

BCJHL action

Vernon drop two games on home ice

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Kelowna 8—Vernon 6
Chilliwack 4—Vernon 3

A pair of losses on home ice is the sum total of Vernon Essos weekend series in B.C. Junior A hockey action.

Friday night, Essos dropped a 8-6 game to Kelowna Buckaroos then Sunday night allowed seventh place Chilliwack Bruins to come up with a 4-3 victory.

With 22 of 62 games now under their belts, the Vernon squad find themselves with a 10 win, 12 loss record which in turn keeps them well entrenched in fourth place, tied with Vancouver Villas with a 20-point total.

The losses placed Essos 16 points back of league leading Penticton Broncos, seven back of second place Kamloops and six points back of Kelowna Buckaroos which now has the team management beginning to look around for help.

According to manager Vern Dye, the Essos will try for a trade with an unnamed interior loop team to help bolster the small statured local team.

This action seem to be long over-due as the style of play before home town fans left much to be desired in the past two games with ragged play being prevalent throughout.

Friday night, Buckaroos led 3-0 after the first 20 minutes of play then jumped into a 7-4 lead at the start of the final session with Esso outscoring the visitors two goals to one in the final period.

Sunday, the Bruins picked up a 2-0 lead in the first period, with Vernon coming back to outscore the visitors two goals to one in the middle frame with each team scoring single markers in the final period.

Getting back to the Friday game, former Essos player Gord Neilson came back to seemingly haunt his former teammates as he put on a dazzling display of working both ways and then topped off a perfect evening with a four goal splurge.

Neilson was sent to Kelowna from Vernon part way through last season and ever since has been a thorn in the side of the Vernon team.

Neilson and his teammates have now wrung up an impressive seven straight wins, with win six here at Vernon Friday and then on Saturday literally bombed the Chilliwack Bruins 7-2 before over 1,600 home town fans.

Speaking of the Bruins, they had it fairly tough on their interior swing until they reached Vernon Sunday. As mentioned

they were walloped at Kelowna Saturday which was their second straight loss as they were dropped to the tune of 7-4 in Kamloops Friday night.

Essos marksmen in the Friday night game saw Bob Marsh pace with two and singles by Dennis Bergeron, Dallas Chappell, Ken Price and Greg Howe.

Single markers for Kelowna came from Murray Hanson, Phyl Blake, Tom Onno and Dale Turner.

JUVENILES SHINE

One bright spot in the Sunday game as far as the Essos were concerned was the strong showing put on by the Vernon juvenile players brought up for a tryout.

Forwards Fred Perepolkin and Barry Dye featured with a goal each with Dye also coming in for an assist. Third goal for the Essos came from veteran and team captain Bob Marsh.

Others showing their mettle from the juvenile team (they won their fifth game of the season, by the way, Saturday night by whipping Penticton 6-3) were Bernie Marchand and Clay Anderson.

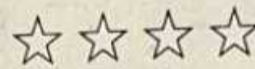
Also in the line-up but not getting into the game was goalie Ken Holland. He recently celebrated a 17-0 shutout against the once strong Revelstoke juvenile club.

Latterly, several new faces have been appearing on the Essos roster, two of whom are from Grand Forks, and who have now been signed on with the Essos.

Both Bill Denshen and Lorne Plonikoff are 17 years old and both are forwards. They have donned the Vernon colors in at least three games so far and already seem to fit in with above average style of play.

Wednesday night the Vernon squad travel to Kamloops then return home for a Friday game with Vancouver Villas, the coast loop leaders and who are at present tied with Vernon for fourth place in the eight team B.C. league.

Vernon will also play host to an exhibition game on Saturday night when they meet Coquitlam Canadians of intermediate level. Several former junior players are on their roster including Les Salon and Bill Vernon.



B.C. Jr. hockey standings

TO AND INCLUDING DEC. 3, 1972

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Interior Division							
Penticton	21	18	3	0	121	66	36
Kamloops	23	13	9	1	124	103	27
Kelowna	21	13	8	0	121	66	26
Vernon	22	10	12	0	117	98	20
Coast Division							
Vancouver	21	10	11	0	90	105	20
Nanaimo	22	9	13	0	117	124	18
Chilliwack	24	8	15	1	90	128	17
Bellingham	12	1	11	0	38	98	2

Says Dye

“Team needs shaking up”

Manager Vern Dye of the Junior Essos announced today the signing of Bill Danshin, 18 year old centre, and 17 year old Lorne Plotnikoff, both of Grand Forks.

Both newcomers stand 6 feet 2 inches tall and weigh 170 and 175 pounds respectively.

Dye also said they are hopeful a trade can be completed with one of the other interior clubs.

He said that if the trade goes through, it would add a lot of beef to the small statured Essos. “We have got to shake this team up, and this might be one of the answers to our problem,” he stated.

As well as the regular league game with the Vancouver Villas on Friday, there will also be an exhibition game on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The opposition will be the Coquitlam Canadians of the Western Amateur Hockey League.

Vernon fans will see quite a number of familiar faces in the Coquitlam lineup. With last years Essos and now with Coquitlam is defenceman Bill Vernon and forward Les Salo.

Also in the Coquitlam lineup is ex Vancouver Centennial goalie Lionel Trudell who was picked up by Vernon two years ago for the Weyburn series.

Also on their roster are Jim and John Dalzell who were with New Westminster, Jim Chapman who played for the

Centennials, and Ray Tyler who was with both Kelowna and Kamloops last season.

The Canadians are in first place having lost only two games in 12 starts, and sport a six point lead over the second place team.

They are reported to be a fast skating club, and even though they are an intermediate team, their average age is only 22 years.

Game time is 9 p.m. Special ticket prices for this exhibition game are adult \$1.50, students and old age pensioners \$1, and children .50 cents.

Women's curling

Vernon curling club, evening women's league “A” event draw:

- Thursday, Dec. 7
- 6—McCulloch vs Denham
- 7—Dunn vs Mackiewich
- 8—Henry vs Wills
- 1—Oliver vs Watson
- 2—Henschke vs Price
- 3—Fisher vs High School
- 4—Skobalski vs Weir
- 5—Hunter vs Komarnicki
- Bye—Marsland
- Monday, Dec. 11
- 8—McCulloch vs Mackiewich
- 1—Dunn vs Wills
- 2—Henry vs Watson
- 3—Oliver vs Price
- 4—Henschke vs Marland
- 5—Fisher vs Weir
- 6—Skobalski vs Komarnicki
- 7—Hunter vs Denham

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National Hotel

Thursday, Dec. 7

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