

On Coast trip

It was Vernon all the way

It would be hard to say who were the most pleased, Manager Vern Dye, coach Odie Lowe or the players of the Vernon Essos as they returned home Sunday night with a pair of well earned wins tucked under their belts.

Saturday night at Victoria the Essos came through with four unanswered third period goals to take a 5-3 win over Victoria Cougars and then unloaded an unmerciless onslaught on the hapless New Westminster Royals Sunday afternoon on Royals home ground for a 4-0 blanking.

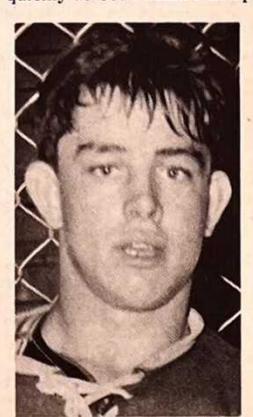
Essos Bob Craig was the tiger of the two game series as he unloaded a three goal attack at Victoria then came back with single goal Sunday afternoon.

Craigs performance can take nothing away from the rest of the Essos roster however as everyone were up for the games with goalies Gary Osborne and Gordon Mackintosh particularly impressive.

In Victoria, more than 2,100 fans filed out of Memorial arena thunderstruck as Essos matched single goals in the first period, let Cougars score two unanswered markers in the middle period then allowed Bob Craig to put on a near one man show in the final frame as he scored the hat trick, with Jack Marsh featuring on the single of the four goal onslaught.

Play in the first two periods can only be termed as equal as both clubs swarmed around the opposition nets only to be thwarted by excellent goal tending by ex-Vernonite Ed Forslund in the

Cougar nets and Vernon's Gary Osborne.



BOB CRAIG
... four goals.

the red blinker with only 17 seconds showing on the clock.

His was a breakaway effort almost from the face-off with Bruce Cowick and Murray Kennett getting the assists.

Just over seven minutes later Don Manson slammed in the equalizer with Lawrence Quechuk and Bob Mayer honoring him with some good passing manoeuvres.

George Elliott school prepares for big season

Basketball fever is taking over the extra curricular activity At George Elliot High School for Fall and Winter.

Both Senior girls' and boys' teams have begun practices to get in shape for victories in the upcoming season.

Last year, the girls were overjoyed to win the valley championships in their group. This year, besides losing former grade twelve players, they have lost their former coach, Mr. Ron Taylor. He

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squad, each notching singles.

Both clubs were even in the first two periods of the play, with both clubs getting their dues as far as swift action was concerned, but the third period was strictly all Vernon as the Essos came out on the ice faced with a 3-1 deficit and



ODIE LOWE
... happy coach.

immediately went to work to do something about it.

Bob Craig went in unassisted at 1:44 of the final frame and beat Forslund with a low shot after stealing the puck in his own zone from the Cougars attackers.

Jack Marsh put the game on even ground at the midpoint of the period with a deflecting shot after Bob Mayer drove a hard liner from the left point which was setup by Gordon Osinchuk.

Marsh crowded in close to the Cougars net and neatly tipped in the Mayer sizzler.

A minute later with Wayne Dye the initial puck carrier, Bob Craig swarmed in on Forslund for what proved to be the game winner as he found the short side.

Just to prove it was no fluke, Craig and Dye danced in on the Cougar territory and made it 5-3 with only 34 seconds gone by from the time of the game winning

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goal.

At New Westminster, Vernon showed the 250 odd fans on hand some excellent play making qualities as the whole team put forth with near perfect style of hockey.

Essos took a 3-0 lead in the first period, eased back to hold the score at the same mark going into the final frame then added for good measure the fourth goal to give Gordon Mackintosh a



VERN DYE
... pleasing effort.

well earned shut-out.

Jack Marsh, Gordie Osinchuk, Bob Craig and Bob Mayer featured on goals in that order.

Wayne Dye again proved to

be the major play-maker as he was in on two assists for a four point weekend.

The game-New West club, hurtling from early season injuries had three young juveniles dressed for the game and some credit for a good try on their parts should be noted.

Royals put together several good plays and kept Mackintosh on his toes as he had to come through with several sprawling saves to keep the door shut on the host club.

Vernon's four point weekend kept them abreast of the rest of the league as they now hold 21 points on ten wins and a tie in 18 games played.

They are just one point behind third place Vancouver Centennials who blanked

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Kelowna Buckaroos 7-0 in a game at Kelowna Sunday.

Saturday night Vancouver dropped a 5-2 loss to Kamloops who now are just one point back of league leading Victoria who have 27 points.

Essos take another shot at the Royals this weekend as they play host to the coast club in a Saturday night game at civic arena.

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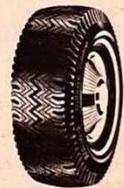
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