

Essos lose . . .

Didn't put proverbial 'Biskets in the Basket'

Vernon 3—Penticton 6

Member of the NHL Hall of Fame and currently with the Vancouver Canucks organization, Babe Pratt, said recently in an interview when talking about scoring goals to win hockey games, "You've got to put the bisket in the basket."

This would hold true for the Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior A Hockey League as far as last Tuesday's game with the Penticton Broncos is concerned.

Essos came and went from the game on the losing side, mainly because their scoring power had suddenly gone with the wind.

While the Vernon club struggled manfully to find the mark more than the three times they were successful, they just couldn't seem to get enough steam up to maintain themselves.

While the scoring power house was lacking so was the defensive corps and here a good example of poor puck control spelled the eventual 6-3 loss handed out by the point hungry Broncos.

Essos went into the game with a four point edge over the second place Broncos with a good chance of extending that lead to six points, however

Penticton had other ideas being fully aware if they could pick up a win, it would be as good as gaining four points.

Unlike the Essos of the past few weeks, where sheer determination and the will to win hockey games stood out with four straight victories to their credit Tuesday night all effort failed them.

The first period proved to be the downfall of the Essos as Penticton jumped into a quick four goal lead and but for a last moment goal by John Price, this is the way the period would have ended, Price however was Johnny on the spot as he shoved a loose puck under the pads of Bronco goalie Glen Bueckert from a scramble a fraction of a second before the horn went to end the period action.

Second stanza went to the Essos as they came on strong and by the 20 minute mark had come within a single goal of the fast skating Broncos thanks to goals off the sticks of Jeff Shirley and Jim Lawrence.

While it looked for a time Essos would tie the game in the early stages of the final session, another pair of unanswered Penticton markers spelled the doom note for the front running Essos.

As mentioned, the Essos

didn't seem to have the drive of the past few weeks and coupled with this, poor back-checking by the forwards and several

B.C. junior A standings

to and including Nov. 30, 1971.

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Vernon	20	15	5	0	119	71	30
Penticton	20	13	5	2	90	60	28
Van-Richmond	21	8	11	2	75	103	18
Kamloops	19	6	7	6	73	77	18
Chilliwack	19	6	11	2	72	81	14
Kelowna	19	3	12	4	70	107	10
					total goals	499	499

New ticket offer by junior club

Directors of the Vernon Essos junior hockey club have come up with a new season ticket offer.

Starting immediately, all remaining home games bought on a season ticket basis will give the buyer a special rate which includes a child 14 and under getting in to see the games free providing he or she is accompanied by the season ticket holder.

An additional bonus with the season ticket will give the buyer

first choice of reserve seats come play-off time in March.

Anyone interested are asked to contact Vern Dye or Ernie Kowal or make inquiries at the arena ticket office during next Saturdays game between the Essos and Richmond Centennials.

The new offer will encompass the 16 remaining home games the Essos will be involved with, plus the advantage of the better seats during playoff rounds starting in mid-March.

'Steaks' a reward for Bantam victory

The promise of steak dinners may have had some effect, so may have been the back of the mind thoughts of many of the Vernon Bantams to show a highly touted Kamloops bantam squad they were just as good.

Good would hardly be the word for it as indeed the Vernon boys came out big almost from the opening minutes of the exhibition game last Sunday in

assessed six of the 11 penalties called.

One injury was also sustained as Vernon's Terry Lowe picked up nine stitches on the upper lip when he fell to the ice in a scramble behind the Kamloops net in the first period. Terry was back from the hospital in time however to see the game played out and then joined his teammates in the followup

miscues by the rear guard proved fatal.

Couple of examples came when defenseman Bill Vernon had two shots ricochet off his stick and skate when the defence backed up too close to netman Earl Bowie who never had a chance to move on either.

While the loss can't be directly attributed to the officiating in the game, spectators at the game would agree Kelowna referee Bruce Walker wasn't with it as far as being on top of the plays, particularly when it came to handing out proper penalties.

In both the first and second periods, he had the fans livid with rage as he failed to make proper calls. At one stage he was even queried by linesman Jim O'Neil who stuck to his guns on where a face-off should be. O'Neil got his way eventually.

Another blow to the Vernon cause came also toward the end of the first period when Gary Stankievich was helped off the ice with a badly twisted leg. Penticton club doctor, Arnold Lowden said later he wanted the leg X-rayed and felt there was a possibility a hair line fracture had occurred.

The Tuesday game was the fifth meeting of the two clubs this season and Essos still have the better record on three wins as against only two losses. Both teams are close in the goals scored for and against department with Vernon holding a one goal edge with a total of 19 in their favor while Broncos have hit the twine against Vernon 18 times.

Next home game for the Essos is this Saturday when they take on the Vancouver-Richmond Centennials with game time set for 8 p.m.



The OUTDOORS
By Nonie Frisby

The number of resident and non-resident hunters coming through Cache Creek has changed, for weeks the reports showed a decrease in both, but now the resident hunters are up

in parks, zoos and game farms.

I wonder how many thousands of children have been through our local Penticton Game farm and seen animals both native and foreign that