

Slack game

Essos nearly blew it

Vernon 6
Chilliwack 4

Vernon Essos won their hockey clash with Chilliwack Bruins over the weekend, but both clubs left much to be desired as to the style of good hockey.

Essos took the encounter 6-4 but not before they got the scare of their collective lives late in the final minutes of the game.

Vernon took a 2-1 first period

lead, picked up goal three for the only marker of the second period, then were almost embarrassed in the final stanza as the Bruins matched three goals with the host club.

One bright spot in the game was the standout play of first string centreman Jim Lawrence who reached a 60 point plateau in the B.C. junior A individual scoring race.

Lawrence banged in a pair of

goals, his 20th and 21st of the season then added a third point of the game on his assist to Ed Johnstones goal with only a minute remaining in the game.

Both first and second periods saw scramble type hockey displayed before less than 500 home town fans, then with a 5-1 lead at the nine minute mark of the third period, Essos almost booted the game away when the Bruins took advantage of miscuse and scored three quick goals, two of them against spare goalie Harvey Love, late of Quesnel Kangaroo intermediates.

Love came into the game at 15:45 of the final session after Essos had cushioned a 5-2 lead.

It was obvious Essos wanted to try out their new netman but didn't rely on the fact Bruins wanted the game to remain respectable, particularly on the score board.

Essos seemed to slack off, forgetting Love was in the game cold, and Bruins wasted little time in doing something about it.

With Lawrence setting the pace, other Vernon goals came off the sticks of Dave Neil, Jack Fleming, Rod Cox and Ed Johnstone.

Chilliwack goals were single efforts by Ed Lavigne, Larry Davis, Greg Reid and Rick Kramp.

Vernon also outshot the Bruins by a wide 46-16 margin

but let the visitors pick up five of the eight penalties handed out by referee Art Davison.

Essos now sit back and rest for the remainder of the week, then play host to league leading Victoria Cougars in a Saturday, Jan. 16 fixture at civic arena.

Game time has been set for the regular 8:30 p.m. time slot and fans can be assured the Cougars will be out to continue their undaunted drive for the league pennant.

Minor Hockey Week begins Saturday, Jan. 23. Over a quarter of a million boys, from coast to coast, will be taking part.

Essos scoring statistics To Jan 10 with 33 games played INDIVIDUAL

	G	A	Pim	Pts.
Jim Lawrence	21	39	47	60
Ed Johnstone	18	21	52	39
Wayne Dye	13	21	62	34
John Price	10	20	36	30
Ernie Gare	12	16	16	28
Jim Marsh	7	18	54	25
Dave Neil	9	14	12	23
Jack Fleming	11	10	42	21
Rod Cox	5	10	66	15
Bob Gassoff	2	11	167	13
Bob Craig	5	7	88	12
Glen Walton	5	6	4	11
Doug Wiffen	5	4	19	9
Jim Inglis	0	3	9	3
Bob Powell	1	1	58	2
Wayne Price	0	1	12	1

	TEAM				GF	GA	Pts.
	GP	W	L	T			
Vernon Essos	33	15	13	5	136	130	35

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