

Remember Bob Mayer?

Essos-Cougars clash here on the weekend

For any member of the Vernon Essos who felt the strenuous training sessions were over following the opening games of the B.C. junior A hockey league last weekend, have had plenty of second thoughts since.

Coach Odie Lowe may have been a little softer spoken following the Essos 8-6 win last Saturday over Kelowna Buckaroos, but he has been a tiger in the almost daily workouts ever since.

His reasoning is also sound about the tough practice sessions, because he probably knows better than anyone else what it means to get in shape and stay there and at the same time have a winning hockey club.

For the Essos roster, every member will be just that much better as they step back into the league action for a pair of weekend games this Friday and Sunday.

Friday its pack the bags and

head for Kelowna memorial arena to meet for the second game of the year with the Buckaroos, then play host to Victoria Cougars at Vernon civic arena Sunday afternoon in a 2:30 game.

KELOWNA READY

With only a slim two goal edge in the play last Saturday on home ice, odds will be tough for the Essos to do much better on the Kelowna ice and one can bet that coach Wayne North, an ex-professional himself, will have his Bucks up and ready for anything that comes their way.

As for the Cougars, there isn't any doubt about how tough they are going to be with a new roster of super junior headed by none other than Vernon's Bob Mayer, last years Essos captain and one of the leagues defensive all-stars for two seasons.

MAYER COMING

With Mayer now wearing the Cougar colors and the acquisition of several more older prairie boys, the Victoria squad are going to be more than mere contenders as they muscle their way through the eight team league during the next few months.

Sunday will again be a repeat date and featuring the same team as that of last year for the Essos second home game of the season. Hopefully of course, this Oct. 11 will see the 4-2 score of last year reversed in favour of the Essos, with the Cougars realizing they won't be pushing at least Vernon around in the Interior section of the loop.

NEW ADDITION

One change expected in the Essos lineup will be the addition of Ken Gassoff from Quesnel. This husky forward comes to the roster with a healthy assessment of ability and with his brother Bob already assured a spot on the Esso defence list, should make many people sit up and take notice.

PRICE OUT

Vernon will once again be without the spark of Cranbrook ace John Price, who is wearing a walking cast on his left ankle these days. Price had it badly pulled and bruised in the final pre-season exhibition game and is not expected back in the lineup until late next week.

Scoring ace Wayne Dye is also on the mend for a sprained ankle but he is expected in the lineup for at least limited action for the weekend games.

Others wearing Vernon colors who are expected to begin to put forth are new comers Jack Fleming, Dave Neil and Jim Lawrence on the forward lines. They will be aptly covered on the defensive end of things by team captain Jim Marsh, Merv See, Bob Gassoff and Vernon's Bob Powell.

ALTERNATES SET

Both netminders Leo Karchie and Wayne Price are also expected to be a little sharper following their tough workouts and will be hard to beat from any angle.

The Essos second and third lines are already working at a good rate and Ed Johnstone, Gordon Merritt, Rob Tayler, Ernie Gare, Rod Cox and Doug Wiffen will be assured of proving themselves to be more than just a little capable.

Game times for the two weekend games has been set for 8:30 p.m. Friday in Kelowna and 2:30 Sunday afternoon in Vernon.

TICKETS MOVING

Season ticket sales are still available as are reserve seats for each home game. All tickets are sold daily at the community centre swim pool office.

Tickets requested by phone can be obtained, but purchaser must pick up same by 5 p.m. on the day of the game. If not taken by then, they will go on general ticket sales at the door of the arena.

Additional

SPORT

Skating now in full swing

Public skating gets into full swing this weekend with public sessions scheduled from 2:00-4:00 both Saturday and Sunday, Hit Parade Skating on Monday evenings from 8:30-10:30 p.m. and Housewives and shift workers skating on Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This activity will continue each week thereafter on a regular basis with the only

interruptions coming when the Junior 'A' Hockey is scheduled.

The Hit Parade Skating session on Monday evenings will be 35c for students and children and 50c for any adults wishing to attend.

The Wednesday morning session will see a reduction for adults with the cost being only 35c and all children free.



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OUTDOORS
By Nonie Frisby

The bird that brings sheer madness to the hearts of men, is the beautiful ringneck Pheasant. The season opens on this lovely bird on Saturday, and with the opening many shotgunners seem to lose their good common sense. Men that wouldn't think of trespassing at any other time, climb madly over fences, tramp through farmers crops and in many cases shoot with gay abandon

Never before have we had so many inquiries, so pass this information on to your friends so everyone can take advantage of this fantastic sight of the four year cycle run of the Sockeye in the Adams river. You've got to see it to believe it.

There has been a lot of talk on these fly fishing only lakes. The following summary is from the Fish and Wildlife Branch: An intensive creel survey program is continuing on all fly fishing