

Essos not with it in three coast games

Friday
Vancouver 6, Vernon 3

Saturday
Victoria 4, Vernon 3

Sunday
New West. 7, Vernon 3

Vernon Essos didn't win any hockey games over the weekend but in two of the three games played at the coast they looked like world beaters.

Against Vancouver Centennials and Victoria Cougars, the Essos threw everything but the kitchen sink at their opponents, outplaying each team at every turn, but as has been the case of late couldn't hold earlier period goals as they eased off in the late stages of the final 20 minute sessions to let the games drop by the wayside.

The third game of the weekend was strictly no contest

as far as the Essos were concerned, as they let the New Westminster Royals take command from the opening whistle and then watched them cruise to an easy four goal difference in the game scoring.

At Vancouver Friday night, Essos jumped into a 1-0 lead in the first period, matched a pair of goals in the mid-session to maintain a slim single goal lead, then eased off defensively to let Vancouver score four unanswered markers in the final period.

In the Saturday fixture at Victoria, Essos again zoomed over the Cougars at every turn for the better part of the game but then let the defensives down in the final period with the Cougars taking advantage momentarily to out score the Essos 3-1 for the victory.

Each team swapped single

markers in the opening session with Vernon jumping into a 2-1 lead by the end of the second period and then going up 3-1 early in the last frame only to drop a real heartbreaker in the final stages of the game.

Actually Victoria walked out of the rink quietly telling themselves they were lucky, thanks to a fluke goal by none other than former Vernon player Bob Mayer.

Mayer hadn't played well throughout most of the game, letting Vernon players run rings around him on several plays but he vindicated himself at the mid-mark of the third when he broke a 3-3 tie and scored the winning goal when he drove a hard slap shot from the left point, well off the target by at least 10 feet, but a deflection off the leg of Essos defenceman Bob Powell who was moving in on the play, neatly tucked the puck past a startled Leo Karchie in the nets for Vernon.

The third game of the weekend saw Vernon move into the city of Haney to meet the New Westminster Royals because the Queens park arena in the Royal City had been taken up for use by others.

Royals led 1-0 at the end of the first period, outscored Essos 2-1 in the mid-period, then went on to easily take the game with four more markers to the Essos two in the last period for the 7-3 win.

One bright spot in the series for the Essos was the stellar goal tending put forth by Leo Karchie who was brilliant in each game. His quick manoeuvres gave onlookers something to talk about as he put on a one man show several times each game to keep the game scoring respectable.

In all Karchie found himself facing 105 shots on goal, 88 of them he managed to push aside while 17 got past him.

For the Essos their sum total of goals over the three games came to nine, with three recorded per game. By most standards this would have been enough to win the games, particularly when Essos actually had the leads in two of the three games.

Big reason as has been said before, was the lack of good defense action as the blueline patrollers found themselves bewildered on many moves and time and again allowed attackers to move in with no opposition to beat Karchie.

Essos now take to the practise ice for the rest of the week as they try for a new combination of plays to ready themselves when they meet Kamloops in the hub city next Saturday night and then take on Penticton here in Vernon Sunday night.

Raine announces top ski racers

Head coach of Canada's National Ski Team, Al Raine, has announced in Montreal, that the selection squads for the 1970-71 racing season have been completed. Selected to the summer training squad to compete for berths on the European teams are the following skiers:

Aidan Ballantyne, Laurentian; Reto Barrington, Alta.; Peter Bellos, B.C.; Paul Carson, SOSZ, Jack Creed, SOSZ; Mike Culver, Laurentian; Peter Duncan, Laurentian; Peter Goodman, Laurentian; Russell Goodman, Laurentian; Harold Harb, Laurentian. Jim Hunter, Alta.; Rick Hunter, Nat. Can.; Bert Irwin,

Kathy Kreiner, NOSZ; Nancy McDougall, Nat. Cap.; Carolyne Oughton, Alta.; Cheryl Oughton, Alta.; Marilyn Robbins, SOSZ; Josee Turcotte, St. Maurice Valley.

"Final selection will be made during the December training camp, although these groups may be cut from time to time between now and December, Raine said. The National Ski Team are now finalizing plans for summer training in Western Canada.

The U.S. government pays four-fifths of the salaries of college students who need financial aid.

WRESTLING
Vernon Community Centre
Wed., Nov. 11
8:00 p.m.
Battle of the Giants
Don Leo Jonathan vs. Gene Kiniski
300 Mormon Giant 275 Former World's Champion
Steven Little Bear vs. Bulldog Brown
250 Fiery Indian 245 Pac. Coast Champion
Man & Girl
Girls - VS. Man & Girl - Girls
Jane O'Brien & Juan Marino vs. Pear Nieto & Bill Cody
Battling Redhead Latin Spitfire & Bearded Rowdy & Speedy Cowboy
O'Brien vs. Nieto
Tickets & reservations at NOLAN'S DRUGS
Phone 542-2929
Admission: Reserved \$2.50, Rush \$2.00, Children \$1.00