

Fisticuffs highlight

It was only an exhibition but . . .

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New West. 6, Vernon 2

Considering the two levels of the teams involved and what happened in the final period, the exhibition game played Monday night between New Westminster Bruins of the Western Canada league and Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior A loop wasn't that bad to watch.

While it was a nothing game as far as most people were concerned, it did provide a fair amount of entertainment for the fans and it did give the coaches, Ernie McLean of the Bruins and Odie Lowe of the Essos a chance to try out several combinations of players.

Bruins had trouble holding their 3-2 lead in the first period and but for a couple of soft goals and several defensive lapses, could have found themselves in trouble with the fast skating Essos.

Second period action saw the Bruins do all the scoring but did find themselves scrambling as the youngsters on the Vernon lineup were knocking on the goal crease several times.

Third period action was another story with no scoring, and both teams found themselves frustrated with a scramble type of play unfolding almost continually in the centre ice zone.

This type of play may have been the reason for the sudden outburst of tempers late in the third frame with former ace Vernon player Wayne Dye, (now a Bruin) one of the main figures in the fisticuffs and general brawling that took officials over 15 minutes to untangle.

It all started at 14:11 of the period when Dye and newcomer to the Essos roster, Robin McFee traded elbows then dropped their gloves in a free swinging bout which eventually saw several more players on each side join in.

While much can be said for this type of action, what is new these days in the realm of ice hockey, several million fans saw the same thing recently on TV in the international series with Team Canada and Russia.

Getting back to the game scoring, Bruins opened at 2:33 of the initial period on a goal by Bob Bilodeau with Ken Reid tying the game 36 seconds later followed by another quick goal by Ron Gressner at 4:49 to go out in front to stay.

Bruins next goal came at 13:26 with Doug Abrahamson doing a solo effort with Essos climbing within a single goal when Don Murdock topped in a slap shot from Ken Price at 19:06.

Second period scoring saw Wayne Dye score on a sharp angle at 4:09 followed by Vic Mercredi with a smooth shot at 6:51 then it was Dye once more at 17:33 when he very professionally tipped in a foot high drive from in front of the goal mouth that originally came off the stick of Dennis Anderson who shot from the left point of the blueline.

This action proved to be all the scoring in the game with Bruins taking the game 6-2.



Bowling Green GOSSIP

Another season like the one we have just concluded and Lawn Bowling would be classed as a water sport.

We started out with such delightful weather only to wind up chilled and water-logged. I'd begun to feel as if I were writing an unfavorable weather report.

Old Aquarius took a day off on Monday and let us enjoy our official closing with an afternoon of bowling.

Emil Persson, Marjorie Johnston and George Ashton were the final prize winners for 1972 as they defeated Laura Paget, Alice Kinnard and Robert Reid.

It was an unspectacular game with Emil taking the lead at the first end and keeping it for a final 19-6.

Adam Haberstock, Pamela Hurlburt and Bertram Butchart were never behind in their match with Gordon Miller, Ida Kerr and James Ewing and just kept increasing their lead to an 18-11 victory.

Martha Hopkins, Stuart Fraser and Carolyn Bayer garnered nine points in the first four ends of their game with Kenneth W. Kinnard, Marjorie Miller and Andrew Neilson. All told they took 10 of the 16 ends played and finished winning 18-9.

In the only doubles game of the afternoon William Monk and A. McCallum met real competition from Winnifred Langworth and Mary Leeper. Each team won eight ends

and the scores were never very far apart.

Tied after three ends and again after eight with some really tight ends as they bowled along. In the end it was Bill's 17 to Winnie's 14.

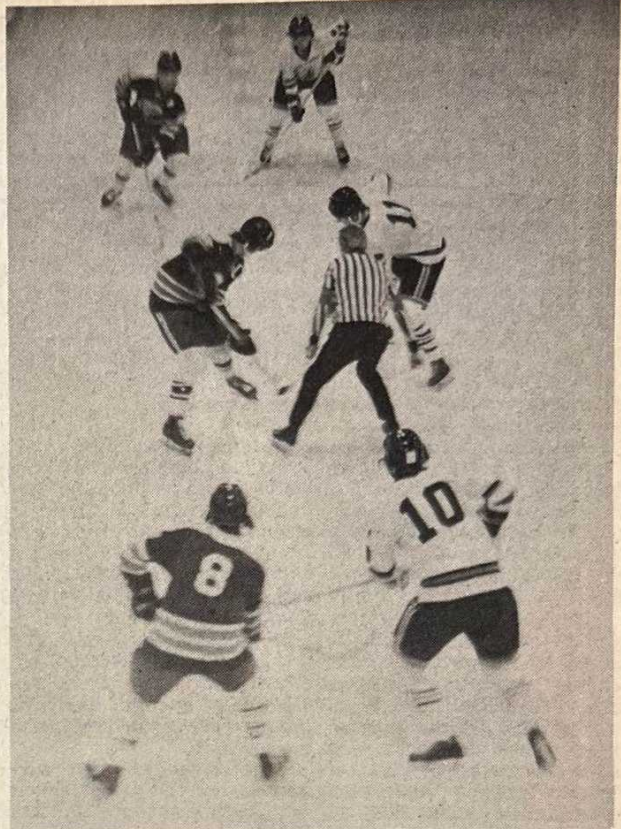
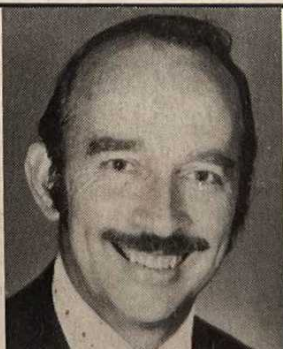
Catherine Wilson, Anne Richards and Stuart Inglis faced little opposition from Norah Monk, Mary Inglis and Paul Bayer as they won 10 ends and tallied 16 points to 9.

The closest game of the afternoon saw Albert Dawson, Hilda Sheffield and Alexander McGregor split the number of ends with Charles Griffin, Herbert Langworth and Bob Richards.

Charlie won the first and last ends but didn't rack up quite enough points in between as Albert won with a score of 14-10.

This will be our last chat for this year but we'll be back in the spring. Meanwhile have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Two weekend Jr. games here

Vernon Essos will face-off before home town fans twice this weekend as they host Kamloops Rockets Friday night with game time set for 9 p.m. and then on Sunday evening they will take on new league entry Bellingham Blazers at 7:30. Fans are urged to pick up season tickets which will give bargain prices for all home games this year. It also gives them reserve seats of their choice for every game of the 32 game home schedule.



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Kamloops-Bellingham

Essos host weekend games

Vernon Essos have their hands full this weekend as they host a pair of tough squads in the form of Kamloops Rockets and Bellingham Blazers.

With only one weekend of action now completed plus a game Wednesday, the B.C. Junior A League is off to a good start with eight teams this year competing for honors.

The Vernon squad, the defending B.C. champs, opened last Friday with a 6-4 home opener over Kelowna Buckaroos and now meet Kamloops Rockets this Friday at Civic Arena for game two of their 62 game schedule, then Sunday night again at home, host new entry, Bellingham Blazers.

Kamloops opened their portion of the B.C. schedule

with a road trip to the lower mainland and came away with only a single win and that saw them barely squeak by Nanaimo Clippers with a 5-4 overtime win.

The other pair of games saw Kamloops drop a 9-7 decision to Chilliwack and lose 5-4 to Vancouver.

So, Friday night they come into Vernon looking for an important win in their fourth outing with a one win and two loss record already behind them.

Sunday Vernon fans will get their first look at the Bellingham, Wash. entry, who have had it fairly rough in their two games played to date. Last Saturday they were bombed by Nanaimo by a 14-2 score, then Wednesday night they lost a

close 7-6 decision to Vancouver Villas.

One thing to keep in mind in the Bellingham fixture, while at press time they have only played two games, come Sunday they will have taken on both Kelowna and Kamloops and could be really flying when they step on Vernon ice in the 7:30 p.m. start time. Game time for Friday is 9 p.m.

First statistics for individual players has been released and is as follows, but does not show the points structure for the Wednesday game between Vancouver and Bellingham.

After the first weekend of play, three players are tied for the scoring lead in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Don Ashby and Jack Patterson of Kamloops, and Gordie Dumont of Nanaimo, all have seven points. Ashby is the leading goal scorer with five and Patterson has five assists to lead in that department.

Top scorers up to and including October 3

Player	G	A	Pts
Don Ashby, Kamloops	5	2	7
Jack Patterson, Kamloops	2	5	7
Gordie Dumont, Nanaimo	4	3	7
Hodgson, Kamloops	2	3	5
Butch Owchar, Kamloops	1	4	5
Carl Cureatz, Nanaimo	4	1	5
Greg Howe, Vernon	3	1	4
Dan Kuntz, Vernon	0	4	4
Ken King, Vernon	1	3	4
Mal Zinger, Kamloops	2	2	4
Dale Costanzo, Vancouver	3	1	4
Bryan Schmyr, Chilliwack	3	1	4
Ken Widmeyer, Chilliwack	2	2	4
Lindsay Thomson, Nanaimo	3	1	4

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