

Get breather

Kelowna help Essos remain in second

Vernon Essos fight for second place in the B.C. Junior A, Interior loop got a momentary breather Wednesday night as Kelowna Buckaroos contributed to a 3-0 whitewashing of Kamloops Rockets.

The story really begins Tuesday night with the Essos heading to Penticton where they dropped a 9-4 dousing at the hands of the Broncos. At that time the Essos had a game in

hand over Kamloops and with both teams tied for second place with 61 points each, Essos had a good chance of taking hold of the second spot alone.

However, as of today, the Essos are back where they started with still one game in hand over the Rockets and each team meeting here Friday night in what could prove to be the tale of where both teams will end their regular schedule in

the standings.

Vernon does have one major factor in their favour and that is they haven't lost a home game since No. 21. Their total wins here since then stands at 15 and along with a pair of ties is very impressive in anyones league.

However, the local boys should be well warned the bubble could burst anytime, and if Joe Tennant has his way, will have the Rockets really flying for the Friday night fixture.

Essos will also have to go at it again Saturday night when they host the Chilliwack Bruins and they too will be looking for points they proved of late they can take them away from the big teams at the coast.

With no game report to follow, what took place at Penticton is not known for sure. It is understood, Jim Lawrence scored a single goal and assisted three times to regain his hold on the first place in the individual standings of the eight team loop. Others believed to have scored for Vernon were Rod Cox with a single and Ernie Gare with two.

Fights were also apparent again in the game with local players being quite vocal against the way the game was officiated.

It is understood a rookie referee was used in the game, a man that has never, to anyone's knowledge, ever refereed a junior A game but has been a linesman on several occasion.

Vernon players were also quite mad at the way the fans acted at the end of the game when a man struck one player as he left the game and several others had to ward off blows.

In future the Essos will insist on police being stationed at the player exits to stop such acts and prevent possible injuries.

In league statistics released Wednesday several interesting factors are now apparent, Jim Lawrence should quite easily top all assist marks for the year while defenceman Bob Gassoff has run up an unenviable record for having the most penalties in the eight-team league. Bob Craig is also not too far behind and stands in fifth place for penalties.

Wayne Dye has a good record that he may just improve in the next few games and that is the sharing of the most hat tricks in the league. He and Ted Plowe of

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Ted Plowe, Victoria	Penalty Lea
Jim Lawrence, Vernon	
Vic Mercredit, Penticton	
Chris Riddell, Victoria	
Jim Dalzell, New West	
Neil Murphy, Vancouver	
Gary Donaldson, Penticton	
Fred Parent, Penticton	
Ed Johnstone, Vernon	
Ray Todd, Vancouver	

Bob Gassoff, Vernon	Hat trick
Gord Girrard, Kamloops	(three-goal game
Bill Margetts, New West	
Jack McIlhargey, New West	
Bob Craig, Vernon	
Jon McCracken, New West	
Ross Smith, Chilliwack	
Bruce Gerlach, Kelowna	

Ted Plowe, Victoria	
Wayne Dye, Vernon	
Gerry Vachon, New West	
Kelly Pratt, Kamloops	
Harry Turk, Penticton	
Scott Munro, Victoria	
Vic Mercredit, Penticton	
Doug Manchak, Kelowna	



JIM LAWRENCE
... leads in assists



WAYNE DYE
... hat-trick leader



BOB CRAIG
... 5th for penalties



BOB GASSOFF
... most penalties

Kayak-Canoe clinic planned

The Vernon Department of Parks & Recreation are sponsoring a Kayak and Canoe Clinic at the Vernon Community Centre on Sunday, March 21, at 9 a.m.

The course will be conducted by members of the B.C. Kayak & Canoe Association.

Fundamentals of paddling and handling the kayaks will take place.