

League leaders

Essos take three "big ones" at coast

Thursday
Vernon 6, Chilliwack 2
Friday
Vernon 6, Richmond 3
Saturday
Vernon 10, Chilliwack 4

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Vernon Essos did for coach Odie Low what every club mentor in hockey or any other sport for that matter wants his people to do . . . and that is to win on the other fellow's home ground.

Essos took a coast trip last



JOHN PRICE

... now league leader

weekend and when it was all over, had rung up a three game win streak to make it four straight games on the top side of the score and maintained their league leadership to put the clincher on who is best in the B.C. junior A hockey league at the moment.

Others getting in their licks at the claw-like Bruins was Glen Walton, Wayne Dye, Ernie Gare and Lyle Brewer who came through with single goals.

Friday night at Richmond, Vernon again came out on top of the scoring with a fine 6-3 effort, thanks to the likes of John Price who scored a pair with singles by Jim Lawrence, Glen Walton, Les Salo and Jeff Shirley.

Moving back into Chilliwack Saturday night, Essos seemed to take a great deal of pleasure in again taking the Bruins to task once more and did so with a fine 10-4 score performance.

Essos along with the other teams in the league always take pleasure in walloping the Chilliwack crew, mainly and according to several players, because they are overly rough as taught by their coach Orv Litchfield who has been often overheard to criticize the other coaches in the league for the very things he encourages his own players to do.

However, be as this may be, Essos didn't back up one inch and as the score indicated were by far the best team in the game.

Ed Johnstone again shone for the Essos scoring attack as he came up with a big hat trick with John Price adding another pair of markers to bring his season's total to 17 and with his 30 assists so far in 19 games played, now leads the league with a big 47 point total.

Others in on the scoring list were Glen Walton again (he has consistently scored one goal in the last five games) newcomer George Fargher, Jeff Shirley, Ernie Gare and Neilson.

With the victory string, Essos move four points ahead of second place Penticton Broncos who won Sunday night against Kelowna by a 6-3 difference at Kelowna.

Essos now have 15 wins and only four losses in 19 games played while Broncos have a 12 win, five loss and two tie record.

ICE CHIPS

Essos won all their games at the coast over the weekend but came away losers in one respect as they had nearly \$600 in equipment stolen from under their noses while unloading their bus at a hotel late Thursday night in Vancouver.

While not too much is known at present of the theft, officials say two bags of player equipment, one belonging to ace goal keeper Mike Smithson which had very expensive goal pads and skates in it plus sweater and socks and the other belonging to forward Dave Neil.

As a result, neither man was able to play the next two games.

Plaudits should go to Vernon Essos goalie Earl Bowie for his stellar three game stint at the coast as he withstood many good tries on the part of the opposition in particular the ever tough Richmond attacking crew.

To top off his weekend between the posts, Bowie was given a first star rating in the Chilliwack game Saturday night.

In all, he pushed aside 78

drives that came his way in the three games and brought his goals against average down to 3.75 per game in the eight games he has been featured in. His minutes played total is now 440 and he has shoved away a total of 198 shots that have come at him.

In other statistics on the Essos, they have rung up an impressive 116 goals scored in

their 19 outings as compared to 486 total the six team league have scored so far this season. By the way, they have only allowed 65 goals to go past them.

Tuesday night will see the Essos head to Penticton and this should be a big one for either team. Game time there is 8:30. Let's see a bog rooting section there for the Essos.



B.C. junior A standings

To and including Nov. 28, 1971.

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga.	Pts.
Vernon Essos	19	15	4	0	116	65	30
Penticton Broncos	19	12	5	2	84	57	26
Rich.-Vancouver Centennial	20	7	11	2	72	102	16
Kamloops Rockets	19	6	7	6	73	77	18
Chilliwack Bruins	17	5	10	2	71	78	12
Kelowna Buckaroos	19	3	12	4	70	107	10
Goal Totals						486	486

Vernon Essos individual stats. to and including Nov. 27

No.	Player	Gp	G	A	Pts	Pen.	Pims.
2.	Bill Vernon	19	2	7	9	6	31
3.	Cliff Lane	18	0	3	3	7	22
4.	Lyle Brewer	19	1	7	8	10	26
5.	George Fargher	5	1	2	3	1	2
6.	Dave Neil	13	3	1	4	9	26
7.	Jim Lawrence	19	8	37	45	13	40
8.	Wayne Dye	18	23	17	40	16	79
9.	Glen Walton	15	6	8	14	7	35
10.	Gordon Neilson	15	3	4	7	6	12
11.	John Price	19	17	30	47	11	30
12.	Les Salo	13	17	9	26	6	20
14.	Ed Johnstone	19	17	16	33	14	65
15.	Jeff Shirley	15	4	2	6	9	34
16.	Ernie Gare	17	14	23	37	12	42
17.	Dennis Bergeron	19	0	7	7	3	9
18.	Bob Powell	15	0	7	7	17	65
	Gary Stankievich	3	0	0	0	5	39
	Bill Austin	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Ken Reid	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Goalie Earl Bowie	19	-	-	-	1	10
	Goalie Mike Smithson	19	-	-	-	4	29
	Team BENCH	-	-	-	-	1	2

GOALIES	Gp	Min. P.	Saves	So	Ga	Ave.
1. Earl Bowie	8	440	198	0	30	3.75
30. Mike Smithson	13	800	314	1	35	2.70

Foisy foils foes

Art's Gulf with Lloyd Foisy in goal shut out Athen's Pizza 4-0 in the second game of pee wee pup hockey on Thursday.

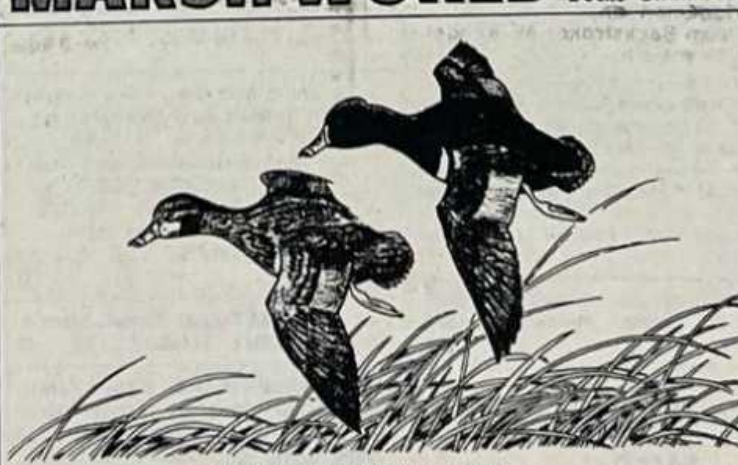
Gary Hanson, Steven Hesketh, Rod Kashuba and Brian Fester all scored unassisted goals for Art's.

The first game ended in a 1-1

tie as Bear Alignment and Rendell Tractor battled to a draw.

Tom Wurz scored from Ken Watson for the Bear Alignment team while Paul Reid from Tom Devries replied for Rendell Tractor.

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ED JOHNSTONE

... scores 5

Essos banged in a total of 22 goals in the three game stint in the lower mainland domain of Richmond Centennials and Chilliwack Bruins while allowing a mere nine goals to be scored against them.

Thursday night at Chilliwack, Essos mauled the lumbering,



GLEN WALTON

... picks up 9 points

often-time penalty mongers, Bruins, by a 6-2 difference with Ed Johnstone leading the way with his first two of a five goal weekend scoring spree.

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