

Essos ride Broncos to sweet victory

Vernon Essos may only be in third place, but the convincing way they walloped league leading Penticton Broncos Tuesday night, one would think it was they that leads the interior loop of the B.C. junior A hockey league.

The game ended with the Essos on the top end of a 5-2 score but to most spectators it could have gone as high as 10 or more goals in their favour.

While Vernon were playing one of their better games of the season (they always do in away games) Penticton on the other hand were about as lousy as any team could be.

A pair of picture goals, so aptly described by Broncos manager George Stoll, no less, from the stick of John Price set the pace early in the first period for Essos from which they never looked back.

Even when they played a total of eight straight minutes short

handed in the second period, didn't seem to faze them too badly as Broncos simply were not in the game from start to finish.

Vernon took a 2-0 lead in the first period on the goals by Price which were truly a work of art by the line he was working with at the time.

It was 8:33 when the first marker came in which Ernie Gare and Dave Neil featured, Gare started it all with a pass to Neil who in turn drove a hard shot at the Bronco net with Price on the door step to slap in a perfect rebound shot.

The second goal was much the same at the 12:29 mark, when Bob Craig started the puck out of his own end, carried it into the centre ice area, then passing to Dave Neil who in turn drove it deep into the Bronco zone from where he dug it out of a corner to put it across in front for Price to slap home.

Neil was also not to be outdone in the scoring as he quickly moved the Essos three unanswered goals up with only 14 seconds gone in the second period. Gare and Jim Lawrence were the feature playmakers on this one.

Three and a half minutes

later, Broncos came up with a soft goal in which a long drive from outside the blueline was scored off the stick of Fred Parent. Wayne Price in the nets for Vernon gloved it alright but let it get away from him where it dropped into the net.

Third period scoring again featured a pair of quick goals with Ed Johnstone scoring from Jim Lawrence and Bob Craig with the clock showing just 1:19 played into the final period.

Goal five followed a mere 25

seconds later when Lawrence got in on the scoring spree with help from Johnstone and Wayne Dye.

Penticton, obviously smarting from roars of disapproval by local fans came up with the final goal of the game with only a minute and four seconds to be played. Bruce Affleck did the scoring honors on this one.

Big game on the weekend will have the Essos host Chilliwack Bruins in a 2:30 afternoon match Sunday.

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Chilliwack here Sunday

Following Vernon Essos convincing 5-2 victory over interior junior A hockey leaders, Penticton Broncos last Tuesday, the Essos are looking forward to taking on the Chilliwack Bruins of the coast division of the B.C. loop.

This meeting has been set for the Vernon civic arena this coming Sunday and has been billed as an afternoon game with the fixture for a 2:30 start.

The Essos, currently in third place in the interior four team division, are taking the Sunday game seriously although some reports from the coast indicate the Bruins are suffering in the win column.

The home town club know

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16 rinks listed

Calcutta spiel set for weekend

With 16 rinks entered, the fourth annual Vernon curling club Calcutta bonspiel is set to begin this weekend.

As in past years, the action will actually begin Friday when the auction for teams takes place in the club lounge starting

Buchanan, Boutillier, Mondin and Martin.

Briggs, Spencer, Westley and Huff.

Simpson, Mawdsley, Green and Hutchinson.

Keckalo, Reade, Matheson and Erdman.

Corner Henschke, Brown and

what it is like to lose a few games and they have vowed to stay on the win trail as they proceed into the final stages of the regular league schedule.

Penticton's 3-1 victory over Kamloops Wednesday has moved them 12 points ahead of the Essos while the Vernon club are fighting to gain on second place Kamloops Rockets who have five point bulge over the Essos.

Vernon have played 32 games to date and have 14 wins, 13 losses and five ties for 33 points, Penticton have run their tally to 45 points with Kamloops registering 38 points.

For the visiting Chilliwack club, some new faces are ex-

pected on their lineup, in particular a new coach after Bob Foster was unceremoniously dropped from the helm last week.

NEW GOALIE ARRIVES

Addition of 19 year old Harley Love of Quesnel to aid in the goal tending for the Essos has been hailed as an important move. Love arrived in town early this week and has been working out with the team over several practises.

He had been in the Essos training camp early in the season but had been dropped because of Leo Karchie and Wayne Price edging eight goalies on hand for the camp.

Karchie has been moved up to Medicine Hat as first string

goalie and it is quite likely he will stay for the remainder of the season.

Tickets for the Sunday afternoon game go on sale early with ticket purchasers allowed to get them from Ernie Esso Garage Friday and Saturday or at the door on Sunday.



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