

# Host Penticton tonight

# Exhibition series continues for Essos

Vernon Essos are still trying to find the combination that led them to the B.C. junior A hockey championship last year. With three exhibition games now under their belts Essos go

at it again tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday to wind up a six game exhibition series with Kelowna, Kamloops and Penticton. So far their record doesn't

look good on paper, with a 4-1 loss to Penticton early last week then hosting Kelowna Friday night and coming up with an impressive 9-3 win only to drop a thriller to the same squad at Kelowna Sunday night by a score of 5-3.

Bob Gassoff on the defensive end along with new forwards Jim Lawrence and Rob Taylor to name just a few, things should begin to jell for the defending champs.

Tonight they take on the Penticton Broncos in Vernon and local fans can be assured the Essos will be looking for some measure of revenge for the 4-1 loss they took at the hands of the Broncos last week in Oliver. This game starts sharp at 8 p.m. by the way.

Tomorrow night, Essos hit the highway for a trip to the Hub city of Kamloops and their first encounter with the Rockets. This game could tell coach Lowe many things about some of his charges and with the same two clubs facing each other Wednesday night back here in Vernon, the final decision on who will make up the 18 man roster.

The league schedule starts next Saturday on Vernon ice with Kelowna Buckaroos here for the opener.

Essos manager Vern Dye is very optimistic of the way the Vernon squad will perform this season and once the roster is trimmed to permanent playing force, is expected to come up with a few surprises to add to the player strength Odie Lowe has already selected.

In all the Essos are going to be a team to reckon with, and fans are almost guaranteed more than their monies worth in the 30 home games they will see this winter.

Season tickets are still on sale at Vernon Sports and Marine and ticket holders will get a bargain on the prices and at the same time get a seat of their choice in the reserve seat section.



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## Obligations of an athlete

Whether an athlete realizes it or not he has a certain code by which he is expected to live. He has certain responsibilities he must fulfill to his community, his school and to his teammates.

Because he lives in the limelight, amid a certain hulabaloo that other boys miss, it is possible for an athlete to overemphasize his importance. If so, he is missing out in the greatest joy a performer can have in later life as he looks back upon his sports career.

For the thing that will stand out most in his adult life, both from self - satisfaction and respect from others, is a memory that he lived by the code. Athletes have a code of responsibility whether or not they realize it. The spotlight that shines their way will point out whether they actually have what it takes as young men, as well as performers on the field.

Since they do become well known by playing games before crowds, athletes are watched more closely by the general public than most youths. That is the responsibility they must accept. For if they are to receive the plaudits of their fans, they must also measure up to those people's opinions. The athlete's actions will govern the respect that comes his way.

This, of course, makes it imperative that he train. He will not fool people long if he does not do the things a clean-cut young man should be doing. If he drinks it will not remain a secret. If he performs other harmful acts such as staying out beyond hours, etc., it will not take the public long to learn.

In violating the traits of good training, an athlete harms himself physically and brings down contempt that will cause distrust throughout later life. No one wants to hire a cheat and everyone soon learns those who cheat on training rules.

Team spirit is another thing a winning athlete must possess. He must be ready to inspire his mates, his followers and his school chums. The loafer, no matter how talented he may be, is soon pegged in his true category and that is something which is hard to take off once the reputation is attached. The boy who loafs, gets by as easily as possible and lives in a shell, is doomed to disappointment when he starts looking for work once his athletic career is ended.

Loyalty and dependability go hand in hand. A boy who is loyal to those with whom he associates is also dependable. For in his loyal nature is the trait that will make him dependable to carry his load, or even a bit more.

Slow as it may seem while an individual is passing through school, the time is short. And the athlete soon becomes another citizen who must carry his load in society when he graduates. If he has shirked his job as an athlete, if he has let down his mates by not training or if he lacks loyalty and dependability he will find out that his road is harder out in the world.

For the bad habits he has picked up as a youngster will stay with him and get worse. And the bad name he got for breaking faith will continue to deteriorate.

It is a wise boy who will live by the code when performing his athletic tasks. He will find that game in and game out he can do a better job. And since perfection in performance is the goal everyone seeks, he will find that self - satisfaction and pleasure will reach its greatest potential because he has lived according to the rules. He will pass the non-trainer in a hundred ways and when he is done he will find that his pleasure has been much greater than that of those who did not live up to the requirements of clean, decent living.

The two losses and the single victory so far doesn't really tell much at this point because of the numbers of hopefuls Odie Lowe has been trying to sort out, in each game.

With nearly 60 tryouts in the training camp at one time or another the past 10 days, the veteran coach has had his hands full in determining the better players.

This year it has been slightly harder than in the past as almost every applicant has been trying harder than in the past to make a coveted spot on the roster.

Some of those starting to take good form in the lineups are last year players Wayne Dye, John Price and Jim Marsh and with newcomers like Rod Cox and

## Swan Lake is a non shooting area

Swan Lake is a no shooting area . . . this important bit of information has been passed on from local conservation officer Alan Frisby.

An order-in-council, dated Sept. 4, 1970 states quite clearly and describes as follows: "Those waters of Swan Lake to the maximum high water mark, including marsh land adjacent to the said lake is now a no shooting area."

Mr. Frisby has requested that word be passed on to all duck hunting enthusiasts in particular that no shooting is allowed and reminds that the order will be enforced to the limit.

## Know your hunting regulations

Management Area No. 7 Mountain Goat. In that portion of MA No. 7 lying to the east of Princeton to Merritt Highway and the Princeton to Manning Park Highway (Highway Nos. 3 and 5) and east of Manning Park there shall be no open season on Mountain Goat.



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# Pro hockey game not too exciting

The big guns have come and gone and first impressions on the local front are that B.C. junior A hockey is just as entertaining if not more so.

The above reference is of course dealing with the WHL exhibition hockey match between Salt Lake City Eagles and San Diego Gulls which took place Sunday afternoon in the Vernon Civic arena.

A small sprinkling of (estimated) 300 fans were on hand to watch the pro clubs have at each other with the final result the Eagles taking the unexciting match by a wide 7-4 score over the Californians.

The game, just one of a series of exhibitions being played by all teams in the Western pro league is not unlike that of the current exhibitions being played on the local front by Vernon Essos and other junior A teams in the Okanagan.

Main purpose is to have the coaches and management staff look at prospective players before they are inked to their season contracts.

Both teams opened the initial stanza with a pair of goals each, with Salt Lake taking over thereafter outscoring the San Diego squad 3-1 and 2-1 respectively in the second and third periods.

Highlight of the encounter came from two fronts as every goal scored was a single effort by 11 individuals and the penalties were kept to a minimum at three against Salt Lake and two assessed to San Diego.

Scoring for the Eagles in the first stanza was by Guyle Fielder and Willie Moores and the answering markers by Bob Coursy and Al Nicholson of the Gulls.

Second period scoring saw the Eagles take a short lived lead on a goal by Bob Birdsell with Gulls coming back for the equalizer off the stick of Willie O'Ree.

However by the time the horn sounded to end the mid-period, Eagles had forged ahead on a pair of goals off the sticks of

Roger Dejordy and Dave Woodley.

Going into the final 20 minute session, Gulls struck early on a quick effort by Alain Caron only to have the Eagles round out the scoring with a pair by Murray Kuntz and Larry Young.

Unofficial reasoning given for such a poor turnout of hockey fans came from several non attending people who said the

\$2, \$1.50 and \$1 gate fees was too high for exhibition hockey.

## Recreation courses commence

Recreation courses commence the week of September 28th whether it be athletic endeavors, arts and crafts or social activities; the Vernon Department of Parks & Recreation has something for you.

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