

Rake leaders

Essos ride high on Broncos

Vernon 7, Penticton 3
Vernon Essos 7-3 romped over visiting Penticton Broncos Wednesday night, while not a particularly good game qualitywise nor that entertaining for less than 700 fans on hand, it did prove a point to the Essos, they are still a mighty force to reckon with.

Playing in their 56th game of the season, Essos racked up win number 31 and now move within two points of Interior leaders Penticton who remain with 69 points to the Essos 67.

Essos also racked up another milestone by remaining undefeated on home ice in the last 20 games played here.

Looking at all home games played so far which totals 29, Essos have now won 22, lost only four and tied three times and have only one home game remaining with cellar-dwelling Kelowna Buckaroos.

While the Essos were busy outscoring Penticton, Kamloops Rockets took a 4-1 win over Kelowna Buckaroos in the Regatta city to stay within two points of the Essos.

Odds on the Essos overhauling the Broncos hinge on their performances at the coast this weekend. They take on Vancouver Centennials

Friday night, meet New Westminster Royals Saturday night and then take on Chilliwack Bruins Sunday afternoon in the Fraser Valley centre.

While the Essos must return home with a good point record, Penticton Broncos must also take good measure over Kamloops twice, Kelowna twice and Victoria Cougars once.

SLOW GAME

Wednesday night, both teams got off to a slow start with neither squad able to do much until the three-quarter mark of the initial frame when Vernon took advantage of Broncos being two men short to score twice on the power-play.

Broncos Harry Turk picked

up a two minute interference penalty, then was sent out of the game for uncomplimentary language to referee Alex Kashuba as he entered the penalty box and at the same time Gerry Sismey got a two minute kneeling infraction at 14:19 to set the stage for the pair of goals Essos were able to capitalize on.

Rod Cox slammed in a long drive from the right point at 14:53 with help from Bob Craig and Wayne Dye. Then a minute and four seconds later Jim Lawrence socked in goal number two with Sismey still out of the action. John Price and Ernie Gare assisted on this one. Lawrence came from behind the net to score.

Vernon moved another goal up at the 1:21 mark of the second period with Ed Johnstone scoring with help from Lawrence and Dye.

Penticton got on the board at 7:01 when Essos netman Wayne Price let up for a moment and allowed Bruce Affleck shove the puck under his skates with no opposition.

At the mid-point of the same period, Essos made it 4-1 when Wayne Dye featured on the play with help from Johnstone and Lawrence. This goal coming at 10:03.

Judy Chabot rink is tops at Falkland

The Falkland-Westwold women's afternoon curling activities have come to an end for this season.

The top rink in the league, and the winner of the Goode Trophy was skipped by Judy Chabot, 3rd F. Rogers; and 2nd, P. Young; and lead I. Hayward.

In the Club Bonspiel which was held this past weekend the winners were—"A Event" Pat Corbett, skip; and M. Hawkins, V. Moore, K. Carson. 2nd the J. Chabot rink.

"B Event"—Carol Hill, skip; and M. Hicks, J. Scott, M. Gordon. 2nd—the Sharon Kelly rink.

"C Event"—Ivy Rhodes, skip; and A. Dafeo, D. Elliott, M. Morgan. 2nd—the Mary Howard rink.

Penticton came back with some measure of effort and scored a pair of markers to narrow the difference to one goal. At 13:31 Bob Nicholson scored then Vic Mercredi came through on a power-play while Donny Dirk was sitting out a high sticking minor.

Dirk, by the way, led the Vernon penalty parade with three minors of the seven assessed to the team in the game. His ineffectual play when he was on the ice was so bad that at one stage of the game he was actually booed by Vernon fans for his sloppy manoeuvres.

In the final period, although both teams were not producing good style of hockey, Essos did take the edge in the play and came through with three unanswered goals to take the game by the four goal margin.

Featuring on these goals were Jim Marsh, Ed Johnstone, his second of the game and Ernie Gare.

B.C. JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

(Including games of March 9th)

STANDINGS

OKANAGAN DIVISION

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Penticton Broncos	32	18	5	51	186	69
Vernon Essos	31	20	5	261	235	67
Kamloops Rockets	30	22	5	220	180	65
Kelowna Buckaroos	8	46	2	167	335	18

COAST DIVISION

Victoria Cougars	36	11	7	320	169	79
Vancouver Centennials	29	17	10	263	204	68
New West Royals	23	26	6	244	247	52
Chilliwack Bruins	11	40	4	168	335	26

THE TOP 20

	G	A	Pts	PIM
Jim Lawrence, Vernon	40	79	119	115
Ted Plowe, Victoria	55	50	105	58
Vic Mercredi, Penticton	44	52	96	32
Chris Riddell, Victoria	34	54	88	18
Jim Dalzell, New West.	32	52	84	50
Ed Johnstone, Vernon	41	45	86	75
Neil Murphy, Vancouver	47	34	81	71
Gary Donaldson, Penticton	47	47	80	46
Fred Parent, Penticton	35	44	79	63
Wayne Dye, Vernon	38	43	81	141
Mike McCarthy, Vancouver	33	44	77	138
Gerry Vachon, New West.	43	33	76	73
Ray Todd, Vancouver	39	36	75	88
Harry Turk, Penticton	32	41	73	74
Jerry Holland, Kamloops	32	40	72	46
Doug Manchak, Kelowna	39	28	67	31
Jon McCracken, New West.	30	36	66	194
Rob Little, Victoria	26	39	65	23
Bruce Cowick, Victoria	24	39	63	177
Bruce Affleck, Penticton	21	42	63	43

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being put into higher divisions. Mr. Peebles said he felt it should be a decision for parents.

On this explanation the meeting agreed to a motion from Mrs. Clara Roberts that "if a child liked to go up to a higher division, with his parents' permission and the

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Offer congratulations

North Okanagan Hockey League captains from left Al Rogan, Armstrong Cougars; Willy Wilson, Head of the Lake Stampeders; Jack McCarthy, Winfield Raiders and Rick Reilly, Grandview Warriors offer congratulations to

Vernon News sports editor, Doug Bulwer, upon receiving special plaque for contributions toward the league the past ten years.