opening goal for a two-point night and what could be a start of a good showing for the rest of the season for the ex-Ponoka, Alta. ace.

As previously stated, the Essos played better than average hockey, but if stars were to be handed out, goalie Gordon Mackintosh would be the number one choice as he came up with several key saves that would have otherwise given the Broncos some false hopes.

Mackintosh came through

with a total of 21 saves while at the other end of the rink, a fair amount of credit should go to Penticton net man Fred Whitlow for stopping 32 blistering drives off the Essos sticks.

In penalties both clubs broke even with six nods apiece given by referee Red Bosscha.

Top pointsmen for the Essos were Bob Mayer with three, on two goals and one assist, while centreman John Price also hit the three point night on a single goal and two assists.



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Kamloops suspended from Junior A play

As of press time today, nothing further had been revealed in the suspension of the Kamloops Rockets from further play in the B. C. Jr. A league.

However, the following report from the Coast may shed some light on the reason why the Rockets have been dismissed from further play.

The leading team in the B. C. Junior A Hockey League has been suspended for an indefinite period by the governing B. C. Junior Hockey Association.

Kamloops Rockets, who held the BCJHL lead with a two-point edge over Vancouver Centennials after last weekend's play, were notified of the suspension Monday by association president Milo Fabro.

The Rockets were suspended because they continued to use three players who were termed ineligible by the association registrar after repeated warnings, said Fabro.

The players involved are defenceman Wayne Gibbs and forwards Ernie Wurmlinger and Andy Laramie.

Association registrar Ivan Temple said the players were ineligible because: "the

Association rules state that a player from any team in B. C. is classified as an import if he has played for any team outside B. C. within the last two years."

Temple said this was the case with the players in question. They played for the Calgary Centennials of the Western Canadian League last year.

The BCAHA allows just two imports per team. The Rockets have two imports on their roster in addition to the three players involved in the dispute.

Rockets' general manager Dennis Coates, a partner in a Kamloops law firm, said Tuesday that he hopes the dispute will be settled by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

"Temple's interpretation of the rules seems to be contrary to the CAHA," says Coates. "As I understand it, players are exempt from the import classification if they transfer from the Western Canadian League."

The WCL was an "outlaw" organization last year since it was not a member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Coates cites an am-

endment to the CAHA which, he says, allows players to transfer from non-registered teams to registered teams and not be classified as imports.

"This is exactly what has happened here," he says.

League president Howie Hamilton said that the three players were registered with the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association last year.

"I don't think that follows for all the players," said Coates when asked about the Alberta membership. "Maybe for one or two of them though."

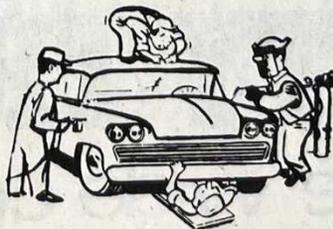
Coates was also advised by Hamilton that all his players must have BCAHA cards before Oct. 31st. Both Hamilton and Fabro said that Coates failed to comply with this rule after repeated

warnings.

Coates would not comment on the Oct. 31st deadline.

He said that if the appeal fails with both the BCAHA and the CAHA he "will possibly consider legal action," against Temple and the CAHA.

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Friday and Saturday

Two big games for junior A's

Vernon Essos already with a win under their belts so far this week move into Kelowna Memorial Arena Friday night and are hoping to come away with another important win for the record books in the B.C. Junior A League.

The last time Essos met the Buckaroos on Kelowna ice they arrived home with a 5-3 win tucked away in the standings.

Saturday night it will be game number three this week as Essos host New Westminster Royals.

Both games are considered important, for that matter all games are considered important if the local boys hope to make the playoffs in the spring.

Dark horse Kelowna could give the Essos a hard time this Friday as Buckaroos picked up a pair of Coast trip wins over the tough Victoria Cougars and N.W. Royals last weekend.

Game time for both the Kelowna and home games this Friday and Saturday have been set for 8:30 p.m. sharp.