

Game here tonight . . .

# Vernon-Penticton tied at one each

**Broncos 8, Essos 5**

**Essos 4, Broncos 3**

Vernon Essos and Penticton Broncos have split a pair of weekend games to share the best of seven B.C. junior hockey league finals at one game each.

Penticton came to Vernon Saturday night and walked away with a convincing 8-5 win then dropped a 4-3 second over-time period decision Sunday on their own ice, before 2,080 fans.

Sunday night Broncos drew first blood but Essos came back with a pair of power-play goals in the opening period to take the 2-1 lead going into the middle frame.

The second period saw Essos come up with one more to a pair off Broncos attackers to tie the game at 3-3.

This was the way the game ended in regulation time as

each team held each other off the scoresheet in the third period and again in the first 10 minute over time session, to set the stage for the big sudden death second over-time period.

First period markers for the Essos came off the sticks of Ernie Gare at 7:07 and Bob Marsh at 14:26 with Grant Mulvey scoring the first of his two goals earlier in the same session.

John Price then scored Essos third goal at the 12:49 mark of the second period with Mulvey and Bob Nicholson tying the game up for the Broncos.

As mentioned, the game came to an exciting climax in the second over-time period when Essos defenceman Bill Vernon drove a screened slap shot from centre of the Broncos blueline to score the winner after John

Price had worked the puck back to him from deep inside the Broncos territory. The time of this goal coming at 6:31 of the 20 minute sudden death second over-time session.

In the Saturday opener, six power-play goals, three by each team and some fantastic goal tending on the part of Broncos Glen Beuckert gave the fans something to cheer about here at Vernon.

Penticton jumped into an early 2-0 lead then moved ahead by a 4-2 difference by the end of the first session.

Second period was Essos tie

the game at 5-5 when they outscored Broncos 3-1 only to fall back and let the visitors score three unanswered markers in the final period for the big victory.

For the Essos and their supporters the 8-5 loss came as a surprise as they had only previously lost twice and tied once in 30 home league games.

Jim Lawrence paced Essos with two goals with singles by Wayne Dye, Ernie Gare and Glen Walton.

Third game takes to Vernon ice tonight with game time set for an 8 p.m. start.

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