



Rockets soar to victory

Kamloops Rockets scored single goals in each period Tuesday to romp to a surprising 3-0 shutout over Vernon Essos in their opening game of a best of seven B.C. junior A hockey quarter-final series. In the above photo, defenceman Rod Cox (on knees) and goalie Wayne Price were not able to stop a quick backhand shot executed by

Rockets Tim Peck (centre foreground) at the mid point of the final period as the Kamloops squad rounded out their scoring spree. Arrow shows where puck is just barely being missed by the outstretched gloved hand of busy Vernon netminder. Photo by Doug Bulwer Jr.

Whalloped 3-0

Bubble bursts on Vernon Essos

Vernon Essos and more than 700 local Junior A hockey fans were given a shock of their lives Tuesday night as Kamloops Rockets walked away with a 3-0 shutout in their first game of a best of seven quarter-final series.

The bubble really burst for the Essos who went into the game sporting an amazing at home record of 19 wins and two ties with no losses since Nov. 21.

Another crushing factor was that the Essos had never, in all 60 league games, been shutout.

Their second place finish in regular standings had also been made possible because of the surge of six victories and one tie they put together in their last seven outings, and to have themselves brought to so sudden a standstill is something many still can't believe.

However, as many a betting man would say, the odds were against them in maintaining the pace and it was bound to happen sooner or later. Most observers feel it was a good thing to shake their over-confidence and now feel the Essos will once again begin to click as a solid unit.

Tuesday night was a good example of not working together as on many occasions, particularly the first string line

of Jim Lawrence, Wayne Dye and Ed Johnstone, failed to work their passing the way they have done so well in past games.

It seemed as if every man was working his heart out but alone. Passing left much to be desired and many good chances to score, particularly in the early stages of the game failed to materialize because there was no unity amongst the players.

Another factor that began to thrust its ugly head into the picture was the many penalties Essos found themselves taking. The second period alone saw them off the ice on six different occasions while Kamloops picked only five in the game, two in the first period and three in the mid-season. For the Essos, they tallied a total of 13 minors.

As a matter of fact, Rockets first two goals were scored with Vernon sitting men in the penalty box.

Rockets first period goal came at 7:50 with Jim Lawrence sitting out a hooking penalty. Oliver Stewart scored the goal with Russ Wieschnik and Gary Johnson combining for the assist.

Second Rocket game came at the 16:26 mark of the midperiod when Bob Craig was sitting out a cross-checking infraction. Jerry Holland did the damage with Wayne Biachin and Lyle Harpe aiding the assist column.

At 8:22 of the third, Tim Pecks back-hand shot literally put the game in the Rockets pocket as he and Marty Kissel and Carson Baldwin walked in alone to beat a highly frustrated Essos netman Wayne Price.

Rugby clinic to feature specialists

Attention all rugger players and fans, a one day clinic comes to Vernon this Saturday.

Along with demonstrations and discussions by two coast experts, films will be shown to round out an interesting five hour session. Spectators in particular are invited to take in the proceedings.

Morning program gets under way at 9:30 and runs until 12 noon, following lunch break, the afternoon activity starts off at 1:30, ending at 4 p.m.

Two well known officials from the B.C. Rugby Union in Vancouver, Jim Dunbar and Glyn Jones, will give lectures in the Clarence Fulton junior high school gymnasium and then move outside to a nearby field for practical demonstrations.

In recent years, rugby, particularly on the school level here has gained more and more popularity and the approaching season should see an excellent year of progress.

Final chance to register for riding

Saturday, March 27 will be the final registration for the Easter riding course sponsored by the Vernon District Riding Club.

Registration will be held at Postill's Arena Saturday, March 27 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Canoeists to form active club

The successful Kayak and Canoe Clinic was held in the Vernon Community Centre Indoor Pool on Sunday, March 21st. Twenty-seven people turned out for this informative and well run clinic sponsored by the Vernon Department of

Parks & Recreation in co-operation with the B.C. Kayak and Canoe Association.

Members expressed a desire to form a club and a meeting will be held in early April so that it can be commenced.

Crucial games on tap in NOHL

It will be a do or die effort this weekend in NOHL playoffs as Armstrong Cougars and Head of the Lake Stampede have an uphill battle on their hands to stay in contention.

Both teams are down two games in the best of five semi-final series with Grandview Warriors and Winfield Raiders and each must win this Sunday night to stay alive.

First game of the night will see Stampede meet Raiders with game time set for 7 p.m. and the second game with Cougars and Warriors has been

set for a 9:15 start. Also during breaks in the games, special awards will be given to various scoring and best performing winners as selected by the teams during regular league play.

Officials hope to have the presentation ceremony between each game when all players will be present.

Girls hockey team compete at Van. Island

Members of the Vernon all-girl hockey club travel to the lower mainland this weekend to compete in a series of exhibition games on Vancouver Island.

The girls leave by bus early Friday morning for Chemainus with den mother Anne Rogers and coach Bill Batula in charge of the group. There are 14 players plus assistants Glen Foulds and Bar Hampton making the trip. They return home early Monday morning.

Vernon fans will be looking for good reports on how they make out in the games they play while away and wish them the best of luck.

Vernon man again heads Ok. horsemen

The 24th annual meeting of the Okanagan Light Horse Improvement and Show Association was held in Summerland on March 21.

Clubs represented were: Oliver, Penticton, Summerland, Peachland, Kelowna, Vernon, Lumby, Armstrong, Enderby, Salmon Arm and Kamloops.

After the various committees reports Jay LaLonde, Vernon was elected president for a second term. Earl Hunter, Penticton, was re-elected vice-president.

A number of resolutions pertaining to the 1971 O.L.H.I.S.A. annual show were passed. June LaLonde continues as secretary.

Peachland Riding Club and the Light Horse Division of the Lumby Agriculture Society were unanimously voted admission to the association.

The 1971 Horse Show dates were announced. Oliver-May 15, 16, 17, 18; Armstrong-Enderby-May 23; Kelowna-May 19-Four Seasons Quarter Horse Show; Kelowna-June 5, 6; Kamloops-June 12, 13; Salmon Arm-June 20; Penticton-July 1; Lumby-July 10, 11; Summerland Junior Show-July 24, 25. Senior Show-Oct. 3; Vernon-Aug. 8; O.L.H.I.S.A. Kelowna-Sept 4, 5, 6; Armstrong Fair-Sept. 9, 10, 11; Peachland-to be announced.

Mr. Frank Christian, Penticton spoke on the proposed centennial ride, which is to go from Osoyoos through to Kamloops, along trails taken by the old timers of the district. Tentative dates for this ride are July 11 to the 26.

Synchronized swimming returns here

Synchronized Swimming classes will commence in the Vernon Community Centre Swimming Pool on April 24th and will be conducted by Mrs. Bev Swanson.

Mrs. Swanson taught at the Pan Am Pool in Winnipeg prior to her arrival here in Vernon. Classes will be held Saturdays between 10-12 a.m. and run once weekly through until the end of June. Further information can be obtained by phoning 545-1361 (Local 206).

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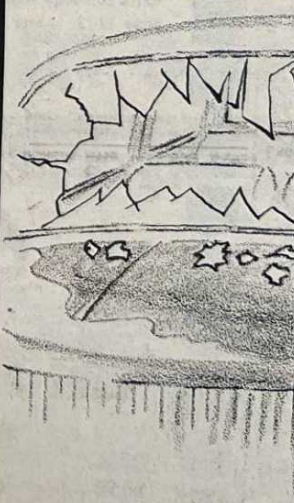
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