

BCJHL weekend

Vernon juniors help contribute to others

Kelowna 5, Vernon 3
Vernon 10, Nanaimo 8

Vernon Essos may get little solace in the fact, while they lost and won games in B.C. junior A hockey action over the weekend, they did help contribute towards a string of five straight victories for the Kelowna Buckaroos and also had a hand in sending Nanaimo Clippers home from the Interior with four straight losses.

Friday night at Kelowna, the Essos dropped a 5-3 decision to the high flying Bucks then returned home for a 10-8 romp over a suddenly flat looking Nanaimo Clipper crew.

The loss Friday hurt Essos a great deal in the Interior loop standings, placing them back on the bottom four and just a mere two points ahead of Vancouver and Nanaimo who presently share fifth spot in the eight team B.C. junior A loop.

Vernon have a 10-10 win loss record in 20 games played to date and are two points back of the Kelowna team, three back of Kamloops and 11 points behind front running Penticton Broncos.

One consolation for the Essos is they do have a game in hand

over the Kamloops Rockets but are one game ahead of the Buckaroos.

Big chance to make amends with the Kelowna team comes next Friday when they host the Regatta city boys once more.

A win in this particular encounter could bring them back in close contention for the all important second place in the eight team league.

Interesting aspect too of next Fridays game is the fact Essos could pick up their fourth win in five meetings with Kelowna this year. Last week's game was the first loss to Kelowna of the season.

Brian Wortley, Dan Kuntz and Greg Howe came up with singles at Kelowna in a losing cause with Gord Neilson and Brad Owens each scoring a pair and a single by Tad Campbell rounding out the Kelowna marksmen.

Saturday here at home, Essos jumped into an early 2-0 lead, then sat back and let Nanaimo answer with a pair of their own then with Essos ahead again with another goal answered by the visitors to end the first period with a 3-3 tie.

Second period saw Vernon

score the first three goals, let Nanaimo come back with two of their own then added one more to go into the final session with a 7-5 lead.

In the final 20 minute period, Vernon again jumped quickly with a pair, followed by a Nanaimo marker then Essos final goal with Clippers rounding out the game scoring with two more of their own with Essos taking the game by a two goal margin.

Don Murdoch was the big gunner for Essos with a hat trick with all remaining Vernon markers coming by way of single efforts.

Tim Sanche led this parade with Bob Burgoyne, Lorne Plontikoff, Ken Price, Dan Kuntz, Bob Marsh and Cal Bassard following with their one goal efforts.

Surprising aspect of the big score being recorded was the time consuming penalty parade which fans were subjected to.

Nanaimo were the seemingly main culprits in spoiling the game with a mass of fighting as they picked up five major fighting infractions and one 10 minute misconduct while Essos were no less at fault as they too went off for five fighting penalties.

Each team also picked up five minors apiece for a grand total of 80 minutes spent by various players in the penalty box.

Next Friday night here at home will see the Essos once again ready to do battle and as mentioned it will be the Kelowna Buckaroos.

Kokanee club does well in swimathon

A and B groups of the Vernon Kokanee Swim Club took part in Swim-a-thon '72 Sunday.

Twenty-one Swimmers took part in the first day's activities with a total of 103 850 meters

important for the 200 lengths of the pool. However, competitive swimmers like to get a job done quickly.

Best time for the first day's efforts was 1 hour 16 minutes

Friday, Dec. 1st
9:00 p.m.



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