

Over Penticton

Essos hold slim single point lead

Friday

Vernon 5 at Vancouver 4

Saturday

Vernon 6 at New West 3

Sunday

Vernon 4 at Chilliwack 4

A pair of wins plus a tie over the weekend has vaulted Vernon Essos into a single point lead in the Interior division of the Junior A league.

However with only one game remaining for the Essos and second place Penticton sitting with four more games to go, it is expected the Essos will have to satisfy themselves with a second place finish which is the least they can do.

While Essos are expected to take their last game of the season over Kelowna

Buckaroos, Penticton in turn should do the same twice to the Bucks and then handle the Kamloops Rockets the same way in back to back games next weekend.

Tuesday and Wednesday Penticton and Kelowna clash, then Friday and Saturday it will be Penticton and Kamloops, meanwhile Vernon take on Kelowna Friday.

At the moment Vernon has a 33-20-6, win loss and tie record for 72 points with Penticton close behind with a 33-18-5 record for 71 points.

On the basis of the Kamloops Rockets 9-4 loss at the hands of Victoria Cougars Sunday, the Rockets find themselves in

third place on a 30-23-5 record for 65 points and even if they do take their remaining games, they could not catch up to either Vernon or Penticton. Kelowna has three remaining games but their sad 8-47-2 record for 24 points has given them a solid fourth place in the standings.

With all four teams slated for the playoffs, first place takes on third, second finishers meet fourth, and the best of seven series could provide some interesting results.

Even door-mat Kelowna will be worth watching and a good example of this occurred when they held the powerful Victoria Cougars to 4-3 game Saturday. Friday at Vancouver, Essos

jumped into a 1-0 first period lead, outscored Centennials 3-2 in the second stanza then let Vancouver score a pair of goals to their one for the narrow 5-4 win by Vernon.

Each of the Vernon goals were single efforts in the following order: Rod Cox, John Price, Wayne Dye, Jim Lawrence and Ed Johnstone. Only other pointman in the game was Ernie Gare who assisted once.

Lawrence was the big pointman of the game with four assists added to his goal for a five point night. Johnstone assisted twice with singles from Cox, Dye and Gare as previously mentioned.

In penalties, Vernon picked up 14 infractions to Vancouver's 12 with Bob Craig and Wayne Dye receiving game misconducts as did Ken Wright of the Centennials.

Essos netman Wayne Price was reported as being sensational in the nets and was the key to the Vernon victory. He stopped 35 of the 39 shots that came his way.

In New Westminster Saturday night, Essos found themselves on the short end of the scoring after one period of action on a 3-2 score board rading, but thereafter scored two unanswered goals in each of the remaining periods for the 6-3 win over the Royals.

Rod Cox proved to be the big gun in this game as he scored a hat-trick and added one assist.

Single markers came from Ernie Gare, Doug Wiffen, and Glen Walton with Ed Johnstone providing three assists and Jim Lawrence in on two other plays. Walton and Dirk also assisted once each.

It is interesting to note Essos scored five of their six goals while with a man advantage. Royals were only able to capitalize on a single power-play effort.

In this game Royals outshot Essos 37-33 and Royals led with the most penalties, 11 to the

Essos 7.

At Chilliwack Sunday afternoon, The Bruins jumped into a 4-2 first period lead with both teams battling out a scoreless second period and Vernon coming back with two final period markers to tie the game at 4-4.

Ed Johnstone proved to be the hero in this match as he scored with only 38 seconds remaining in the game after goalie Wayne

Price was pulled in favour of an extra attacker.

This game also proved to be filled with penalties as Jim Lawrence found himself ending the regular season sitting out the next game because of a game misconduct picked up in the second period. Dirk also will not see action this week for his game misconduct received at the final whistle when he tangled with Roy Carmichael.

Warriors lead NOHL semi's

Grandview 7, Armstrong 2
Grandview Warriors have taken the first game of a best of five series over Armstrong Cougars in the North Okanagan hockey league semi-final playoffs.

Warriors edged Cougars 7-2 Sunday night in a single fixture of the four team playoffs.

The other series between

Head of the Lake Stampeders and Winfield Raiders starts next Sunday because the Stampeders were involved with an all indian hockey tourney that took place in Salmon Arm last weekend.

Grandview jumped into a first period 3-1 lead and then never looked back as they came through with four unanswered

goals in the mid-period while Cougars came up with the only goal in the final session.

It was a big night for Mike Peropolkin as he scored a hat-trick to pace the winners. Other Warrior goals came from King Cam with two and singles by Rick Reilly and Bruce Allen.

Armstrong markers were by Steve White and John Blanniel.

Only other highlight of the game saw an outburst of temper flarred by Warriors King Cam when he was assessed a hooking minor penalty, followed by a 10 minute misconduct for verbal and motions directed to referee Dwayne MacDonald.

Not satisfied with all this, Cam then left the penalty bench and proceeded to strike the referee.

For this he received a five minute major and a match misconduct. The results of which will be turned over to league president Roy Surkan for his assessment.

As in most other leagues, Cams action could mean a life suspension from the NOHL and if it were under the sanction of the BCAHA and CAHA would mean he would be barred from playing in any other league in the country.

Next Sunday, Winfield and Stampeders tangle in the opening game with Cougars hoping for a comeback in the second match with the Warriors.

Valley athletes are among best

Nancy Greene Raine, Harry Jerome and the Victoria Dominos carried off top honors Saturday night when the B.C. Sports Federation named the province's best athletes of the last 100 years.

Mrs. Raine who won two world skiing championships and in 1968 won a gold and two silver medals at the winter olympics in Grenoble was named top female athlete of the last 100 years.

Jerome who set five international records in a 10 year career as one of the world's premier sprinters was named top male athlete of the last 100 years.

The Victoria Dominos who in 1946 won an unprecedented fifth national basketball championship were named top team of the last 100 years. Team members included: Hank

bronze in 100 metres.

Revelstoke's Ken Olynky, 18, was named high school athlete of the year. Olynky was voted most valuable player at the 1970 B.C. high-school basketball championships and won the shot put and discuss events at the B.C. Track and Field Championships in 1970.

The Vancouver Calonas were named the team of the year. The Calonas in 1970 won their fourth consecutive national volleyball championships. Team members include: Coach Vic Lindal, manager Margaret Harris, Helen Hunt, Annie Fowler, Kathy Girvan, Anne Jeffrey, Dianne Murray, Ute Witzke, Lynne Busenius, Mary Prade, Carole Bishop, Coleen Quinn.

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