

Take two games

Juniors move back up hockey league ladder

Friday,
Vernon 4, Kelowna 1
Saturday,
Vernon 8, Naniamo 2

Vernon Essos have brought their games average back up to the .500 mark with a pair of back to back victories over the weekend.

Friday night at Kelowna, Vernon came through with a convincing 4-1 win over the Buckaroos and then at home Saturday night, whalloped Naniamo Clippers 8-2.

The weekend play gave the Essos an even six win, six loss record in games played to date in the B.C. junior A hockey league and it also brought them up to a second place tie in the eight team league with Kamloops Rockets.

The action for the Essos also has given them three straight wins and has brought them well up from the second from the bottom spot they found themselves in last week.

Friday night at Kelowna, one of the best first periods of

Tennis views to be more democratic

The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association has broadened its democratic views by inviting a player representative, who will represent the ranked players, to attend all CLTA council meetings.

"He'll be strictly an observer at present," admits CLTA executive director J. Barry O'Brien, "but it's a step in the right direction."

Purpose of the move is to break down communication barriers currently existing between the ranked players and the inner hierarchy.

Details remain unsettled but

hockey observed in a long while saw both teams battle out a scoreless first period with Essos getting on the mark for two unanswered goals in the middle frame, allowing Kelowna to score an early third period marker and following through with two more insurance markers of their own to end the game.

Greg Howe paced the Essos to this big win with a pair of well played goals with singles coming from Dallas Chappal and Bob Marsh.

Chappal opened the Essos scoring on a power-play at the 11:04 mark of the second period with Marsh coming up with his goal two and a half minutes later at the 13:38 point.

Then with only 26 seconds gone in the third period, Phyl Blake for the Bucks brought the 1,700 odd fans to their feet when he scored on a scramble to come within a single marker of the visiting Essos.

However, at 5:34 and again at 8:47, some neat play-making and in particular by Greg Howe doing the final action, Essos opened the lead to stay for the 4-1 victory.

At home Saturday night, Essos were never in trouble as they completely dominated the 60 minute encounter over visiting Nanaimo Clippers.

After one period of play, they had jumped into a 2-0 lead, outscored the Clippers 4-1 in the middle period for a 6-1 lead going into the final stanza where they again topped the scoring with two more goals to a single answer by the visitors.

Danny Kuntz proved to be the big gun for the Essos in the Saturday game as he was one of the harder workers in the game, scoring two goals and assisting on one other.

Remaining six goals by the

Essos were single efforts to prove everyone was up for the encounter. Dunc Davis, Tim Sanche, Don Murdock, Gordon Lidstone, Greg Howe and Bob Bergoyne came through with the singles with Terry Puska and Brad Richardson doing the solos for the Clippers.

One outstanding effort on the part of the Essos roster also should go to netman Mike Smithson who was brilliant at Kelowna and above average at home.

Smithson made several key glove saves in the Kelowna encounter as Buckaroos did everything to try and beat him. They outshot the Essos 43-28 and but for Smithson could have taken the game easily.

Basketball league begins Tues.

Six teams are set for Tuesday's opening of the Men's Basketball League with all games to be played at Fulton.

Alumni will meet Beefeaters at 7 p.m.; High School As and Lumby at 8:15; followed by Armstrong and Vernon at 9:30.

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