

*Here Saturday*

# Essos set to maul Bruins

"Great gobs of flying fur, those Bruins look like they just stepped out of Boston Gardens"

... This was just one of several comments officials of the Vernon Essos were heard to remark last Sunday as they watched the Chilliwack Bruins step out onto the ice for their warmup before taking on the Essos for the first meeting of the season in junior A hockey league action for the two clubs.

The descriptive remark had a fairly accurate ring to it as the Chilliwack club did in fact look like their name-sakes, the Boston Bruins, with identical yellow, white and black stripped uniforms and their size too was no less impressive.

Although they were no match for the smooth skating and passing Vernon Essos in the game, they did know how to use their weight and aggressiveness as they pounded their way to 19 penalties, eight of them majors, for a total of 92 minutes in the penalty box.

The worst outbreak of major penalties coming in the early stages of the final period when Bruins Ron Kennedy took on

Bob Gassoff of the Essos with fists flying.

Within seconds of the outbreak, the rest of the Bruins on the ice at the time jumped onto the backs of the two fighters, pulling them to the ice causing a pyramid of prostrate bodies heaped 15 feet from in front of the Essos net.

Not to be out done and fed up with the rough tactics displayed by the Bruins up to this point, the rest of the Essos on the ice joined in attempting to pull the aggressors from off their teammate.

For the next five minutes, one of the biggest outbursts of fighting ever witnessed on ice spreading over the entire half of the rink, with man for man fist swinging duels unfolded before a small crowd of 300 screaming Chilliwack fans.

When it was all over, nine players found themselves heading towards the showers. Five of these were Bruins, namely Ron Kennedy, Ross Smith, Dale Berg, Roy Ovington and Marcel Vandergraf.

Essos getting the gate were: Wayne Dye, Jim Lawrence, Ed Johnstone and Rod Cox.

Final score in the game by the way was a resounding 5-1 victory for the Essos who scored twice in each of the first two periods then swapped single markers with their hosts in the final frame.

This Saturday, Vernon fans may get a chance to see just how aggressive the Bruins are as the Fraser Valley club makes its first swing into the Interior.

Friday they meet head on with Penticton, come into Vernon for an 8:30 p.m. game Saturday then travel on to Kamloops for a meeting with the Rockets Sunday afternoon.

The three game sweep should prove interesting and members of the Essos have vowed they will not be intimidated this time by the rough tactics the Bruins are well known for, and who have the reputation for being the toughest team in the league.

Essos will open their doors Saturday to all minor hockey players in the Enderby Armstrong area and will give away five or six autographed sticks to lucky ticket stub holders from these rural areas.

## *Enderby-Armstrong night*

# Vernon Essos to treat minor hockey players

All minor hockey players in the Armstrong - Enderby area will get a double treat this weekend, compliments of the Vernon Essos junior A hockey club.

Six, first string players along with coach Odie Lowe will put on a demonstration Saturday noon at the Enderby rink then invite all the youngsters in the two centres to be their guests at the Essos - Chilliwack Bruins hockey game that takes place in Vernon the same evening.

Working in conjunction with minor hockey officials at Enderby, the Essos will don both

travelling and home uniforms and put on a series of defensive and offensive manoeuvres, then give youngsters individual lessons right on the ice.

Leo Karchie will be in the nets. This Vancouver born ace goalie has already received wide acclaim this season for his fine defensive moves.

Team captain Jim Marsh, from Quesnel and Rod Cox of High Prairie Alberta, will be on defence and will show aspiring defenceman key positional moves.

Centreman John Price of Cranbrook will have last years most valuable league player and high scoring ace, Wayne Dye of Vernon on his left wing and another Cranbrook native, Dave Neil on the right side, and will show what the forwards do as a unit.

In the evening, the youngsters will be treated to a free game and will get a chance to win six autographed hockey sticks signed by the Essos. Many other prizes will also be given away during the game.

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